

LITANY FOR WOMEN'S SUNDAY

Celebrating the ministry of women in the church

LEADER: God of grace and mercy, you created women and men in Your image and called them to serve together in the work of Your kingdom.

PEOPLE: We give thanks to the women who have answered your call throughout the generations.

L: For Sarah, Ruth, Esther, and Huldah, who gave prophetic affirmation to King Josiah, for Deborah, who gave God's messages to the Jewish people. For Mary Magdalene, the first person to see the resurrected Christ and all the faithful women of Scripture. For Lydia, who provided hospitality, financial support and a place of gathering and Priscilla who traveled with Paul, risked her life for him, and provided wise counsel.

P: We thank you, Lord, for their courage, wisdom and faith.

L: We praise you for the works of Countess Erdmuthe von Zinzendorf, who managed the finances and administration of Herrnhut, and served as a spiritual counselor to her husband. For Anna Nitschmann, who organized the women's ministry at Herrnhut and traveled extensively as a missionary and evangelist.

P: For the bravery of Rebecca Protten, who as a Caribbean woman of color, bridged three continents in her missionary work, sharing the Gospel and speaking to the enslaved workers in the fields where they worked.

L: For the grandmothers, mothers, sisters, daughters who have nurtured faith in their own families. They have shared their faith and guided others in truth.

P: We thank you, Lord, for their dedication and service. For the women whose work is frequently unseen, carrying the needs of the church before your throne.

L: For those who have prayed faithfully, sing, lead, organize, encourage, visit, serve and care for others in Christ's name.

P: We praise their names and their work.

L: For the women in our congregations who have led ministries, supported missions, and strengthened us through times of joy and sorrow.

P: We praise you for the perseverance.

L: For the young women who are learning of their gifts and seeking your purpose in their lives, we ask that you guide them, Lord, and fill them with your spirit. For women who are facing challenges, grief, illness and uncertainty

P: Uphold them with your comfort and strength.

L: Grant that our church may honor the gifts you have given every member of the body of Christ and help us to serve together in unity, humility and love. May the witness of these faithful women continue to inspire future generations.

P: May we all use our gifts for the glory of God and the building of his kingdom.

L: Through Jesus Christ, who calls all his disciples to faithful service,

P: Amen