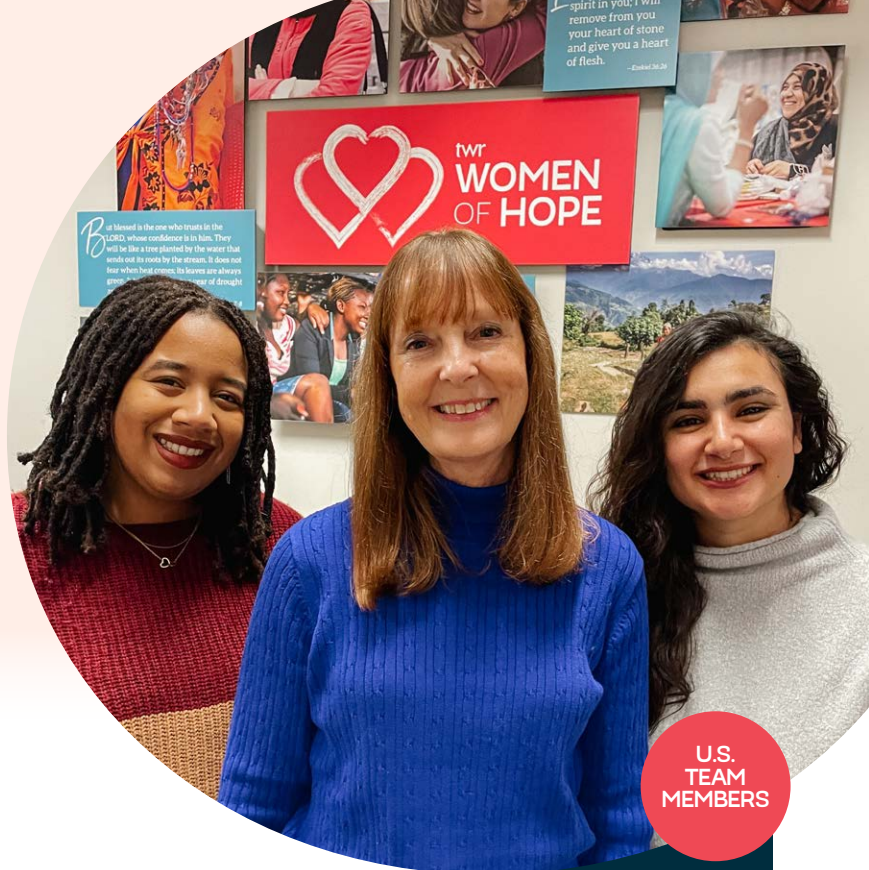




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Uniting our hearts in prayer



A new hope

A Uruguayan woman named Marti* was desperate. She had married at a very young age. Unfortunately, her husband was an alcoholic. Every day he came home drunk and made life impossible for her and their three children. He spent every penny he earned, and the family didn't even have a crust of bread to eat or a glass of milk to drink.

Marti's life became unbearable, and she felt she couldn't go on living. All she could think of was how to end the terrible suffering for herself and the children. Then one day she came up with a plan. She decided to throw her children and herself

under the train that ran nightly on the tracks near her home.

Finally, she couldn't take it any longer and summoned the courage to carry out her plan. She prepared herself and her children and got ready to meet the coming train. Then she turned on her radio to disguise what she was doing.

By the grace of God, the 10 p.m. *Women of Hope* program had just started, and the words of hope Marti heard caught her attention. God touched her heart, and he changed her mind about destroying their lives.

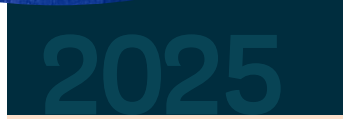
Instead of committing suicide that evening, she continued to listen to the program. Sometime later, Marti received Christ as her Savior,

and a new hope was born in her. She raised her children, who married and had their own children. God enabled her to watch the three of them grow up.

A few months ago, Marti contacted the TWR Women of Hope office and said, "If it weren't for *Women of Hope*, I wouldn't have met my grandchildren."

Marti is now a woman of faith in God who loves her precious family – and she continues to listen to and enjoy the *Women of Hope* program.

– Elizabeth Larrosa,
TWR Director, Radio Trans
Mundial Uruguay



MARCH

Lifting up women of the Americas in prayer

APRIL

Praying for the external challenges affecting women

Growing hope in Mexico

Upholding women facing change from Director Susie Pek

A reflective heart
A Word of Hope

Hope & healing
in Jesus for women

* Marti is a pseudonym to protect her privacy.

