

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

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The **purpose** of the **Christian Outreach Department** is to encourage the Christian walk of the members, emphasizing “Ye are the salt of the earth . . . Ye are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:13a, 14a) and to reach out to the faith community with the WCTU total abstinence message.

Dear Christian Outreach Director,

You have the opportunity to encourage the members in their Christian walk. All of us need to continue to grow in our relationship with the Lord.

The specific day that comes under this department is the **WWCTU World Day of Prayer on September 28th** (Frances Willard’s birthday). This year it comes on Saturday. Encourage your members to observe it.

Here are **suggested ways** for your local union **to observe** the day:

- meet early in the morning for prayer and then fellowship at breakfast
- gather in the evening to share favorite Scripture verses and pray
- ask the members to call each other that day to pray

You may develop other ideas.

Prayer concerns for the day should include:

- the work and influence of the WWCTU,
- the expansion of our work into other countries,
- strengthening of existing leadership and organizations,
- World Officers and Department Directors,
- your National Officers and Directors,
- Local leaders, specific concerns in your country.

Encourage the reading of the Crusade Psalm, **Psalm 146**.

Devotions to use at your local meeting may be found in each issue of *The White Ribbon Bulletin*. Go to our website (www.wwctu.org) and click on [White Ribbon Bulletin](#). The [current bulletin](#) contains excerpts from the two messages given at our World Convention church service. Each of the other issues contains a devotional you may use.

You may recall that Irja Eskelinen gave suggestions for writing your own devotions in an earlier Kit. Select a short passage that speaks to your heart. Study it; good commentaries are available on the web. Then prepare the devotional and give it to friends and ask for suggestions on how to make it better: is the length good, is the message clear, does it need an illustration and if so, can you find one, etc.?

Yours for a drug-free world,

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