



PRELUDE

A music can be Played or as per the local customs

PROCESSIONAL

Hymn:

Women's ministry leaders and guest proceed to Alter

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: We gather today to celebrate the faithful women who give of themselves freely.

People: For in giving, they have gained immeasurable blessings.

Leader: They give their time, their talents, their treasures, and their testimony.

People: And in return, they receive joy, purpose, and the presence of God.

Leader: Let us worship the One who first gave to us.

All: To God be the glory for the gift of giving hearts!

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we come before you with grateful hearts for the women who embody the spirit of giving in this community. Thank you for teaching us that true gain comes not from what we accumulate, but from what we freely offer. Open our hearts today to receive your Word and to understand more deeply the paradox of your kingdom—that to give is truly to gain. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

RECOGNITION OF WOMEN

Special recognition of women in ministry, service, and leadership

Presentation of flowers or tokens of appreciation

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament: Proverbs 31:10-20, 25-31 (The Virtuous Woman)

New Testament: Acts 9:36-42 (Dorcas: A Woman of Good Works)

Gospel: Luke 21:1-4 (The Widow's Offering)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY LITANY (Responsive)

Leader: For the women who give their mornings to prayer,

People: They have gained intimacy with God.

Leader: For the women who give their hands to service,

People: They have gained purpose and meaning.

Leader: For the women who give their voices to encouragement,

People: They have gained lasting friendships.

Leader: For the women who give their resources to others,

People: They have gained treasures in heaven.

Leader: For the women who give their pain to testimony,

People: They have gained the power to heal others.

All: To give is gain—this is the way of our Savior!

SERMON

Title: "The Paradox of the Kingdom: To Give Is Gain"

Text: Philippians 4:15-19; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"I Surrender All" or "Something Beautiful"

Intercessory Prayers for Women, Social Justice, and Peace

Leader's Introduction:

Let us lift our hearts and voices in prayer for women around the world, for justice in our communities and nations, and for peace that surpasses all understanding. After each petition, please respond together: "Hear our prayer, O God."

PRAYERS FOR WOMEN

Leader: Gracious God, we pray for women who lead in homes, churches, and communities. Grant them wisdom, strength, and courage to fulfill their callings with grace and conviction.

People: Hear our prayer, O God.

Leader: We lift up mothers who nurture the next generation. Bless them with patience, joy, and the resources they need to raise children who will be agents of love and justice in this world.

People: Hear our prayer, O God.

Leader: For women who face discrimination, harassment, and violence, we cry out to you. Protect them, vindicate them, and raise up advocates who will stand with them in their struggle for dignity and safety.

People: Hear our prayer, O God.

Leader: We pray for women denied education, healthcare, and economic opportunity. Open doors that have been closed, and break down barriers that prevent them from reaching their full potential.

People: Hear our prayer, O God.

Leader: For widows, single mothers, and women caring for aging parents, we ask for your provision. Surround them with community, meet their needs, and let them know they are not alone.

People: Hear our prayer, O God.

Leader: We remember women struggling with illness, grief, and despair. Be their comfort, their healing, and their hope. Restore what has been broken and bring light into their darkness.

People: Hear our prayer, O God.

PRAYERS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Leader: God of justice, we pray for communities ravaged by poverty and neglect. Stir the hearts of those with power and resources to act with compassion and to create systems that lift up rather than oppress.

People: Hear our prayer, O God.

Leader: For children trapped in cycles of hunger, homelessness, and abuse, we intercede. Raise up protectors, providers, and advocates who will fight for their welfare and future.

People: Hear our prayer, O God.

Leader: We lift up refugees and migrants fleeing violence and persecution. Give them safe passage, welcoming communities, and the chance to rebuild their lives with dignity and hope.

People: Hear our prayer, O God.

Leader: For victims of human trafficking and modern-day slavery, we cry out for liberation. Expose the darkness of this evil, bring perpetrators to justice, and restore survivors to wholeness.

People: Hear our prayer, O God.

Leader: We pray for those imprisoned unjustly and for reform of systems that punish rather than restore. Grant wisdom to lawmakers, judges, and advocates working for a more just legal system.

People: Hear our prayer, O God.

Leader: For workers denied fair wages, safe conditions, and basic rights, we ask for your intervention. Convict employers who exploit, and empower workers to organize and demand justice.

People: Hear our prayer, O God.

Leader: We remember communities facing environmental destruction and climate crisis. Give us the will to be good stewards of creation and to protect the most vulnerable from ecological harm.

People: Hear our prayer, O God.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Leader: Prince of Peace, we pray for nations torn apart by war and conflict. Soften hardened hearts, silence the weapons of destruction, and raise up peacemakers who will choose dialogue over violence.

People: Hear our prayer, O God.

Leader: For soldiers and civilians caught in the crossfire of war, we intercede. Protect the innocent, comfort the traumatized, and bring swift resolution to conflicts that steal lives and futures.

People: Hear our prayer, O God.

Leader: We lift up divided communities where racial, ethnic, and religious tensions run deep. Break down walls of hatred and suspicion, and build bridges of understanding and reconciliation.

People: Hear our prayer, O God.

Leader: For leaders of nations, we pray for humility and wisdom. Turn their hearts from self-interest to the common good, from power-seeking to peace-building.

People: Hear our prayer, O God.

Leader: We remember families fractured by estrangement and unforgiveness. Heal old wounds, restore broken relationships, and teach us all the ministry of reconciliation.

People: Hear our prayer, O God.

Leader: For our own hearts, often troubled and anxious, we ask for your peace. Calm our fears, quiet our minds, and anchor us in the certainty of your love and presence.

People: Hear our prayer, O God.

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: Loving God, you have heard the prayers of your people. We trust that you are already at work, bringing justice where there is oppression, peace where there is conflict, and hope where there is despair. Make us instruments of your peace, agents of your justice, and bearers of your love to a world in need. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

OFFERTORY: Special offering for women's ministry outreach

Offertory Prayer

TESTIMONIES

Brief testimonies from women sharing how giving has blessed their lives

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION (Based on 2 Corinthians 9:8)

May God who is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, equip you to abound in every good work. Go forth as women who give freely, knowing that in giving, you gain the riches of Christ. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Suggestions for the hymns

Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be" or "Blessed Assurance"

"We Are Marching in the Light of God" or "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

"Blessed Be Your Name" or "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

How can we make it more meaningful.

Encourage more participation of the congregation in the liturgy.

Identify few women who have done remarkable work for creating equality, honour them.

Do activities for encouraging women to speak and participate.

Organise workshops in the church for leadership development and issues related with women.

Have workshops on prevention of Sexual Harassment and GBV.

Share 1/4th of the Offering of the day with NCCI.

Liturgy Prepared by Commission for Women Concerns, NCCI

For any Suggestions and enquiry please contact

jjyoti@nccci1914.com, nccci@nccci1914.com

