

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

“Unless change becomes the constant of our own lives, we’ll cease to be change agents in the lives of others.”

– David Timms, Living the Lord’s Prayer

Happy new year! So many possibilities, so many new thoughts and horizons to discover. Yet, with every new year, we find change. For me, the beginning of a new year is an opportunity to take an inventory of our lives and identify the changes needed to help us grow closer to the Lord.

As a young adult, I had a small business, and I was always looking for ways to make changes in my own life and in the lives of those who would come to me for personal fitness training. Today, I feel that time is moving very quickly, and change is happening daily within all areas of our lives – our culture, families, relationships, jobs, careers, living conditions and locations. I’m reminded of something I heard years ago: “Nothing is permanent except change.”

However, with change comes growth, and with growth comes change. We have opportunities every day to grow stronger in our dependence on the Lord when change comes into our lives. When we choose growth in times of change, we will see our love for others grow as we learn how to forgive, receive grace, and show mercy.

So, my reading, contemplation and prayers have led me to offer this as our word for the year for 2023: *grow!* We will be looking at the many ways God wants to *grow* the ministry of TWR Women of Hope. We believe the harvest is ripe, and as we see the next generation of leaders coming into the fields of ministry, we want to be ready help them *grow*. We also want to help women see how God’s Word provides so many opportunities that enable each of us to *grow* closer to him as we surrender our lives to Jesus.

Jesus also said, “The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, while he’s asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, but he does not understand how it happens. The earth produces the crops on its own. First a leaf blade pushes through, then the heads of wheat are formed, and finally the grain ripens. And as soon as the grain is ready, the farmer comes and harvests it with a sickle, for the harvest time has come.”

Mark 4:26-29

While some change can be traumatic and devastating, change can also be lifesaving. Change can provide safety, rehabilitation, and a new purpose in life. Change can bring a new creation with new ideas, different and better ways of loving others and living out a life of service to the Lord and others. Change can bring transformation and give us a new life filled with hope for the future.

This year, I pray we will embrace the changes the Lord is making in our lives and commit to seeking God’s guidance in each decision. We believe God is asking us to trust him to grow the ministry of Women of Hope and to commit to keeping our hands on the plow as we plant the seeds, water the plants, pull the weeds, and watch and wait for God to bring the harvest of hope in Jesus to women around the world and across generations.

In him our hearts rejoice,

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JANUARY 2023 Prayers for the Americas

1. God, may Uruguayan women value themselves and not allow others to use them as objects of pleasure in exchange for money. (Ps. 34:5)
2. We praise you, Lord God, for the people of Bonaire who share their testimonies on our Facebook page. May their witness give hope to others. (Ps. 66:16)
3. Lord, may the Women of Hope messages on media players distributed by Canada to countries around the world bring listeners peace, healing and relationship with you. (Isa. 55:10-11)
4. Lord, use our YouTube channel, which has weekly devotional videos in sign language, to draw more women in Brazil to you and to help them grow in their faith. (2 Pet. 3:18)
5. God, grant our Paraguay team's desire to extend its radio coverage in the interior of the country through programs in Spanish, German and Guarani. (Isa. 54:2)
6. Father, bring volunteers who are passionate for you and for reaching others to help the U.S. regional team with the work you have given them. (1 John 3:18)
7. Lord, we pray for your mercy on the women in Honduras who suffer domestic violence. Please provide a way out of their ordeals. (Isa. 25:4)
8. Father, we pray for female inmates in the Dominican Republic to hear the gospel message, be reconciled with you and find their freedom in their relationship with you. (Acts 3:19)
9. Lord, bring peace to women in Honduras who are left alone as their children and husbands migrate to other countries to escape the poverty and crime in their homeland. (Phil. 4:6)
10. God, we praise you that men and women of Bonaire are having a deeper relationship with you because of the ministry of TWR Women of Hope. (Prov. 3:5-6)
11. Dear God, please provide strong support networks for Brazilian single mothers who need to work and take care of their families. (Gal. 6:2)
12. Father, we praise you for answering prayer and enabling the Paraguay team to bring your Word to the young women at a correctional facility for minors. (Gal. 6:9)
13. Father, give the teams in Canada the ability to see and carry out new opportunities you are providing to reach out to women in their country. (1 Pet. 4:10)
14. God we pray for teenage girls in Uruguay who are considering suicide. May they find in you a reason to live. (Ps. 42:11)
15. Lord, give wisdom to our global team leaders as they begin planning how to develop and produce Precious and Beloved, our new TWR Women of Hope program. (Prov. 2:6)
16. Father, please raise mature, godly women in Brazil to encourage other women in their walk with you. (Matt. 28:19-20)
17. Dear God, may young Colombian women and girls who are experiencing identity crises embrace your heart and design for themselves. (1 John 3:1)
18. Father God, the people of Bonaire know good leaders come from you. Please give them discernment to make wise voting decisions. (Matt. 20:26)
19. We praise you, God, that the Paraguay team are now sharing your Word through one-minute, Guarani-language videos on social media. (Matt. 4:4)
20. Father, may Panamanian women not be enticed into sex trafficking by deceptive offers of jobs abroad with good salaries. (Prov. 19:20)
21. Father, protect and heal the women and children in Uruguay who experience family violence. Change the hearts of those who hurt them. (Ps. 28:6)
22. Father, give women in Brazil access to education and good job opportunities. Draw them close to you and strengthen them as they care for their families. (Ps. 145:15)
23. Father, many women in Honduras suffer as they see their children involved in gangs. Please set these young people free from their misguided attraction to this life. (2 Cor. 5:17)
24. God, please give the U.S. regional team hearts that would always seek to glorify you and depend on you in all they do. (Isa. 41:13)
25. God, open doors and provide resources for the TWR Women of Hope ministry in Paraguay to reach women in prison there with the word of salvation in Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 15:58)
26. God, we pray that the women of Uruguay would encounter you, understand that they are precious to you and learn to value themselves. (Isa. 62:3)
27. Father, thank you for the many opportunities TWR Women of Hope in Brazil has to minister in women's conferences and events. May the women be strengthened and grow in their love for you. (Eph. 1:17)
28. Lord, bless the Paraguay team with volunteers and funding so that the prayer calendar can be translated and produced in the Guarani language this year. (Ps. 112:5)
29. God, we ask that Peruvian women hear the message of the gospel. (Rom. 10:17)
30. We praise you, God, that our Uruguay team can send prayer calendars through social media and meet together to pray over the internet. (Ps. 118:1)
31. Bring healing and restoration, Lord, to women in the Dominican Republic who are victims of domestic violence. (Isa. 33:2)