

Educating, encouraging and equipping women to pray, listen, learn, grow and give



Ethiopia Women of Hope Team

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS – EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA

Africa's civilization is ancient and full of diversity with its unique cultures, languages, and religions varying from country to country. This vast continent contains 54 countries, but I will be focusing only on the East and Southern regions.

There are believed to be 3000 different African Tribes. It is a cultural hub rich in traditions, art, music, literature, and food. In Eastern Africa, the main trading commodities are agricultural products. Because of the importance of agriculture, there is much devastation for the people of this area when their crops are destroyed by heavy rains or locusts. Women in Eastern Africa spend long hours planting crops and then selling them to support their families. Ethiopia and Uganda lead the Region in coffee exportation, while Kenya is the largest tea exporter. In the Southern countries of Africa, they specialize in precious metals and minerals such as gold and diamonds in South Africa and platinum in Zimbabwe. Angola leads the region in the production of crude oil.

Much of the African population live in rural areas, but urban areas are continuing to grow. Those who can afford it often move with their families to live in the cities. Many areas are challenged by high unemployment rates, teenage pregnancy and poverty. Due to a combination of things such as volcano eruption, violence and terrorists in the Southern region, hunger is an increasing problem. Moreover, some families are struggling these days as their main income earners have died during the COVID 19 pandemic. We find women to be affected the most as they are the ones who are managing homes as widows, single and divorced parents. The women here are disadvantaged in many ways.

That is where TWR Women of Hope comes in to bring hope and healing to the hurting women around the world and across generations. Our programs are transforming women's lives. TWR Women of Hope supplies organizations on the ground with mp3 players loaded with our *Hidden Treasures* programs. After listening to these audio dramas, women have left their lives of prostitution. Women who are suffering with fistula have received emotional and spiritual healing through our *Healing Voice* audio dramas. Many men and women are encouraged through our *Women of Hope* programs shared on audio devices or through our online platforms. We are grateful to reach the illiterate listeners with our audio prayer calendars. Women who were exploited, humiliated, raped, violated are receiving restoration. Please join us in prayer as we seek to reach women in all spheres of life by helping them find hope in Jesus!

By Philile Bengu, Regional Coordinator for East and Southern Africa

May 2022 Prayers for Southern Africa

1. Many women and children have been left homeless by cyclones that hit the country of Mozambique. God, be the complete provision for those who have lost everything. (Ps. 46:1)
2. Father, we pray for god-fearing leadership in Zimbabwe – in the parliament, military police, army, police and judiciary. May they embrace your righteousness and justice. (Ps. 119:1-2)
3. Father, you established marriage as a covenant between husband and wife. Please help the people of Madagascar to understand this and to turn to you to bring unity in their marriages. (Gen. 2:24)
4. As the TWR Women of Hope prayer-group members in Malawi turn to you, please give them wisdom and opportunities to start businesses to support their families, their churches and the economic development of the country. (Ps. 20:1-2)
5. God, send your missionaries into Lesotho to preach the gospel and train disciples in your Word. May revival spread as people hold fast to you and your life-changing truth. (Ps. 96:3)
6. Lord, we pray for political stability in Eswatini. May the people there walk in your peace and their leaders look to you for direction. (Lev. 26:6)
7. Father, rescue and heal those who experience physical violence, sexual abuse, exploitation and discrimination. May your gospel change one life at a time. (Ps. 12:5-8)
8. Lord, please provide employment and hope for those South African families left in poverty when their businesses closing during the pandemic. (Ps. 113:7)
9. Lord, please work in the hearts of the people of Zimbabwe to bring national healing, reconciliation, peace and justice to their land. (Ps. 127:1)
10. Father, may the men in Malawi find a safe place to share their struggles. Break this curse of men committing suicide and leaving their children in despair. (Ps. 23:4)
11. Grant grace and peace to those students who experienced difficulty in their studies and had inconsistent school attendance during the pandemic. (Phil. 4:7)
12. Lord, protect women in African from uncaring men who are infecting them with HIV/AIDS. Bring emotional and physical healing to them. (Exod. 15:26)
13. Father, awaken your church in Eswatini, bringing revival to this entire country. May believers put you first in their lives, living out the kingdom of God before others. (Matt. 5:16)
14. Lord, please bring healing to the African people. Many are angry because of difficulties in their past. Heal their hearts with your truth and bring them peace. (Ps. 30:10-11)
15. Women in Lesotho are often not honored, Lord. Help its people see the value of the women, desiring to care for them and provide them equal opportunities in life. (Gal. 3:28)
16. Lord, bring an end to the child trafficking in Africa, rescuing and healing the children caught in this evil. Convict the hearts of those who are abusing these children. (Ps. 5:11)
17. Lord, watch over the families and finances of our TWR Women of Hope volunteers in South Africa. We are thankful for their good work in translating the prayer calendars. (Ps. 121:8)
18. Lord, the rising prices and scarcity of goods are especially hard on widows and orphans in Malawi. Guide its leaders in bringing stability to their economic crisis. (Phil. 4:19)
19. Father, restore the hearts and minds of the people of Zimbabwe to yourself. May your truth, peace and justice transform its people and entire society. (Ps. 20:7)
20. God, break the chains of alcohol and substance to which many African men are addicted. May they find complete freedom in you and follow you as Lord. (Ps. 107:19-20)
21. Father, please restore the economy of Eswatini, giving your wisdom to those who have decision-making power. May there be employment for its people and provision for all. (Prov. 3:5-6)
22. God, empower your church in Africa to establish your kingdom here on earth. May your kingdom come; may your will be done. (Matt. 6:10)
23. We pray for the elderly in quarantine during the pandemic. May they not be forgotten but be encouraged by visits from family and friends. (Matt. 25:36)
24. Father, please meet the needs of those in South Africa who faithfully intercede for others and are devoted to you. (Ps. 23)
25. We pray for Malawi, where the land has been damaged by heavy rains. As the people call to you for help, please provide shelter and be their place of safety. (Ps. 46:1)
26. Lord, many areas within Zimbabwe need restoration. May the leaders look to you for recovery of their economic, educational and health-care systems. (Jer. 33:3)
27. Protect the children and teens who must take care of themselves and one another during school breaks and holidays while their parents are at work. (Ps. 121:7)
28. The TWR Women of Hope ministry is hindered in some African countries because of miscommunication. May people communicate clearly and truthfully with one another. (Col. 4:6)
29. Father, provide for and strengthen African women as they experience malnutrition, illiteracy, unemployment, child mortality, poverty, violence and a lack of resources. (Phil. 4:6)
30. We pray that many families in South Africa will open their homes to children in orphanages during the holiday season so that no child is left behind. (Matt. 25:35)
31. God, may the Malawi women who carry the stigma of HIV/AIDS be seen as valuable daughters created in your image. (Gen. 1:27)