

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

GFS WDP 2022



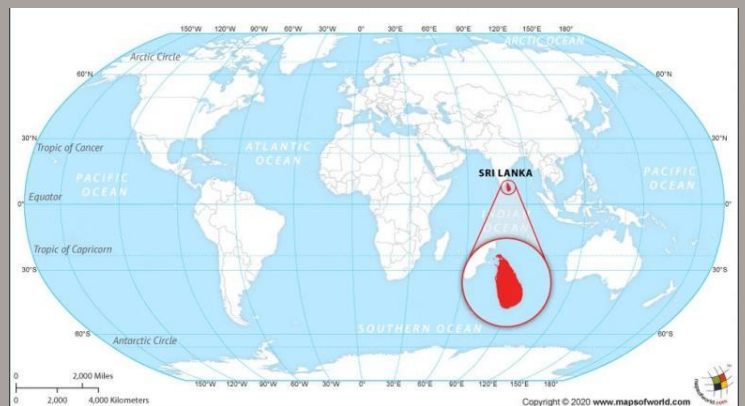
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The GFS is a worldwide Anglican Ministry of girls & women, founded in the UK in 1875 & established in Sri Lanka in 1904

SRI LANKA



Sri Lanka is an island in the Indian Ocean and lies southeast of India. The country is known for its vast plains and impressive mountain tops, golden beaches and blue sea, emerald green tea plantations, ancient ruins and beautiful temples. The island was formerly known as Ceylon, a name which is still used for the tea that comes from Sri Lanka. The official languages of Sri Lanka are Sinhalese and Tamil.

Girls' Friendly Society (GFS)

GFS World Day of Prayer Service 2022

(Prepared by GFS Sri Lanka)

"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us" - 1 John 5:14

Theme for the day : Confidence in God and Commitment towards the worldwide work of GFS

Welcome! Ayubowan! Vanakkam! (Greetings in English, Sinhalese & Tamil)

1. Invocation to the Holy Spirit

(kneel)

(In the Sinhalese language)

1 අති ශුද්ධ /// දෙවියන්	Athi shuddha/// Devpiye
වඩිනුව අප වෙත ඔබ මෙත පාමින්	Vadinuwa apawetha oba metha pamine
වඩිනුව අප වෙත - /// ඔබ මෙත පාමින්	Vadinuwa apawetha oba metha pamine

(Translation) - All holy/// Father God, Come amongst us with your loving kindness
Come amongst us/// with your loving kindness

2 සවිලල /// යේසුනේ	Sau bala/// Yesune
කුමටද ඔබ හැර වෙන කිසිවෙක් අනේ	Kumatada oba hera wena kisiwek ane
කුමටද ඔබ හැර - /// වෙන කිසිවෙක් අනේ	Kumatada oba hera wena kisiwek ane

(Translation) - All-powerful /// Jesus, Why do we need anyone else other than you
Why anyone other than you /// none other than you

(In the Tamil language)

3 வரம் தாரும் வரம் தாரும் வரம் தாரும் ஆவியே	Varamthaarum/// aaviye
பரமசித்தம் செய்யப் பெலன் தாரும்மேவியே	Paramasitham seiya pelan thaarummeviye
பரமசித்தம் செய்யப்///பெலன் தாரும்மேவியே	Paramasitham seiya/// pelan thaarummeviye

(Translation) - Holy Spirit/// Lord God, Give us strength to be in your service
Give us strength/// to be in your service

4 திரித ` துவதிரித்துவதிரித்துவதேவனே	Thirithuva/// Thevaney
தரித்துநாம் உம் சமூகம் உணரநீர் செய்யுமே	Tharithunam um samuham unaraneer seyumey
தரித்துநாம் உம் சமூகம்///உணரநீர் செய்யுமே	Tharithunam um samuham///unaraneer seyumey

(Translation) - O Trinity// O Triune God, In your presence we pay you our homage
In your presence we pay you our homage)

2. Hymn No 1 : Trust & Obey



(stand)

3. Opening Prayer



Leader : Our Gracious and Loving Heavenly Father, we come before you with hearts full of love, praise and thanksgiving for all that you have done, are doing and will do, in our lives. We commit this GFS World Day of Prayer service to you, to the glory of your name. Thank you for the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

All : Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

4. Confession

(kneel)

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" - 1 John 1 : 9

Leader : Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

All : Loving and faithful God, we come into your presence rejoicing, knowing that you are a faithful, merciful and forgiving God and you have called us to be your children. Despite your goodness toward us, we have wandered from your ways. Therefore, we ask for your forgiveness. We confess our shortcomings and trust that it is only through the blood of Jesus, our Saviour, that our sins would be forgiven. Thank you for this assurance and your gift of grace. Amen!

5. Hymn No. 2 : Blessed Assurance



(stand)

6. Prayers of thanksgiving

(kneel)

"Now therefore, our God, we thank You and praise Your glorious name" - 1 Chronicles 29 : 13

Leader : Lord, you are the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. You are the Son of the Living God. You are our Creator and our Counselor. You are our faithful Shepherd. You provide all our needs. You are the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

All : All glory, honour and praise be unto You!

