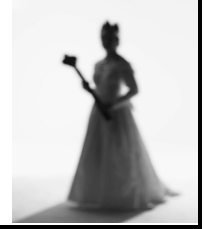


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# Hadassah Watch

*"And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"*  
*Esther 4:14b*



## WOMEN praying with other WOMEN for WOMEN across the world

We call on all Christian women around the world to take at least 15 minutes every Tuesday morning to pray. We encourage you to mobilize as many women as possible to pray, individually or in groups. Take a few minutes to ponder & pray at each point of the guideline below & be open to intercede as the Holy Spirit leads.

You are welcome to forward this e-mail to as many Christian sisters as possible. Please send us the name of the town and the country in which you reside & let us know what God is doing in your nations! [You are welcome to e-mail us with prayer requests and testimonies.](#) If you did not receive this e-mail directly from us, but would like to, feel free to send your e-mail address to [info@hadassahwatch.org](mailto:info@hadassahwatch.org)

We believe that God has called us as women, to intercede like never before, for His plans and purposes to be accomplished here on earth. Let us not slumber, but pray and call others to pray - for His Kingdom to come...

## Ponder this ... a women of integrity

*Now the name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife Abigail. The woman was discerning and beautiful, but the man was harsh and badly behaved; he was a Calebite, 1Samuel 25:3*

In 1 Samuel 25 we read about Abigail, a beautiful and clever young woman. She risked her life to save the life of her foolish husband and also her household. Abigail pleaded with David not to kill her husband for his foolishness. God gave her favour with David and he thanked her with these words in

*1 Sam 25: 32 - 35 "David said to Abigail, "Praise is to the LORD, the God of Israel, who has sent you today to meet me. May you be blessed for your good judgment and for keeping me from bloodshed this day and from avenging myself with my own hands. Otherwise, as surely as the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, who has kept me from harming you, if you had not come quickly to meet me, not one male belonging to Nabal would have been left alive by daybreak. Then David accepted from her hand what she had brought to him and said, "Go home in peace. I have heard your words and granted your request.*

Abigail's husband dies a few days later and David marries Abigail! What a beautiful example of God's grace being extended to a woman of character and integrity!

Abigail prevented certain disaster regarding herself and her family by humbling herself before David. Abigail did an extraordinary thing when she took the blame for the sin of her husband. She humbled herself and interceded for her people before David. Desiring to intercede on behalf of one's family requires a character of humility, sacrifice and personal cost. The result of Abigail's actions was that David's heart was softened and he was kept from bloodshed that day. He accepted her offering and granted her request.

**Pray for the Christian women in your nation, that they will display integrity and courage in all circumstances.**

## Family and Marriage

*2Co 6:14 Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?*

**One of the lessons to be learned from the life of Abigail is that much heartache follows when a Christian woman marries an unbeliever. Unequal yokes do not promote true and abiding happiness. Then also think of the many brave, unmurmuring wives who have to live with the fool of a husband whose drunken, crude ways are repellant, yet who by the grace of God accept and live their trail. (All the women of the Bible, by Herbert Lockyer)**

Pray for the Christian women in your nation who are about to be married to seek God's guidance and not to be unequally yoked. Pray also for the many homes in your nation that are being destroyed by alcohol and drugs. Pray God's grace over those homes, pray that the people trapped in these lifestyles of alcohol and drug abuse will turn to God.

## Government and Authorities

*And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, and the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; Is 11:2*

Ask for the Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, for His counsel and might, for His knowledge and the fear of God to come upon each one in your country's government. Ask for the foundations of God's throne, namely righteousness and justice, truth and faithfulness, grace and mercy, to be established in the hearts and minds of those currently ruling or running for obtaining leadership to rule in your country (Ps.89:14; 97:2).

## The Unsaved

Let's pray for all women whose husbands are not saved. Pray that God will give them patience and wisdom as they intercede for their husbands and households.

## Nation - Eritrea

Pray for believers in the African nation of Eritrea who face persecution and suffering for the sake of their faith in Jesus Christ.

Eritrea still carries the wounds from 30 years of fighting for independence, after the United Nations made the unpopular decision to join Eritrea to Ethiopia in 1990. 65,000 people died as Eritrea and Ethiopia fought the longest African war of the 20th century. Eritrea began to rebuild its country in the '90s but squabbles with rival Ethiopia flared up into full scale war over who could own a piece of land on their borders - near the town of Badme. 70,000 people died in trench warfare between 1998 and 2000, when a peace agreement was finally reached. Roughly half the population is Christian and half are Muslim - this delicate balance means that churches and religious organizations are sometimes restricted in what they can do.

*Pray that there will be a genuine end to the hostility between Eritrea and Ethiopia and humility and trust between the countries' leaders. Government restrictions have stopped Christian organizations from bringing help and aid into Eritrea and made it hard for any Christians to go and live or work there. Pray that these restrictions would be lifted. A third of the population is Tigre - who is almost entirely Muslim. Pray for the few Tigre who are Christians, that they can be a powerful witness in their lives (24hprayer.com).*

## Testimony

Eritrean gospel singer, Helen Berhane, who was released from prison in November 2006 after being detained in Eritrea for two years without charge, has been granted asylum in Denmark. Berhane and her daughter arrived in Denmark on October 19, after spending 11 months in Sudan. Her health remains extremely poor, due to the physical suffering she experienced during her detention. She cannot walk without assistance. During Berhane's detention, she was held for extended periods of time in shipping containers and tortured several times by authorities in an effort to force her to recant her faith. Thank God that Berhane has found a safe place to live. Praise Him for her faithfulness. Pray for God's continued protection and provision for her. Ask Him to give her direction and wisdom, so she can continue serving Him. (VOM Sources)

Psalm 68 vs 11

*"The Lord gives the command; The women who proclaim the good tidings are a great host..."*

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