March

1. We pray for girls who have been sold by their parents to traffickers. Heal their pain and draw them to know you as their loving and caring Father. (Rev. 21:4)
2. Lord, we pray for integrity and accountability among the leaders of Bonaire, and we ask for justice to prevail in the island's governance. (Prov. 29:2)
3. Jesus, you modeled for us how to live a life of loving others well. Awaken Christians in Brazil to follow you in caring for immigrants, refugees and the marginalized. (John 13:34)
4. Indigenous women in Canada face a much higher risk of kidnapping and murder. Lord, protect and heal them and bring heart change to those committing this violence. (1 Pet. 3:12)
5. Lord, we pray for good employment opportunities and fair wages for women in Chile. May they be valued for their talents and abilities. (Jer. 22:13)
6. God, may programs and ministries be developed in Costa Rica that provide emotional, spiritual and practical support to women in need, especially single mothers. (Gal. 6:2)
7. Lord, we intercede for more women in Cuba to know Christ and be discipled,

becoming living testimonies of his love and grace. (John 8:31-32)

8. Father, comfort those who have emigrated from the Dominican Republic for economic reasons. Heal the pain caused by physical, emotional and spiritual distance from family and home. (Ps. 34:18)
9. In your mercy, Lord, uproot the criminal violence within Mexico. May its people turn to you for restoration, consolation and the security they seek. (Joel 2:25-26)
10. Lord, grant favor and grace to our team in Paraguay as they present projects to the national government and seek to creatively help vulnerable women there. (Ps. 5:12)
11. Many families in Uruguay live in housing without water or electricity. God, grant their leaders the wisdom and resources to build quality homes, especially when children are involved. (Matt. 7:25)
12. Father, may your Spirit of truth help young women in the U.S. to discover that in Christ alone there is no striving – he is the source of their true identity. (John 1:12)
13. Lord, we intercede for the safety of women in Venezuela who are facing domestic, gender-based or exploitative violence. Bring justice and restoration to their lives. (Ps. 72:14)
14. Lord, we pray for economic growth on Bonaire

so that businesses thrive and provide job opportunities for its people. (Phil. 4:19)

15. God, grant wisdom and sensitivity to our TWR Women of Hope Brazil team as they produce content and strategize how to grow and publicize the ministry. (Col. 1:9)
16. The majority of sex trafficking in Canada occurs in the “highway 401 corridor” of Ontario. Lord, we pray for the organizations working to fight this exploitation. (Ps. 82:3)
17. Lord, heal and strengthen women in Chile who are facing illness, stress or anxiety in their lives and families. (John 14:27)
18. God, may young women in Costa Rica be guided by Christian values, make wise decisions for their future and be motivated to fulfill their purposes in God. (Phil. 4:8)
19. Lord, grant patience, wisdom and resources to mothers, women and teachers in Cuba as they guide the next generation. (Deut. 6:6-7)
20. Corruption in governments generates chaos and oppression for people. God, allow your light to reveal and remove those in the Dominican Republic who promote and sustain such turmoil. (Ps. 7:9)
21. Bring your light into the hearts of leaders in Mexico, Lord, so that they may lead with your wisdom and understanding. (Prov. 9:10)
22. As women in Villarrica prison in Paraguay are discipled each month by our team, may they be saved and mature in their faith. Father, protect them from the men who share this same prison. (Prov. 3:29)
23. Lord, may parents in Uruguay find good employment so they have enough money to provide for their children. Thank you for schools that are feeding students. (Ps. 145:15-16)
24. Father, protect and heal girls on U.S. college campuses who have been sexually assaulted or exploited. Bring real change both to campus policies and the hearts of the perpetrators. (Isa. 60:18)
25. God, please provide food, medicine and essential resources to women in Venezuela amid this country's economic difficulties. (Deut. 15:11)



OUR VISION

Bringing hope and healing in Jesus to women around the world and across generations

PARAGUAY
TEAM
MEMBERS



26. As Bonaire's population increases, there is a scarcity of affordable housing. May families be able to find and pay for a place to call home. (Ps. 127:1)

27. Father, we ask that all corruption be uprooted within Brazil so that the entire nation will be blessed with freedom and prosperity. (John 8:36)

