

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

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### REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS – West and Central Africa

Prayer is central. As we look at TWR Women of Hope ministry in the region of West and Central Africa, one common theme is the team's devotion to prayer. It unites the women with God and together in community.

Our team in **Benin** works and prays with women intercessors in 25 partner churches for the spiritual development of women and the deliverance of those held captive by the occult and witchcraft. They visit widows, the needy, elderly, sick and those in prison to offer prayer and God's love and salvation.

In addition to visiting widows and orphans, the team in **Mali** broadcast Women of Hope programs to their own country as well as to Guinea, Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire. A listener shared, "These programs inform us, us, advise us, and bring peace and reconciliation to our homes."

Many women in **Liberia** are poor, uneducated, abused and without hope. But our team is bringing hope, encouragement and healing to them through prayer, Women of Hope programs, leadership development, Bible studies and training in life skills.

Our team members in **Nigeria** are reaching out to communities with free health-care programs and provide practical training like soap making to produce income. They minister to the spiritual needs of women by studying the Word with them and praying together using the prayer calendar. Also, Bibles and radios are provided to women in camps set up for people who have fled their homes because of the insurgency.

People in **Côte d'Ivoire** are now able to hear TWR programs and Women of Hope broadcasts in French from the capital city. Our team helps women develop a more intimate relationship with the Lord, praying together both in person as well as on WhatsApp. Together they share the good news of Jesus with the women of Côte d'Ivoire.

Understanding the financial need of many of the women, our leaders also offer training in entrepreneurship to help women develop income-generating activities to sustain themselves and their families.

The ministry in **Gabon** is both local and international. Our team members work among the women in the local churches providing prayer and support. Because of their fervent belief in the power of prayer, they have also branched out and begun a French prayer gathering on Zoom and WhatsApp that includes women from many French-speaking nations.

We praise God for the work he is doing among the women of West and Central Africa through the TWR Women of Hope ministry.

## November 2022 Prayers for West & Central Africa

1. Father, grant our team favor as they seek to develop unity and partnerships between the TWR Women of Hope ministry and the churches in Côte d'Ivoire. (Phil. 2:2)
2. In some societies, widows are forced to marry the brothers of their deceased husbands. God we ask you to defend and provide for these women. (1 Cor. 7:39)
3. Many women in Nigeria's displaced person camps have received Bibles and radios. Lord, encourage them to listen daily to our *Women of Hope* broadcasts and draw them to you. (Rom.10:17)
4. Father may those who are committing ritual killings in Liberia be stopped and punished. Protect the people of this nation, and may they find their peace and hope in you. (Ps. 23)
5. Other religions and sects are using the present reality of poverty in the Central African Republic to try to win the hearts of the people. Father, open the doors of provision for Christians in this nation. (Lev. 26)
6. Lord, we pray for the Women of Hope team members in Mali to have wisdom as they answer questions from the women to whom they minister. May they depend on you. (James 1:5)
7. May the gospel so transform the believers in Cameroon that they share the message of salvation with those around them in your power, God. (Mark 16:15)
8. Lord may the church in Gabon rise up to cover her nation in prayer so injustice, crime and paganism would cease and the church would present itself holy and blameless in your sight. (Ezek. 22:30)
9. God, change the hearts of fathers who follow traditions where a daughter is forced to get married because of the money the parents received. (Eph. 6:4a)
10. Father, grant due process to all who are unjustly being held in prisons throughout Liberia. May your hope and peace help them in their suffering. (Ps. 68:6)
11. Lord, encourage and strengthen the zeal of our teams across Nigeria. Raise up volunteers to translate the prayer calendar into many of the 500 dialects of this nation. (Josh. 1:9)
12. God we pray for the mobilization of financial resources and the creation of income-generating activities for the many women in Côte d'Ivoire who live in unstable financial situations. (Deut. 8:18)
13. God Almighty, we pray for the people who are starving because of war and the impossibility of harvesting crops in parts of Mali. (2 Kings 6:25-27)
14. Heavenly Father, we pray that the Holy Spirit would bring complete unity of the body of Christ among the churches in Gabon. (John 17:20-23)
15. Lord, deliver both the nation and people of Cameroon from evil. May people be set free in Jesus' name. (Matt. 6 :13)
16. Certain occult practices in Africa result in women being put to death as human sacrifices. Father, bring an end to these evil practices! (Lev. 20:2-3)
17. Lord, we pray that adolescent girls and young women in Liberia will trust you and wait for you to give them suitable life partners. (Ps. 118:8)
18. Violence in the north and other parts of Nigeria has caused homelessness for many women, including widows. Father, motivate officials to take determined action against the deadly unrest. (Prov. 21:1)
19. Lord, give our TWR Women of Hope team wisdom as they desire to create listening groups in the rural areas of Côte d'Ivoire. (Prov. 2:6)
20. Holy God, we pray that you would manifest your power to destroy Satanic altars, strongholds and false gods in Gabon. (Judg. 6:25)
21. Lord, we pray for the increasing number of widows and orphans due to the conflict in Mali. Give them your hope and security. (Ps. 68:5)
22. Father, we thank you for the women who are saved through the TWR Women of Hope ministry in Benin. (Col. 2:6-7)
23. God, give wisdom to Liberian parents to raise their children with a sense of wonder, respect and awe for you, your power and your holiness. (Eph. 6:4)
24. *Hope Alive* is a new initiative in Nigeria to reach women in crisis areas who have lost their husbands, jobs and homes. May local believers support this ministry and keep the vision alive and strong. (Luke 6:38)
25. Pray for listeners of *Women of Hope* in areas of Mali occupied by religious extremists. The program is not prohibited, and some militants tune it in. May God speak to the hearts of all the listeners. (Zech. 4:6)
26. Father, please equip the TWR Women of Hope team in Gabon with what they need to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of the women there. (Heb. 13:20-21)
27. Father, bring stability, fidelity and peace to families in Côte d'Ivoire. Many married women endure hardship as a result of infidelity and polygamy. (Heb. 13:4)
28. Merciful God, please be with the aged in West Africa who are abandoned by their children. Work in the hearts of these adult offspring to do what is right. (Eph. 6:2)
29. Father God, please intervene in the lives of Liberian women so they would receive promotions and high-ranking jobs for which they are qualified. (Prov. 31:31)
30. Please intervene on the behalf of the missionaries who have been kidnapped in Nigeria. Secure their release for your glory, Lord. (Isaiah 49:25)