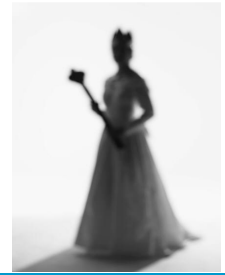


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“And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?”
Esther 4:14b

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

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 ...The faith of one little domestic worker

One day the girl said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." (II Kings 5:3). He did, and he was healed

2 Kings 5:1-5” Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. Now bands from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman’s wife. **She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.** Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing.

II Kings 5 demonstrates one of the many cases of how God used unnamed people to fulfill His purpose. Whether you are rich, poor, with a name or without, you are important enough to be used by Him. (And yes, sometimes it calls for allowing an unknown innocent to be taken as a slave.) Even when those Syrian soldiers strapped the chains on her wrists, God knew her and her purpose. In a captain of the Syrian army’s home, a nameless domestic worker made a name for herself. She had faith her master would be healed of leprosy when the physicians relinquished all hope. This was her purpose. Although she wasn’t as important to those around her like her master was, although she had no major influence, status or wealth, and although her name is not even mentioned in the Bible, her story continues to span ages and lifetimes. One little domestic worker’s faith in a mighty God became a testimony for generations to come! (ninetyandnine.com)

Pray that every woman in your country, from the highest to the lowest position will come to know the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that every woman will know that God has a plan and a purpose for her! Pray that all Christian domestic workers will start praying for their employers. Pray that God would open up opportunities for them to share their faith with the people they work for. If you have people working in your house thank God for them and start praying for them and their families. Pray, that as women we will have the faith and courage of Naaman’s little domestic worker.

Jeremiah 29:11 *“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”*

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Mal 3:5 So I will come near to you for judgment. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, **against those who defraud labourers of their wages**, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive aliens of justice, but do not fear me," says the LORD Almighty.

God's judgment is against people and nations who treat their labourers unjustly and withhold their wages. Pray for all domestic workers in your country to be treated justly and to receive their due wages. Pray also that the domestic workers in your country will not be mistreated and abused. Bless all domestic workers in your country and pray that God will raise up Godly employers.

Nation ...Jordan

On the 30th of January the BBC's Crispin Thorold reported that the Philippines recently banned its citizens from working in Jordan, because of cases of severe abuse. There are more than 150 women here who have fled their jobs.

"I was maltreated by my employer," said one, who like all the women that we met did not want to be named. "My boss pulled me by my hair, she slapped me, she beat me, and she pulled me crudely by my clothes and tried to put her slipper on my mouth." Stories of physical abuse are common and some of the former domestic workers say they have been raped. Most of the women in the refuge have not been paid for months. One girl, who came to Jordan when she was 19, says she is owed four years' salary.

Most of the women at the refuge are caught in a legal limbo. They gave their passports to the middlemen who met them at the airport and in many cases their Jordanian residency documents have not been processed, so they are in the country illegally. Officials from the Philippine embassy and the Jordanian government are holding meetings to try to solve the problem. Jordan is the fifth country to be put on to the banned list - the others are Iraq, Afghanistan, Lebanon and Nigeria. The rest can only wait for their embassy to try to resolve their cases. In the meantime they daydream about home and better times. "All I want is to go back to my country and to return to my work," said one. **"I keep on praying. I keep on asking the Lord; please let me go back to the Philippines so that I can see my land again."**
(http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/7214980.stm)

Let's pray for God's intervention in this situation in Jordan. Pray especially that the Lord will open up a way for these domestic workers to return home. Pray also that the Jordanian government will enforce stricter laws to prevent abuse of domestic workers in their country.

Testimony

My name is Betty Duiker. I was born in the town Robertson, in the Cape Province of South Africa. My mother died when I was 3 months old and my father got married again soon afterwards. When I was 11 years old my father died. It was then that my stepmother gave me to White people to go and work for them as a domestic worker. These people lived very far away in the province of Natal. They treated me very badly. I worked for barely any money and the little that I earned I had to send to my stepmother. I was always afraid and I missed my loved ones and my home. Sometimes I was so poor that I did not even have underwear. Years later when I was already a grandmother living in a different town, God extended His grace to me in the most amazing way! A White lady started a prayer meeting for ladies in the little Church across the street from my house. I started going to these prayer meetings and was amazed to see ladies from different cultures coming together as one to worship God. A while later these ladies had a woman's camp and I attended. At this camp the White ladies started repenting and washed the feet of the Black and Coloured women. They repented for the sins of "apartheid" and also for not treating their domestic workers fairly. That day I stood up and gave my testimony. God touched me and I could forgive everyone that sinned against me and treated me unfairly. It was as if a whole ton of bricks were lifted from my shoulders and only after I could truly forgive I really got to know God and His love, mercy grace towards me! We still pray together every week and we have seen many times over how God answers our prayers. He is faithful and truly has a purpose for each one of us!
Betty Duiker

Psalm 68 vs. 11 "The Lord gives the command; the women who proclaim the good tidings are a great host..."

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