**A Prayer for International Women’s Day**

**Praise be to God!**

**For the women who have gone before us.**

* **For the women of our ancient Scriptures.**
* **For the Church Mothers, Saints and all wise women of God.**
* **For creative women - the great inventors, artists, architects, authors, musicians,gardeners, meal-makers and life givers.**
* **For all women who fought for justice and peace in our world.**
* **For all the women we loved who now sleep in the peace of Christ.**

**We give God thanks.Praise be to God!**

**For the women of today.**

* **For Spirit-filled women who nurture our faith.**
* **For women who fight for justice and peace in our world.**
* **For the women who lead us - in their own unique ways.**
* **For the women who heal and nourish - our bodies, our souls, our minds.**
* **For the women who protect - our land, our children and all created things.**

**We give God thanks.Praise be to God!For the women of tomorrow.**

* **That they will come to know and love Jesus.**
* **That they will find a world where all Your Creation is loved and cared for.**
* **That justice and peace will flourish in their time.**
* **That their world will cherish every life.**
* **That their gifts will be accepted and celebrated.**

**For this we pray. Amen**