

The churches in Wiarton have been participating in the World Day of Prayer for many years, and in 2019 the women of St. Peter's Lutheran were privileged to be the host congregation. What a heartwarming and spiritually uplifting experience it was for us, to lead folks from all ten churches in Wiarton in a time of fellowship and prayer using the same worship service that was being used in countries throughout the world that day.

For almost one hundred years, churches in many communities throughout Canada and 170 countries throughout the world have been coming together in spirit, uniting in prayer for justice and peace. Each year women from a different country prepare materials for the prayer service which include the Bible text and suggested hymns, a picturesque video of their country, some personal stories written by their women depicting their life and prayer requests. These packages are distributed to every participating church to use in their service. This year's service has been prepared by the women of Vanuata a small country comprised of many little islands in the South Pacific.



This year due to covid 19 restrictions the World Day of Prayer Executive of Canada has produced a video of the service on the World Day of Prayer website so people can worship in their own homes.

**Theme:** Building On a Strong Foundation  
**Text:** Matt 7:24--27 Anyone who hears my word and obeys them is like a wise man who built his house on rock  
**Hymn:** My Hope is Built on Nothing Less Than Jesus' Blood and Righteousness



The World Day of Prayer Poster depicts a woman praying and sheltering her child under a tree with strong roots during a cyclone

The people of Vanuatu build strong houses to withstand earthquakes, hurricanes, volcanoes, and cyclones that occur.

**Prayer:** Loving Father as we struggle with these challenging times help us to build our lives on the strong foundation of your love and give us wisdom, courage, and faith to run the race, fight the good fight and keep the faith. Thank you for helpers and help us to build each other up in love. Amen

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