



Esther Movement

God can use girls to change the world.

Global Plight of Women 40 Day Prayer Calendar

<p>1 Clean Water</p> <p>In many cultures, women and girls are responsible for finding clean water for drinking and cooking, which may mean walking for hours every day, putting them at risk of violence.</p>	<p>2 Refugees</p> <p>One in every 113 people in the world is now a refugee. Well over half of them are women. Many live in refugee camps where dangers of all sorts abound.</p>	<p>3 Food Security</p> <p>Women represent over 60% of the almost 1B people suffering from hunger worldwide. Global food prices continue to rise making food security even more challenging.</p>	<p>4 Wage Discrimination</p> <p>Women do two-thirds of the world's work, receive 10% of the world's income, and own 1% of the means of production.</p>	<p>5 Labor Trafficking</p> <p>Women account for 35% of forced labor. This includes domestic workers, in agriculture, in textiles, and other industries.</p>	<p>6 Objectification</p> <p>Around the world women and girls are objectified and very often sexually. This is reflected in the media and in deeper societal norms across cultures.</p>	<p>7 Teen Pregnancy</p> <p>Teen pregnancy rates are high in many countries. Girls who become pregnant out of wedlock, for whatever reason, are subject to abandonment and even honor killings.</p>
<p>8 Inheritance Laws</p> <p>In many countries around the world women can not inherit property, even if their family has owned and worked the land for generations. Inheritance is only for men.</p>	<p>9 Religious Slaves</p> <p>In India today women, beginning at puberty, are dedicated as temple prostitutes, being raped many times a day in the name of religious worship. This is a life sentence.</p>	<p>10 Education</p> <p>It is estimated that 58 million girls are not in school, some reasons being: child labor, harassment/violence while travelling to or at school, and inadequate provision for sanitary needs.</p>	<p>11 FGM</p> <p>Some cultures practice female genital mutilation (FGM). This removal of all or part of the female genitalia causes severe physical and psychological trauma to girls.</p>	<p>12 Silencing</p> <p>Silencing occurs when women's voices are suppressed and they are not given the freedom to express their thoughts, desires, or viewpoints.</p>	<p>13 Sex Trafficking</p> <p>4.5 million people around the world are trafficked for some form of sex work. Most are women and children. It is a criminal enterprise that yields \$99B annually.</p>	<p>14 Orphans</p> <p>13M children worldwide have lost both parents. Orphaned girls who grow up with institutional care face delayed physical development and delay of puberty by two years.</p>
<p>15 Medical Care</p> <p>Around the world today, women are denied access to basic medical care and thousands die each year from preventable causes.</p>	<p>16 Property Rights</p> <p>Women own less than 20% of the world's land. In more than half of all countries, tradition and social norms threaten women's land rights even when laws have been changed to protect them.</p>	<p>17 Mobility</p> <p>In 32 countries women need their husband's permission to apply for a passport; in 17 countries women need permission to leave their homes for any reason besides usual custom.</p>	<p>18 Domestic Violence</p> <p>Worldwide, almost one third of women report that they have experienced some form of violence by their intimate partner. 38% of murders of women are committed by a male partner.</p>	<p>19 Widows</p> <p>There are 245M widows in the world today and 115 million of them live in extreme poverty. In many cases, they have been rejected by their families and left to fend for themselves.</p>	<p>20 Shame</p> <p>Sometimes even when women are victimized, they bear the blame for what has happened to them. They are also shamed when they can't conceive or bear only girls.</p>	<p>21 Maternal Health</p> <p>It is estimated that more than half a million women (roughly one woman every minute) die as a result of pregnancy complications and childbirth each year.</p>
<p>22 War</p> <p>90% of war casualties are non-military, the majority of whom are women and children. Rape of women and girls is common during war and is used as a weapon.</p>	<p>23 Natural Disasters</p> <p>Women and children are particularly vulnerable when natural disasters strike. Predators prey on family separation, confusion and chaos, especially in shelters and relocation camps.</p>	<p>24 Political Voice</p> <p>Worldwide, women are underrepresented in politics. They make up less than one quarter of the world's politicians (23.3%) though women are half the world's population.</p>	<p>25 Sanitation</p> <p>One in three women worldwide have nowhere safe or private to relieve themselves. They face shame, disease, harassment, and even violence.</p>	<p>26 Homelessness</p> <p>Homeless women are often part of the "hidden homeless" population. In need of shelter, they are vulnerable to attacks, poor sanitation, and highly stressful environments.</p>	<p>27 Sexual Assault</p> <p>It's estimated 150M girls under age 18 suffer some form of sexual violence each year. For 30% of women worldwide, their first sexual experience was forced.</p>	<p>28 Elder Abuse</p> <p>Elderly women are at high risk for neglect and financial abuse. In some cultures they face emotional abuse and accusations of witchcraft.</p>
<p>29 Female Infanticide</p> <p>Because in some countries and cultures, baby boys are favored, newborn female children are often abandoned or deliberately killed after birth.</p>	<p>30 Women in Prison</p> <p>Due to power imbalances between inmates and guards, incarcerated women often endure rape, sexual assault, groping during body searches, and shackling during childbirth.</p>	<p>31 Marriage Laws</p> <p>In some cultures, women have no say in who they marry. They are equally disallowed from initiating a divorce under any condition.</p>	<p>32 Voting Rights</p> <p>In many countries, women do not enjoy the right to vote. In fragile or transitional countries, they are four times as likely as men to be targeted for intimidation during elections.</p>	<p>33 Honor Killing</p> <p>It's estimated that 5000 women are killed each year for bringing dishonor to their families. Often rape victims, women accused of adultery, or seeking to choose their own spouse are targeted.</p>	<p>34 Immigration</p> <p>Many migrant women endure physical, sexual, and emotional violence as well as economic abuse and exploitation during the immigration process.</p>	<p>35 Single Motherhood</p> <p>17% of children aged 0-14 live in a single parent household worldwide. 88% of these households are headed by women.</p>
<p>36 Poverty</p> <p>Increasingly, women suffer most from poverty. Two out of every three poor adults worldwide are women.</p>	<p>37 Abduction of Girls</p> <p>Stranger kidnapping victimizes more girls than boys, and is associated with sexual assaults and trafficking for sex.</p>	<p>38 Menstruation</p> <p>Girls miss school and sometimes even drop out when they don't have regular access to sanitary products.</p>	<p>39 Child Brides</p> <p>14 million girls worldwide are married every year before the age of 18 and 1 in 9 girls are married in the developing world by age 15.</p>	<p>40 Sex Selection</p> <p>1.4 million girl babies are aborted every year due to gender-biased sex selection.</p>	<p><i>Thank you for praying with us!</i></p>	

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