

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

We are coming up on two important events in the next month.

February 17 begins the season of **Lent**. Global Women's Project invites you to observe Lent by practicing solidarity with women around the world. Through daily meditations and readings, we confront our privilege while being asked to learn about women who lack these resources and ways in which we can share with them. If you do not yet have your **Lenten calendar**, email your address to info@globalwomensproject.org **today**, or ask to have a page emailed to you daily throughout the season of Lent. Thank you to Carrie Eikler and Anna Lisa Gross for updating and printing our calendar again this year.

March 8 is **International Women's Day**. It is a global day of celebration for the economic, political and social achievements of women. The United Nations has chosen a political and human rights theme, to raise awareness of the political and social struggles of women worldwide. We encourage you to organize and participate in International Women's Day events in your area. If you would like GWP materials for your event, please let us know. There are also **stories, speeches, newsletters and worship resources** on our web site: www.globalwomensproject.org.

Here is one way to mark International Women's Day from the United Kingdom. The "**Join me on the Bridge**" campaign focuses on women as survivors of war. They call on women "wherever you are - to join me on the Bridge by writing or drawing your vision of peace on white fabric and displaying this on a bridge near you on 8 March. ... 70% of the world's poor are women and 75% of the civilians killed in war are women and children. As never before, women are forced to bear the burden of war. Women are targeted for rape and violence as a tool of war. They are forced from their homes, lose husbands and children and often become the sole providers for their families. You can change the world. One woman at a time. Women for Women International's Campaign - Join me on the Bridge - unites women all over the world in showing that women can build the bridges of peace and development for the future. By joining this campaign you will be standing alongside women ... in saying No to War and Yes to Peace and Hope. " Statement shared from the web site: <http://www.womenforwomen.org/help-women/meet-me-on-bridge.php>

Please join us in celebrating the strength, accomplishments and contributions of women worldwide!

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