



## **International Women's Day: Responsive Prayer**

**Leader:**

Creator God,  
You formed humanity in your image—  
female and male, reflecting your glory.

**People:**

We give thanks that all people are created with dignity, purpose, and worth.

**Leader:**

God of scripture,  
You called women to lead, to prophesy, to teach, and to witness—  
Deborah who judged, Mary who learned, Junia who was sent,  
Phoebe who served, and countless others whose names we know and do not know.

**People:**

We thank you for the women who have shaped faith, history, and the life of the Church.

**Leader:**

Jesus Christ,  
You welcomed women as disciples, spoke with them openly,  
healed their bodies, restored their voices, and entrusted them with your good news.

**People:**

We praise you for a kingdom where women are seen, heard, and called.

**Leader:**

Holy Spirit,  
Forgive us for the ways your church has silenced women,  
restricted their callings, or denied their gifts.

**People:**

Heal what has been broken, and renew us in truth and love.

**Leader:**

God of justice,

We lift before you women who are oppressed, abused, ignored, or excluded—  
in our communities and around the world.

**People:**

Bring freedom, protection, and hope. Teach us to stand with them.

**Leader:**

Empowering God,

Pour out your Spirit on all your children—  
sons and daughters, young and old.

**People:**

May we recognize and celebrate every gift you give, without fear or favoritism.

**Leader:**

Send us out as one body,  
working together as partners in your mission.

**People:**

That your church may fully reflect your kingdom,  
where all are called, all are gifted, and all are sent.  
Amen.

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