



# World Day of Prayer Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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## “I Made You Wonderful” Prepared by WDP Cook Islands Preparation Sheet



Have the sound of ocean waves playing as participants arrive and give them a flower to put behind their ear of wear on lapel.

No.		Part	Page	Name	Church
1	Leader 1	Welcome chant	4,4,6,7,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22		
2	Leader 2	Welcome chant	4,5,6,7,16,17,19,20,22		
3	Leader 3	Welcome chant	4,6,7,16,18,20,22		
4	Reader 1	Psalm 139:1-6	8,		
5	Woman 1	Mii (15years)	9,20		
6	Reader 2	Psalm 139:7-12	10		
7	Woman 2	Vainiu	10,11,12,20		
8	Reader 3	Psalm 139:13-18	12		
9	Woman 3	Dr Dawn	13,14,20		
10		Commissioning Prayer	22		

Fill the altar space with brightly coloured and diverse flowers. All those who are leading during the service can wear flower leis and/or 'ei katu (flower crown or head garland). *Flowers are an integral part of Cook Islands identity, symbolizing love, friendship and respect.*

Use blue fabric, a bowl of water, and shells on the altar space to evoke the ocean. *The ocean is a defining feature of life in the Cook Islands. The ocean is life. It is a source of food, livelihood, and a means of travel. The ocean connects people and communities.*

Include a photograph or drawing of a coconut tree. If coconut leaves or fruit are available, these can also be used on the altar space. *The coconut tree is referred to as the “tree of life” in the Cook Islands, because every part of the tree is useful. It provides food, drink, medicine, handicrafts, and building materials.*

Include a canoe (or picture of a canoe) on the altar space. *The canoe is the traditional means of travel for Cook Islanders. This symbol represents the God-given ingenuity of our Polynesian ancestors who created the canoe.*

Include a Bible on the altar space, opened to Psalm 139:14.

Depending on covid restrictions if you cannot uplift an offering have a plate at the door, and you may have to alter/delete the words on p19 'give generously'.