The BWA Men’s World Day of Prayer is an annual event on the fourth Saturday of April. The BWA Men’s Department sponsors this event and seeks to unite men in more than 200 Baptist Conventions and Unions around the World. This special day involves Baptist men worldwide, in a unified day of witnessing, prayer, giving, fellowship, inspiration and learning. The World Day of Prayer offers an opportunity to involve the men in your church, while seeking to encourage others in your sphere of influence, and with whom you interact. Some creative ways to appeal to men are prayer breakfasts, evening worship service; week-end revival, community witnessing or other special event. Participate in the “Corporate Prayer” heard around the world. Collect an offering to further the work of the BWA Men’s Department around the world.

Plan, promote and conduct the event so that men can learn about the needs and personally respond through prayer, giving and reaching out to others.

OBJECTIVES

✓ Recommit to living for Jesus Christ.
✓ Rededicate to the mission of winning souls for God’s Kingdom.
✓ Pray for Opportunities for men to become actively involved in and dedicated to reaching the whole world about the love of Jesus Christ for all.
✓ Give sacrificial offering for Men’s work around the world in order that men in every Baptist convention and union might be enlisted, trained and involved in these activities.
✓ Witness to all people, on this day, as a part of the weekend’s Lay Revival activities.
✓ Fellowship to encourage other men to learn of international needs.

Strategic Goal: To inspire dynamic spirit-led men on the move reaching unsaved men for Christ by impacting their communities, nation and world by their life, commitment and witness.

Baptist World Alliance
Men’s World Day of Prayer
Saturday, April 23, 2016
Theme: “Jesus Opens For Us the Way to God”

EVENT GUIDE

Pray for Global Concerns…

1. Peace – relief from civil unrest that affects communities and countries
2. Love – reaching out with concern for our fellowman
3. Unity – in bringing about brotherhood, peace and cooperation.
4. Humanitarian efforts – assistance to victims of natural and man-made disasters
5. The Environment – that we will be better stewards
6. Ministry – the work of Baptist Men’s Fellowship groups, BWA Officers and staff
7. Financial Support - to involve men in missions throughout the world.
8. Intervention of the Holy Spirit to stop the persecution of Christians and innocent children in Africa and the Middle East.

Sample Program

Opening Prayer
Welcome
Greetings (On behalf of the BWA & other church bodies)
Introduction of Guest Speaker
Main Address
Hymn
Collection of offering (to be sent to the BWA Men’s Dept.)

PRAYER SERVICE

Praise & Worship
Prayers (you may wish to sing choruses between prayers)
• Include prayers for topics shown on this guide
• Include prayers specific to the needs of your country and region
Men’s Groups around the world are encouraged to repeat the prayer below together at 11:00 a.m. and make telephone and video links where possible, in a time of corporate prayer.

We praise you O Lord for your work in all creation, the earth, the sea and sky and everything that has breath. You are worthy to be praised and we know that your promises are true.

Lord, we are surrounded by blessings and our hearts are full of thanksgiving for all that you have done for us. We know that we are unworthy to be called your children, but we give you thanks that you love us and gave your only Son Jesus Christ to die for us.

Lord God, thank you for your faithfulness to those who worship you. We praise you that you are good and true and that you hate nothing that you have made. Fill us we pray with your light that we may reflect your wondrous glory.

Father we pray, especially for those who are being persecuted in your name. We pray that your people will be one, through every corner of this earth. Forgive us and take away the pride and arrogance which divides your church. Break down the walls which separate us; unite us with your bonds of love to accomplish your will.

We pray that by the power of your Spirit your healing will work in the body of your church and particularly in this Men’s Department through us, to bring about the purpose of your will.

Strengthen our weakness by your power, and bind us close to you. Amen.

President’s Message

We thank God for the opportunity to gather again as Baptist Men world over, to lift up our voices as well as holy hands to call and cry unto our God. Our world is experiencing all manner of disasters, scourges, man’s inhumanity to man, and all manner of self-inflicted problems, killings, kidnappings, terrorism, human trafficking, etc. God is depending on Baptist Men as a world-wide force, to rise up and petition His throne for His intervention. As your President, I invite you to enlist the prayer involvement of all Baptist Men in your Conventions/Unions, Continental and Regional bodies during this year’s Day of Prayer. Let us come together, hand-in-hand, heart-to-heart, with fervency and believe call on our All-Powerful God to change our world for the better. God is depending on you and I to stand in the gap for our world. God bless you Baptist Men of this world.

A special Offering to be collected for funding towards Baptist World Aid; Evangelism; Development of training modules; Disaster Relief Development & coordination; Communication.

This is the major funding of the Baptist Men’s work around the world. Please send offering to the Treasurer of the BWA Men’s Dept. (shown right). You may also donate by using the Baptist World Alliance online contributions through PayPal, with your contribution designated as “Men’s Department”.

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