

Women's Ministries Service Template:

This is meant to serve as a template for you as you craft a Women's Ministries worship service. Please ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and consider those who will worship with you as you use this guide to plan your service. Added dramas and special music can enhance your service of worship to our great and mighty God! Feel free to choose a theme and Scripture that is appropriate for your congregation/women's group.

Theme: A Sacrifice of Thanks

Prelude:

Call to Worship: Psalm 136 as a responsive reading

Songs of Praise: (Choose songs that are appropriate for your congregation/women's group)

A Thousand Generations - Brenton Brown

10,000 Reasons – Matt Redman

In Christ Alone – Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

What A Beautiful Name - Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood

Great Are You Lord - David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan

Give Me Jesus - C. S. Brown

What a Friend We Have in Jesus - Joseph Scriven, Charles Crozat Converse

Fill My Cup, Lord - Richard Blanchard

To God Be The Glory - Fanny Jane Crosby, William Howard Doane

Wonderful Grace of Jesus - Haldor Lillenas

Prayer:

Fellowship Greeting:

Thank Offering:

A brief explanation of Thank Offering:

Whenever we are thankful for something in our daily lives and we want to thank God tangibly, we place a few coins in our Thank Offering Barrel and pray a prayer of thanksgiving. This daily act of worship was established by Grace Pierson, the founder of Churches of God Women's Ministries (formerly known as Women's Christian Service Council) in 1954. The offering is then collected by local Women's Ministry groups on the first Sunday in May. Oftentimes a special Women's Ministries worship service is presented by the women of the congregation. The offering is then sent to the regional treasurer. The regional treasurer will send 60% of the Thank Offering to the General Conference Women's Ministries and the 40% remaining will be dispersed as decided by each region. Originally used only for missions, it now encompasses many ministries of the church. As of 2017, over 2 million dollars have been given through the Thank Offering. In 2023, our Thank Offerings will support Mudhamita Singha India (15%), Physical Therapy School in Haiti (20%), Winebrenner Female Students (25%), Venezuela Bible School (15%), and Women's Leadership Development (25%).

Song: (as Thank Offerings are presented) **Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart** - Don Moen or you may want to play the CGWM video which includes photos of the 5 ministries that receive contributions from our Thank Offering. You will find this video at the following link:

<https://youtu.be/IbXFEOzjb0E>

Prayer of Blessing for the Thank Offering:

Lord, we come into your presence to thank you for the many blessings you have given to us throughout the year. We pray that you would receive our offerings of thanksgiving. We ask that you would multiple this offering and give us wisdom to use it in a way that would glorify your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Regular Offering:

Prayer for the Body:

Song before Message: choose a song that is appropriate for your congregation/women's group

Speak, O Lord - Keith and Kristyn Getty

Ancient Words - Ronnie C. Jr. Freeman, Tony W. Wood

Scripture: "Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High, and call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me. Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me, and to the blameless^(a) I will show my salvation." Psalm 50:14-15; 23

Message:

Closing Song:

By Our Love - Christy Nickels (could show video)

Jesus Messiah - Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves

God, You're So Good - Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, Kristian Stanfill, Brett Younker

I Love to Tell the Story - Katherine Hankey and Will Fischer

Postlude:

Additional Song Options:

Glory to His Name - E. A. Hoffman

I'd Rather Have Jesus

Yesterday, Today and Forever - Albert B. Simpson,

Nearer My God, To Thee

Revive Us Again - William P Mackary

I Feel Like Traveling On - William Hunter

Joy Unspeakable - Barney E. Warren

You Are My All in All - Dennis Jernigan

Whom Shall I Fear - Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Scott Cash

Indescribable - Jesse Reeves, Laura Story

My Victory - David Crowder

Trust in You - Lauren Daigle, Michael Farren, Paul Mabury

God is on the Move - Ian Eskelin, Mikey Howard, Cliff Williams, Tony Wood

Chain Breaker - Zach William

Resources that you may use with your service:

- ✓ Power Point slides of the Ministries that receive a portion of our Thank Offerings can be downloaded from Thank Offering page on our website.
- ✓ You Tube video that shows video representation of the many ways CGWM is encouraging women to live boldly for God can be accessed at the following link:
<https://youtu.be/lbXFEozjb0E>
- ✓ Kathy Foor shares about CGWM at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JcLrERrnPsU>
- ✓ Updates from those ministries that receive Thank Offering contributions are below.