28. God, may your Spirit guide Christian women in Chile to serve their churches and communities with wisdom and love so that they will positively impact their environments. (1 John 3:18)

29. Lord, may women in Cuba come together in community to support one another in prayer, friendship and practical help. (Acts 4:32)

30. God, may the rulers who took office last month in Uruguay fear you and seek you for wisdom as they govern this nation. (1 Tim. 2:1-2)



BONAIRE
TEAM
MEMBERS

31. Lord, strengthen the hearts of weary mothers in the U.S. May your presence and Word protect them from burning out. You are their wellspring of living water to refresh their souls. (John 4:13-14)

April

1. Lord, awaken the consciences of politicians around the world to create and enforce laws against those who commit the crime of human trafficking. (Ps. 82:4)

2. God, Albania's economic condition is causing many of the younger generation to emigrate. Watch over these immigrants in places like Germany and the U.S. and their families back home. (Lev. 19:33-34)

3. Merciful Father, please provide for the needs of the multitudes of families in Benin and around the world that are homeless due to wars and political tensions. (Ps. 23:1)

4. Lord, may migrants on Bonaire find good life opportunities and acceptance within the society around them. (Heb. 13:2)

5. God, guide and direct the new Botswana political regime as it tries to bring order in the nation and

Prayer and the Word release potential in Mexico

Women are fundamental pillars in the construction of Mexican society. Many have worked hard to secure advances in women's rights and opportunities, yet women here still face challenges and barriers that limit their full development.

Education is a fundamental tool for the personal and professional development of women. Although there has been significant progress in female school enrollment, school dropout rates are a challenge, especially in rural and indigenous communities. We pray that God would give vision, strength and perseverance to equip and train each woman with the purpose of putting her talents into practice to serve and reach more women in their communities.

We have seen the power of God in women's health. Through TWR Women of Hope, we desire to speak hope to women and remind them that God is interested in every aspect of their lives - physical, mental, emotional and spiritual - regardless of their geographic location or socioeconomic status. Because the Lord cares for and values every part of us, he desires that we partner with him in being good stewards of our bodies.

Gender violence remains a serious problem in Mexico.

According to government statistical data, a large proportion of women will have experienced some type of violence during their lifetime. We praise God that he is the one who dignifies, protects and brings freedom to women. And through the Holy Spirit, God's Word and the body of Christ, women's broken lives damaged by trauma and sinful behaviors can find healing and restoration.

The work that women do as homemakers, providing family care and taking care of the many necessary domestic tasks each day, is critically important to the well-being of society. Sadly, these activities are rarely recognized as legitimate work. Moreover, in the workplace, women face additional challenges regarding pay and advancement opportunities. We pray for cultural and mindset changes in all of these areas.

With the launching of TWR Women of Hope in Mexico, we seek to help women establish a growing and vibrant relationship with God as we bring prayer and the teaching of God's Word to them. May these bring freedom in women's lives and help enact cultural change so they can live up to the full potential that God originally planned for them.



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National Coordinator for Mexico

JOIN US FOR
OUR VIRTUAL
prayer
gathering

MARCH 6

Lisa Hall,
A Reflective Heart

APRIL 3

Whitney Gerdes,
International Assoc.
for Refugees

Sign up at twwomenofhope.org/events

deal with serious issues of corruption among former leaders. (Dan. 2:21)

6. Father, many Cambodians are leaving their families and working illegally in other countries because of economic crisis and unemployment. Please help them find work. (Deut. 24:14)

7. Lord, raise up Canadian Christians to engage in refugee ministry that supports women refugees in precarious situations and other vulnerable people resettling there. (Deut. 10:18-19)

8. Lord, in your mercy, uproot any corruption in the Central African Republic government that is bringing misery to its people. (Deut. 16:19)

9. Father, there is not enough suitable land in China to grow crops to feed the population. Grant leaders wisdom in how to ensure food security for its people. (Prov. 2:6)

10. We lift up the situation in Israel and Gaza, asking

you to bring peace to this region, Father. Pour out your healing and provision on all the innocent and rescue the perishing. (John 16:33)

11. The king of Eswatini has recognized that high poverty and unemployment rates of 35.4% constitute a national emergency. Give their leaders wisdom, Lord, to create jobs and offer skill training. (James 1:5)

