

March 3, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The World Day of Prayer for 2021, is this Friday (March 5). It is held "annually on the 1st Friday of March. Each year, people of all faiths join in prayer to further peace and understanding of one another" (*La Crosse Tribune*, Saturday, February 27, 2021, p. A6).

As we read about people in other parts of the world, including those in Colombia and India in our Lenten Study, we are reminded of the great need for prayer. In the newspaper this week, perhaps you read about the protests in Myanmar, Israeli-Iranian conflicts, and the kidnapping (and thankfully, the return) of young schoolgirls in Nigeria. Perhaps you read about as many as 16 million people in Yemen going hungry this year, political unrest in Hong Kong, and 15 migrants from Africa drowning while enroute to a new and better life in Europe (*La Crosse Tribune*, Monday, March 1, 2021, p. A4).

Perhaps you read about migrants who were deported from the U.S. without their children, or the need for Coronavirus vaccines here and abroad. There are many prayer petitions that we can make, for we know these examples are only some of the many needs evident throughout the world.

On Friday evening, the La Crosse Area Church Women United is hosting a virtual World Day of Prayer service. It will be held online via Zoom from 6-7 p.m. The featured program has been written by the women of Vanuatu (an island close to New Zealand). The service includes a short video, music from Vanuatu, prayer service and a short reflection.

Pre-registration is required, so that you can receive a Zoom entrance code, or a telephone number for the audio version. To pre-register, email Sue Staples at stap@centurytel.net If you need assistance in pre-registering, please contact Nalani at the church office.

Let us join together in prayer with persons of diverse faith traditions on the World Day of Prayer.

Peace,

Pastor Cathy