CGWM Thank Offering Update

It is exciting to report that our 2022 Thank Offering totaled \$23,393.43. Of that, \$14,036.06 was disbursed to the following ministries supported by CGMW:

Leadership Training	25%	3,509.00
Winebrenner Seminary	25%	3,509.00
Haiti Physical Therapy School	20%	2,807.00
Venezuela Bible School	15%	2,105.00
School for Girls in India**	15%	2,106.06
Total	100%	14,036.06

An update from India School for Girls

**Because the India School for Girls is currently not enrolling students these funds are being used as a scholarship for Madhumita Singha to help pay fees for her final stage of nursing school. She completed her diploma in nursing in December of 2022 and is now enrolled at a medical facility for her practical experience.



An update from Haiti Physical Therapy School



The scholarships from CGWM support 2 third-year physical therapy students at the school located outside St. Marc, Haiti. Gloria and Rosemonde are both excellent students and have recently shared their knowledge in caring for individuals who have suffered a stroke at the Elim Church of God in St. Marc. Additionally, last September, the students led a conference regarding physical therapy during International Physical Therapy Day. Life in Haiti is difficult and has been increasingly risky due to the instability of the government and gang rule. The school has learned to open and close based on the safety and pass ability of the roads. These scholarships will also be used to support incoming first-year students as their needs are revealed to us. We are deeply appreciative of your continued support and praise God for His wonderful work there!

An Update from Winebrenner Scholarship Recipients



Winebrenner's mission is to equip leaders for service in God's Kingdom.

Women at Winebrenner Theological Seminary

"I am so elated to receive another year of scholarships from CGWM! This will enable me to successfully complete my Master's Degree. I will be one of the first women in my family to do so." ~Ester"

"I am so deeply thankful for the generosity and kindness you have shown by allowing me to attend Winebrenner through your scholarship. As a mom, wife, and substitute teacher, there is such deep gratitude as you are reaching out to help me reach what I could not do alone." ~ Karey



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Developing an Attitude of Gratitude

Thank Offering is being used to advance the Kingdom of God around the globe, but it is much more than just a monetary offering. It is an opportunity to develop an attitude of gratitude. When we choose to give thanks, we acknowledge that

- ☞ God is good
- ☞ We appreciate His many blessings
- ☞ We trust Him no matter the circumstances
- ☞ He will keep His promises

According to Dr. Caroline Leaf, a well-known neuroscientist, God designed us for praise, so when we worship the Lord and give thanks, our brain functions at its very best! God tells us in his Word to give thanks in all circumstances because He designed us to function best when we do! No matter how difficult life can be, there is always a reason to give thanks.

This has not always come easily to me, but more and more as I learn to give thanks in every situation, I am experiencing abundant joy and peace, which makes me want to grow more in this area every day! Practicing a daily habit with my Thank Offering really has transformed my life! I encourage you to keep your Thank Offering barrel handy and fill it freely with thankfulness as you drop in your coins. If you don't do coins, take a few moments each day to keep a small thank-offering journal and tally it up before you make your offering in May.

Please note: We have had some changes in our Regional leadership, so please be sure to check our website for the most current contact information before you send your Thank

Offering in 2023. For updates on each of these ministries, please visit our website (<https://www.cggcwomen.org/thank-offering>). There is a pdf file and PowerPoint slides on that page which we hope you will use to share this information with your ladies and/or church.