12. God, give strength and wisdom to our Ukrainian and Russian *Women of Hope* teams to create encouraging, comforting and informative programs for listeners who suffer from the ongoing war. (Deut. 31:8)

13. Heavenly Father, we ask that, during times of extreme weather, you protect and provide safe shelter for Indonesians who live in disaster-prone areas. (Ps. 31:2)

14. As the population in Japan both ages and decreases, its economy is stagnating. May its people look to you, Lord, for solutions to these difficulties. (Ps. 105:4)

15. Father, we ask that members of South Korean churches become more active in bringing the gospel message to the 2.5 million foreigners living in the country. (Mark 16:15)

16. We pray for an end to unfair labor practices in Liberia, Lord. May the people benefit from their labor and receive fair wages to meet their basic needs. (Eccles. 3:13)

17. Father, protect the street children of Mali against all the dangers they face as they survive by begging. Bring

adults into their lives to provide and care for them. (Prov. 31:8-9)

18. Lord, we ask you to cleanse Mongolia's government of corruption. May the leaders act justly with reverence for you and guide the nation in peace. (Mic. 6:8)

19. Lord, we ask for an end to violence in Myanmar. May the leaders and citizens embrace dialogue that fosters peace, unity and reconciliation for all communities. (1 Cor. 1:10)

20. Father, may your faithful presence encourage the hearts and minds of worried wives whose husbands are away at war. (Ps. 55:22)

21. Father, grant Nigerian government leaders the wisdom and creativity to establish policies that will alleviate poverty and insecurity. (Prov. 21:1)

22. Lord, strengthen and bless the migrant missionaries who are bringing the gospel to the peoples in the North Caucasus. (Matt. 28:19)

23. Lord, guide the leaders in Papua New Guinea as they enhance their nation's sanitation infrastructure. May these improvements reduce disease and support increased health for the country's citizens. (3 John 1:2)

24. God, may effective support networks be created in Paraguay that will increase options for women in poverty to have economic stability and development. (Matt. 5:42)

25. Father, draw the hearts of religious extremists and



antisemites to know you. Grant courage to your children, when they encounter hostility, to respond in love and truth with the gospel in word and deed. (John 6:44)

26. We ask you, Lord, to provide projects and partnerships with businesses that will enable impoverished women in South Africa to generate sustainable incomes. (Prov. 19:17)

27. Almighty God, we pray for our sisters in the Nyarugusu refugee camp of Tanzania who listen to *Women of Hope*. May their needs for Bibles, radios and sewing machines be met. (Phil. 4:6)

28. Lord, may Timor-Leste's economy stabilize and prosper. Give wisdom to the country's leaders to create job opportunities, help alleviate poverty and provide food security for their people. (Jer. 29:11)

29. Have mercy, Father in heaven, on those in Uruguay who have been harmed by natural disasters and lost loved ones and earthly goods. (Job 1:21-22)

30. Lord, multiply the resources needed to rebuild Vietnam after Super Typhoon Yagi devastated many parts. Bring strength and hope to its people as they rebuild their lives and communities. (2 Cor. 9:8)



Offering God's love

Upholding women who face frightening change

Have you ever considered how drastically a life can change in mere seconds? In the blink of an eye, the unexpected can completely redirect our lives. A marriage proposal, made and accepted in under a minute, irrevocably alters a couple's future. The confirmation of pregnancy triggers a whirlwind of thoughts and emotions, a lifetime of possibilities flashing before a woman. In an instant, a mother-to-be understands she is embarking on a new path filled with emotion, adventure and hopeful anticipation.

While such changes bring immense joy, not all life alterations are welcome. Some are frightening and destabilizing. A friend once said, "It seems God sometimes shakes our boat to shift us from one course to another." This perfectly captures the feeling of facing the unexpected. These "shakes" can range from a simple scare to being thrown overboard. In moments, skies darken, and a storm reroutes our lives. We know the unexpected is inevitable, yet we are often unprepared when it occurs.

As we pray for women enduring the aftermath of war, natural disaster, poverty, economic crisis and other external forces, we are reminded of Naomi, a woman in the Old Testament who faced unimaginable

misfortunes. Her life was marked by unexpected and unavoidable changes, demanding constant adaptation.

It is heartbreaking to consider the tragic memories that haunted her. Widowed while her children were young, she faced the daunting task of raising them alone. Later, when life seemed stable, another tragedy struck: the deaths of her sons. Alone with two widowed daughters-in-law, Naomi was forced to choose a new path, returning to her homeland. Ruth, one of her daughters-in-law, chose to accompany her. Naomi and Ruth returned to Bethlehem of Judah.

