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Dear Parents

On the first Friday in March every year women around the world will be celebrating **Women's World Day of Prayer**. This annual service, which was first held in the mid-1800s, begins its cycle around the world when the sun rises over Samoa and ends when the sun sets over American Samoa. An estimated 3 million women, men and young people in over 170 countries and islands will take part and in the British Isles alone some 6,000 services will take place.

The worship for 2017 has been prepared by the Christian women of The Philippines and asks the question, 'Am I being unfair to you?' The Philippines are currently in the news following an enormous fire in Manila on Tuesday night which left thousands of people homeless. Some of our girls participated in the service last year, which was prepared by the women of Cuba and there will be opportunities to help with the presentation of the service again this year. You will, of course, be very welcome to join us too as we think about the issues which shape the lives of Filipino women and girls. There is also the opportunity to learn some new music and generally enjoy the fellowship.

This global event aims to demonstrate that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world. Through preparation and participation in the worship service, women worldwide learn how their sisters of other countries, languages and cultures live their lives and live out their faith. They learn of the concerns and needs of those women and to empathize and feel in solidarity with them.

Our Northanger Benefice service is to be held on Friday 3rd March from 11:00am at St Nicholas Church, West Worldham, we would like to arrive a little earlier as there will be a music practice to learn some of the songs/hymns. Please respond with the reply slip below to inform us whether you would like your daughter to be part of this, as well as if you can help with transport on the day. The service will finish at lunchtime and there is the opportunity to stay for a simple lunch at Manor Farm next to the church; please also indicate whether your daughter would like to stay for this, we will decide having received your responses. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Dawn Tilley and Lesley Leon

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Women's World Day of Prayer

Pupil name:

- I give/do not give permission for my daughter to attend the Women's World Day of Prayer on 3rd March.
- I can help with transport.
- I am happy for my daughter to stay for lunch at Manor Farm and will provide a donation to WWDP for this.

Contact telephone number on the day:

Medical needs:

Signed:

Date:

Please return to the school office.