



Press Release

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SCOTTISH COMMITTEE SCO20446

‘Rise, take your mat and walk’

World Day of Prayer is a prayer movement with an annual service held on or near the first Friday in March (6th March 2020). It is interdenominational and ecumenical and for all ages.

Throughout this service, written this year by women of **Zimbabwe**, we hear stories which reflect their history and situation today and are invited in this year’s theme to ‘Rise, take your mat and walk.’

Jesus encounters a man who had been ill for a long time. Despite being in a place of healing, he had not acted upon the opportunities provided. Jesus asked, ‘Do you want to be made well?’ In the story we are faced with this life-changing question. What are you going to do in response? Jesus is offering us the steps for personal and social transformation.

By the beginning of March all the arrangements and preparations for World Day of Prayer are ready and, as in this press release, invitations are given. Our sisters in Zimbabwe are taking this encounter with Jesus to be a call for us to act in love, peace and reconciliation in the world today. This is a time for change! The time to rise up has come.

World Day of Prayer is for everyone. Prayer and action link us together around the globe. A warm welcome awaits you at your local service.

For further information and resources, together with details of services in your area, please see the World Day of Prayer Scotland website www.wdpscotland.org.uk