

## *Mujeres de Esperanza*

### **National Service Agenda 2009-2010**

*Mujeres de Esperanza* invites you to join a great army of faith and hope in order to make a difference in our Hispanic community. Together we will see national transformation, as we unite in prayer and service. In Matthew 25, our Lord Jesus Christ taught us to help the least of these. He asked us to give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, friendship to the captives and the sick, and hospitality to the alien. As we follow His words, we can be sure that our prayers and our service will not be in vain, because the Lord will always bring His Word to fruition in our lives, resulting in victorious celebrations for His peace, justice, and joy reigning in our homes and our communities.

This year, our goal is to activate our faith by taking action in favor of the people and families most affected by immigration law in the United States. We desire to see solutions that create a path to citizenship for those who are working and contributing to this nation. It's important to secure our borders, create a practical temporary worker program, reduce the current costs of the system, and create an assimilation plan. We believe that if we serve together with the purpose of extending the love and justice of God, families will be fortified, and we will be a stronger nation.

Motivated by values like love, integrity, perseverance, excellence, service, and unity, we will be a strong voice for those who don't have a voice. Join your heart, mind, and strength to help the neediest of this day and age. It's vital that we take constant and intelligent action to make a significant impact on the process of developing a comprehensive reform bill. Take the necessary steps today to become part of our official immigration campaign: "Esperanza for America". Sign up online at [www.esperanza.us](http://www.esperanza.us) and together we will reach the Congress with constant, effective, and unforgettable communication. Esperanza's Immigration Network will provide the resources necessary for your valuable participation. We're certain that together we can attain comprehensive reform for the good of every family.

## **MDE Prayer for National Service:**

Heavenly Father, we intercede for the prosperity and peace of the United States. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Be God of this nation! We come humbly before You; we recognize our faults and our need for forgiveness and healing. Today we ask for Your grace and guidance for our leaders while they work on a new comprehensive immigration reform plan. Speak to their hearts and minds so they may make sound, honest, sincere decisions in Your sight. We ask that You would fill them with wisdom, a spirit of humility, and a heart full of compassion for those in need.

We ask that the laws they write would reflect the spirit of Matthew 25: "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' ...The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'" Father, we yearn to see reform that reflects the values of Christ's followers! Not only do we feel obligated to help those in need, but we're also propelled by Your Spirit of Love, mercy, and compassion.

We ask that our rulers would also be motivated by Your law and Your Spirit as they develop every detail of the new policy. Help them to fix our broken immigration system. That they would not permit that anyone be treated in a cruel or inhumane way or asked to meet irrational demands. That good people would not be punished for living under a bad system, and that they would be able to obtain legal permission to work. That they would not allow laws that would criminalize those who provide acts of mercy and compassion, spiritual guidance, and humanitarian aid. That families would not be separated by papers. We believe in a just, considerate, fair law for all.

Guide President Obama and the Secretary of Homeland Security, Janet Napolitano, and all those who are working for reform together with the Congress. Help them to seek a spirit of unity and that they would have the mind of Christ and listen to Your voice over all other voices. That there would be people of integrity and discernment around them to give them the best advice. That they would resolve our nation's problems in the best way possible and in the fear of the Lord. That they would do everything that is just and morally correct according to Your will. We believe that the just will prevail in this country so that the people will be glad.

Wake Your church so that it will join its voice and efforts in favor of every family. That we would truly be one so that the world would know that You are in us and that the glory and the love of our Heavenly Father would motivate us to take action in this crucial time. Because of our love for You, Lord, and Your people we will not be silent and we will not rest until Your justice shines forth in splendor and Your salvation burns like a torch.

That this nation would continue to be the land of opportunity for ALL! Amen.