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Responsive Readings on Reproductive Justice

Rachel Sabbath on International Women's Day: A Responsive Reading

We honor the world's women.

We renew our commitment to equality for women and girls.

We suffer because too many women around the world are coerced into childbearing, early marriages, and sex trafficking.

We bear witness to the women and girls around the world who endure illness, violence and death because of their gender and lack of opportunity.

We call for universal access to reproductive health services so that all women can plan their families.

We recognize that too many women die giving birth to the next generation.

We mourn the nearly 1,000 women around the world who will die today in childbirth, or from complications of pregnancy, because they lack basic health services.

We bless them and hold their families in love.

We affirm that the sanctity of life is best upheld when pregnancy is freely chosen and women and children receive the health care and economic support they need.

We stand in solidarity with women who lack access to prenatal care, family planning and other reproductive health services.

We pray for a world where childbirth is safe, and all children are wanted and loved.

We make a solemn commitment to help create a world where no woman will die giving birth to the next generation.

We seek a world where all people not only survive but thrive.

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Responsive Reading on Reproductive Justice for All

In hope for the whole world, we gather to lift up the most vulnerable among us.

We recognize and affirm the value of every person, regardless of gender, nationality or socioeconomic status.

We denounce the ways in which divisions arise, in which some lack access to what others take for granted.

We envision a just and inclusive world in which all can flourish and thrive.

We acknowledge those women—in the U.S. and abroad—who do not have full access to reproductive healthcare services.

We call for a religious and moral commitment to reproductive health and justice.

When women are denied comprehensive abortion care, they may forego food or shelter or pursue unsafe abortions that put their lives at risk.

We mourn the 47,000 women who die and millions more who are injured each year because of unsafe abortions, and regret the tragic situations that lead to their deaths and injuries.

We know that protecting women's rights requires our voice and our commitment.

We dare to speak up for the powerless, and pledge to work until all women have the healthcare they need and deserve.

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