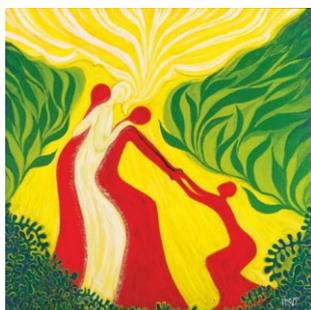


WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2012

On Friday 2nd March over 3 million people world wide will be praying and worshipping together during the annual Day of Prayer, using a form of service prepared by Christian women in Malaysia. Their chosen theme is:-

'LET JUSTICE PREVAIL'



Malaysia, in Southeast Asia, is a country of contrasts, a multi-ethnic and multi-religious country - the official religion is Islam with a Christian minority of 8%, many of whom live in Sabah and Sarawak. Malaysia's modern cities and the widespread use of the latest technology provide a contrast to the remote areas where people follow a traditional way of life. Some people have become very rich since World War II when the country suffered brutal occupation under the Japanese, while others are desperately poor and marginalized. Tourists who flock to Malaysia for its beautiful scenery and fascinating variety of wildlife feel safe because crimes are harshly punished, whereas the poorer inhabitants experience injustice, greed and corruption. Malaysia is now the most popular destination country in Asia for migrant workers, and human trafficking has become a sophisticated and organised operation.

Whilst some women achieve a high level of education and are represented in many important professions, women of all races and classes still face powerlessness, discrimination and violence at all levels of society - even today a girl child is seen as less valuable than a boy.

It is against this complex background that the Christian women of Malaysia prepared our Service for 2012. In their Christian context they have had to deal with the theme sensitively, and we need to study the words of the service carefully and ask ourselves what the women are really saying to us. The challenge to all who take part in this service is clear: it takes courage, compassion and active engagement to let justice prevail. As Christians we are called to act to bring about change in the unjust world in which we live today. The change may not happen quickly but we must never give up the struggle.

The Sudbury Women's World Day Committee (made up of representatives from 15 different local churches) invites you to join them in this special annual service which takes place on the first Friday of March. We are most grateful to Sudbury Baptist Church for offering to host the Service.

THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

"Let Justice Prevail"

a Service prepared by the Christian women of Malaysia

on FRIDAY 2ND MARCH 2012 at 10.00am

at SUDBURY BAPTIST CHURCH
Church Street, Sudbury, CO10 2BJ

ALL ARE WELCOME

Tea & Coffee will be served after the service