World Day of Prayer

"United in Prayer for Justice and Peace"

1 Samuel 2:1-10 & Luke 1:39-55

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Artist Statement

Title: River of Prayer

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This painting was created for the World Day of Prayer's Centennial in response to the team's beautiful vision and guidelines. It portrays women from around the globe, each representing different cultures and regions, united in worship and prayer, standing together in strength and humility.

At the heart of the artwork flows a river, symbolizing the Holy Spirit, peace, and the continuous movement of God's presence. The river gently surrounds the women, connecting them in one body and one spirit. Their posture is lifted in prayer, and their faces reflect faith, hope, and resilience.

The colors are vibrant and diverse, echoing the richness of every nation and the beauty of unity in diversity — a visual call for justice, peace, and spiritual togetherness.

About the Artist

Shams Saad is a Lebanese artist, worship leader, and proud mother of three. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from the Lebanese University and is the founder of *Shams w Fann*, a unique creative space where fun meets skill, and people of all ages explore their artistic potential through guided art experiences.

With a passion for both visual and musical arts, Shams has been active in the local art scene, winning several prestigious awards such as Fabriano, L'Enfant des Cèdres, and L'Orient-Le Jour competitions, and many more. Deeply connected to the mission and vision of World Day of Prayer, she is honored to contribute her artistry to this global movement.

Her work reflects a deep love for color, expression, and connection — whether on canvas or through worship. Through *Shams w Fann*, Shams continues to inspire creativity, community, and beauty in everyday life.