Leader : We thank you, Heavenly Father, for your protection and provision in every area of our lives and in the lives of GFS members and their families worldwide.

We also thank you for the Church, the Body of Christ which is active around the world.

All : Blessed be the Lord God most high!

7. Reading from the Scriptures



(sit)

Psalm 37 : 3 - 6

Trust in the LORD, and do good;
Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.
Delight yourself also in the LORD,
And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD,
Trust also in Him,
And He shall bring *it* to pass.
He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light,
And your justice as the noonday.

8. Message *Theme : Confidence in the Lord - Commitment to His work*

9. Special Item *(optional)*

10. Intercessions

(kneel)

*** Prayers for the Church**

"For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building" - 1 Corinthians 3 : 9

Leader : Heavenly Father, we bring before you all who believe in you as one Body spread throughout the world. We humbly ask you to give your wisdom to our clergy to lead aright those in their care. We pray for unity among believers as they share the Good News so that nations will experience the saving grace of our Lord Jesus.

All : Lord hear our prayer and help us to be your true witnesses on earth.

*** Prayer for the Nations**

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He chose for His inheritance" - Psalm 33 : 12

Leader : God of peace, we cry out to you for all the nations of the world that are faced with war, conflict, political turmoil, destruction, violence, terror and dictatorship.
We pray that you will raise leaders who will rule justly and wisely, make correct decisions and work towards right solutions. May all people everywhere seek your face, turn away from evil and acknowledge that you are Lord and God.

All : Father, give us your peace that passes all understanding, use us to be your peacemakers on earth and heal our world.

* Prayers for current challenges

"For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee" - Isaiah 41 : 13

Leader : Merciful God, we pray for the challenges that people face all over the world today - hunger, famine, pandemics, all forms of abuse, rape, incest, crime, natural and man-made disasters, shortages of food, fuel, lack of finances, debts, escalating cost of living, unemployment, estranged relationships, injustice, discrimination *(please add the special challenges faced in your country)*.

We lay all these at your feet, in the sure hope and confidence that you will make all things good in your time.

All : Everlasting Father, we fear not, but believe in your Word.

* Prayers for the Sick & Suffering

"I will restore you to health and heal your wounds" declares the LORD - Jeremiah 30 : 17

Leader : Oh God who heals us, we bring before you all who are sick and suffering today. Your Word tells us that by your stripes we are healed. So we thank you in faith for pouring out your divine healing and strength upon those are sick and suffering mentally, physically and emotionally.

All : Father, give us health and wholeness so we can serve you all the days of our life.

* Prayers for the GFS Family

• Thanksgiving

Leader : Almighty Father, we thank and praise you for the vision and mission of GFS, the founder, past leaders, members and all those who have worked hard towards this Ministry who are now safe in the arms of Jesus.

All : Praise and thanks be to God!

• Leadership and Members

Leader : Precious Father, we bring before you the GFS World President and the world team, leaders and members and the work of GFS worldwide. Thank you for leading and guiding the GFS over the past many years. May we hear your voice and do what you want us to do through the GFS, for the extension of your kingdom on earth. May good health, protection, provision and blessings be upon leaders, members and our families as we work for your glory.

All : We gratefully receive your blessings, Almighty Father

• GFS countries and branches


Leader : Lord Jesus, we bring before you all GFS branches established and active in many countries of the world : Angola, Australia, Cameroon, Canada, DR Congo, England, Eswatini, Ghana, Guyana, Honduras, Ireland, Japan, Sierra Leone, Kenya, Korea, Liberia, Malawi, Melanesia, Mozambique, New Zealand, The Philippines, Diocese of Popondota, Rwanda, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda, USA, Wales, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

We thank you for all existing branches and ask for your guidance as we open new ones.

We pray for your blessings upon GFS projects and programmes worldwide, especially the GFS World Project in Cameroon.

We ask that you would raise dedicated members and leaders in each country who would love and serve God with all their hearts and minds and offer their best for the advancement of the GFS. Give us wisdom to lead, train and empower those in our care and strengthen our fellowship with one another in our branches, countries and worldwide.

All : May we all serve the GFS faithfully and honestly, with enthusiasm, confidence and commitment, giving glory to God at all times

11. Hymn No. 3 (*An offertory may be taken*) : *There shall be showers of blessings*  (stand)

12. The GFS Prayer

All : O God our Father, we thank you for your goodness, love and mercy to all who belong to the Girls' Friendly Society worldwide. Help us to bear one another's burden as members of one family in Christ Jesus. We ask for your blessings on our members that we may grow in grace through your spirit. Help us to know in our lives the joy of your everlasting love; through Jesus Christ, your only Son, our Lord. Amen.

13. Blessing (*sung*)

The Lord Bless you and keep you

The Lord make His face to shine upon you

And be gracious unto to you

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you

And give you peace. Amen!

14. Dismissal

Leader : Go with confidence in the Lord and commit yourself to love and serve Him
through the Ministry of the GFS!

All : We go in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

15. Hymn No. 4 : *God will Take Care of You* 
