



World AIDS Day 2011

Resources for churches

What Can You Do?

a variety of resources are available for congregations and faith communities to use and adapt for local World AIDS Day prayer services and events:

- A World AIDS Day liturgy, developed by ecumenical partners in Germany, focuses on the theme of "Zero Discrimination". The liturgy contains scripture readings, prayers and skits that may be adapted to your local context. This resource is available in English and German [here](#).
- Liturgies and worship resources from past World AIDS Days are also available [here](#).
- The Balm in Gilead has developed a number of resources around the National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS, observed in the United States in March each year. These resources include a guide on how to develop a sermon around HIV and AIDS and an online worship book containing liturgy, prayers and hymns that may be used in World AIDS Day services. Both resources may be downloaded [here](#).
- The Christian AIDS Bureau of Southern Africa (CABSA) and the CARIS programme in South Africa highlight resources focusing on the Christian response to HIV at their [website](#). These include Bible messages, prayers, poems, stories and liturgies.
- World AIDS Day is also a time to share stories of people living with or affected by HIV from other parts of the world, especially stories that demonstrate "zero discrimination". See the [personal stories](#), and other resources that include: *The One Who Dries Our Tears*, a collection of stories from Ethiopia of religious leaders and people living with HIV produced by the joint Trócaire, CAFOD and SCIAF office there; *Prayer alone is not enough: People's stories of HIV and faith*, from Progressio; and *Building HIV Competent Churches: Called to Prophecy, Reconcile and Heal* from the Christian Conference of Asia
- Congregations and faith communities may also consider inviting a person living openly with HIV to be a guest speaker at a World AIDS Day event.
- A logo, and other graphics material for World AIDS Day are available through the [World AIDS Campaign](#).