

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

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*We want to recognize the important role of women in our community,  
& celebrate the image of God in women worldwide.  
Here are a few ways you might participate:*

## CONSIDER THE WOMEN WHO INSPIRE YOU



Think about the unique ways the women in your life help you experience God's love: who has encouraged you? Who has supported you? Who has challenged you? Who has been a resolute & inspiring voice in your life? Are there voices that are missing from your experience?

Take some time to be intentionally thankful for these women, & think of ways you may be able to support them. If you have the opportunity drop them an encouragement or a thank you note!

## SUPPORT A NON-PROFIT THAT PROMOTES DIGNITY & OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN

Did you know that Interval House provided temporary safe housing for 300 women & children last year? Or that Mumford House closed due to a lack of funding? Or that group advocacy resulted in BC becoming the 1st province to put free menstrual products in all schools to ensure that hygiene isn't a barrier to education?

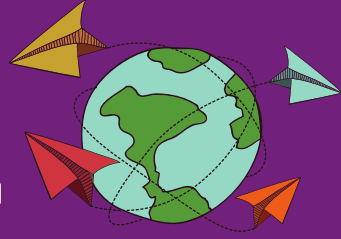
Check out the work of organizations like these and so many others, or get involved with women's rights & protection issues through Canadian Baptist Ministries ([cbmin.org/women-making-a-difference](http://cbmin.org/women-making-a-difference)).



# LEARN ABOUT SOME OF THE BIG ISSUES WOMEN FACE AROUND THE WORLD

This year, the United Nations focus is "Choose to Challenge", encouraging individuals and communities to recognize and call out gender bias and inequality.

Globally, some of the biggest issues for women are disparities in access to education & hygiene, under-representation in government & economics, and a stark over-representation as victims of violence.



Learn about some of these issues, and spend some time praying & advocating for wisdom & justice in these areas. Take some time to consider how you might challenge the places you encounter gender bias and inequality on a daily basis.

## SPEND SOME TIME LEARNING ABOUT WOMEN IN CHURCH HISTORY

There are SO MANY stories throughout church history about amazing women that can teach us a lot about faithfulness, courage & love – Sarah! Miriam! Hannah! Deborah! Martha! Dorcas! All the Marys!

We can also look at the contributions of Fanny Crosby, Dorothy Day, Sojourner Truth, Dorothy L. Sayers, Evangeline Booth, Sister Helen Prejean, Emilie M. Townes, Rachel Held Evans, Miranda Harris & many others.

What might they have to teach you about faith in this season?



## COLLECT SUPPLIES FOR WOMEN IN NEED

Why not participate in a collection drive to gather hygiene supplies for local agencies? Or contact Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre to get a list of their needs? Or make up a few hygiene kits for MCC to send to women fleeing dangerous situations in different parts of the world.



Call your friends & family together to pack up some kits for an agency of your choice!