Their fresh start was difficult, requiring hard work and resilience, but their story has a hopeful ending. Ruth married and had a son, filling Naomi's heart with the joy of grandmotherhood. Naomi endured loss, sorrow and change, yet she remained steadfast in her faith. The Lord provided her with wisdom, guidance and grace to navigate each challenge.

Thousands of women today share similar stories. We hear daily of wars erupting, natural disasters devastating landscapes, and living conditions drastically changing, causing the crushing pain of loss of both earthly possessions and loved ones. Forced to flee their countries, they face the challenge of learning a new

language and adjusting to a new culture. Overnight, their comfort and security vanish. Fear, pain, confusion and insecurity become their constant companions. But there is hope. We can raise our voices to the Lord – who is a very present help in times of trouble – and ask for his assistance in every aspect of their lives, from learning a new language to building a supportive community. He offers physical, mental and spiritual healing.

The Lord used people in Naomi's restoration process. To this day, people still play a crucial role in the lives of those suffering. I am extremely thankful for your hearts of compassion. I appreciate that you take time to present these women before the Father so they may have hope. This month, I also encourage you to seek ways to offer practical help to people around you. You may assist women in their language-learning process, lend your ears to listen to their traumas, use your voices to pray with them, or maybe simply offer the warmth of a hug. Your presence and concern will be a beautiful expression of God's love.

Thank you for walking with us. May you find comfort in knowing you are never alone: "For I am the Lord your God, who upholds your right hand, who says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you'" (Isaiah 41:13).





*“Search me, God,
and know my heart;
test me and know
my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any
offensive way in me,
and lead me in the
way everlasting.”*

— PSALM 139: 23-24

How do you handle strained relationships with those you love? What do you do when you sense tension or separation in your friendships? If we want to find that place of healing and reconciliation with them, it may need to begin by taking the time to check our own hearts and attitudes.

If we are willing to put in the necessary work to restore our friendships, how much more important is it to make sure that our relationship with God is healthy? One solution I've found is to regularly take the time to reflect on my life and examine my relationships with God and with others. I ask God to search me, and I invite the Holy Spirit to

reveal to me where my heart has strayed. How easy it is for each of us to be blinded by the sin in our own lives if it is deeply buried. That is why I love to pray Psalm 19:12-14 to God:

“But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.”

If we realize that our relationship with God is the most valuable thing in our lives, we see the importance of reflection. Whenever we sin, a wall is put up, blocking our fellowship with God. Many of us have experienced this wall after having an argument with a spouse or friend. We can feel the separation between us.

But God has given us a beautiful gift – forgiveness of our sin through confession and repentance. Wanting

to once again be in that place of intimacy with our Father, we can welcome the opportunity not only to identify what is separating us but also to gladly confess and repent of our sin so that our fellowship is restored.

If we come openly to God with a sincere heart wanting him to find anything in our lives that is hindering our fellowship with him, he will honor that prayer and graciously show us. This happened recently to me as I was having an extended time of silence and solitude with the Father.

I had begun my time asking God why I was not having victory over pride and judgmentalism in my life. Frankly, I was tired of confessing these sins to him. As I entered my time of silence, I was surprised that my thoughts were going back to my childhood. Scenes of my family during some painful situations played through my mind.

I questioned God about why he was bringing these things up right now. And he revealed to me that this was the place where the deeply buried root of my pride and judgmentalism had been formed. Because I had perceived the painful

events as happening only to my family members but not to me, I did not realize the impact it had on my life.

And God showed me that I needed to forgive them. Equally important, I didn't understand the ramifications of my pridefully judging my family members for their behavior. God graciously showed me that my reaction to them had been sinful and that it was the source of my stronghold.

The Father gently walked me through a time of forgiving my family members and then led me in confession and repentance of my own sin toward them. It was a significant moment for me. And with a heart of gratitude for this precious gift of forgiveness, I celebrated and took communion with a clean heart. God broke the power of that stronghold in my life that day. He severed the deeply buried root that I had not even known existed.

Taking the time to reflect on our lives is essential if we are going to allow God to do the deep work within us that he desires to do. Will you join me in making reflection a regular habit as we humbly bring our hearts before God?