

A prayer for women

Lord God, we are gathered together today
to give you praise and thanks
for your loving kindness to us.

Make us aware that it is not just what we do that is important
but how we do it.

Help us to be courageous, strong, caring,
passionate and compassionate
whatever our age, race or circumstances.

Let us bear witness to your love for all people
so that we may be
peaceful and joyful women.

Amen.

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Standing tall

Standing tall,
strong and determined,
stretching out a hand
to those around her.

Lightening their load,
giving them hope
of a future filled
with opportunities for change.

Building a community
where all are welcome,
all are valued,
all are able to live life to the full.

She is so many women,
throughout the world,
unnoticed, unrecognised,
transforming lives.

God of all, bless and keep her
and inspire us to reach out
to others as she does
so that all may flourish.

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