



# Inspire

## Welcome Home

### Craft Ideas

### Organization Tools for Your Desk

Here are links to two different, easy crafts that you can make to organize your desktop at home: a pen holder and a receipt folder.

<https://calyxncorolla.com/2015/06/quick-easy-diy-desk-organizer/>



<https://www.kenarry.com/diy-receipt-folder/>



### INSPIRATIONAL IDEAS from the Territory

**Bellflower Temple, CA** launched a prevention campaign with an emphasis on women regarding health protection (hand washing, surface cleaning, wearing face masks).

**Broomfield, CO** hasn't been able to have WM in person or virtually, since most of the ladies live at the Silvercrest. The corps delivers meals 5 days a week to the residents. The Corps Officer includes handmade cards especially for her Home League ladies.

**Colorado Springs, CO** has a corps members, who is a fitness instructor; she taught the ladies how to relieve stress through stretching and exercise via Facebook live.

**El Centro, CA** held a Virtual women's retreat. Different officer women from various countries participated.

**Centennial, CO & Hemet, CA** are holding WM meetings outdoors in the parking lot or a nearby park. Everyone brings their own chairs and they social distance together.

**San Bernardino, CA** held a 4-week book club via Zoom discussing the book, *Transforming Grace* by Jerry Bridges.

**San Gabriel, CA** ladies are meeting together through Zoom and the social media platform WeChat.

**San Luis Obispo, CA** started Home League meetings virtually through Duo Google. Unfortunately this format only allows 12 women, so they started offering two classes. One in Spanish, and a new class in English.



This month's bonus material is creative prayer experience where we make our homes into literal places of prayers, where different rooms in the house serve as a visual reminder of types of prayer we should be praying.: <https://usw-womensministries.org/september-2020-inspire-newsletter/>

Commissioner Colleen Riley—Territorial President of Women's Ministries  
Colonel Donna Igleheart—Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries  
Major Beth Desplancke—Territorial Women's Ministries Program Secretary

Be sure to check out our website for more resources: <https://usw-womensministries.org/>

## Service

It is Back to School time for children. Whether kids are going to school in person or staying home for school, they need our prayers. Pray for the kids in your life (big and little) who are doing school a new way this year. Send them a note telling them you are praying for them. Your corps officers can give you names of kids from the corps.

Pray also for the parents who are trying to work from home and also be instrumental in the schooling of their kids.

Pray the following verses for the school kids (see below):

## Devotion

### Welcome Home to Heaven

What a year this has been, as we have spent so much more time in our homes. Anxiety levels are high because of COVID, and we are filled with uncertainty and perhaps even fear. Add to this the political and racial unrest that is happening in our country, it just makes my heart heavy. As we have focused on our physical homes this past program year, we can't forget to think about our heavenly home. Hallelujah, there is more to life than this life, and for believers we have an eternal home in heaven.

Before His arrest, Jesus spent time with His disciples. In John 13, He washed the disciples' feet, predicted that He would be betrayed and denied, and He tells them He will be leaving soon. Of course the disciples are upset, and then Jesus reassures them with these familiar words:

***"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."*** John 14:1-3

I think we have all had troubled hearts at some point this year, but Jesus assures us that we do not have to allow our hearts to be troubled. He gives a command, "Do not let..." that means the disciples (and us) can do something about their problem. The remedy for troubled hearts is to trust God and trust also in Jesus.

We might not understand all that is taking place in our world right now, and we don't have the answers we are looking for such as when all this COVID and quarantine will be over, but we can trust God. He is the same God He was at the beginning of the year, and He will be the same God next year.

We can also trust Jesus. He gives us a beautiful promise, a promise of our eternal home. This is a beautiful account of heaven. He refers to Heaven as "My Father's house." Home is the place where we are loved, welcomed and belong. It is where we can be ourselves. This eternal home isn't just any home, it belongs to God, our Father.

This home is big. There are many rooms. That means that there is a place for all of us children, those who have received Christ's gift of salvation. We aren't guests or overnight visitors, we belong there. We will reside there. We will each have a room in our Father's house.

Jesus says He goes to prepare a place for us. In the culture of that day, when a son married, he seldom left his father's house. Instead, he would simply add another wing to the existing structure. He is preparing a permanent and intimate place for us.

Not only is He preparing the place for us, we have the promise that one day He will return for His children. This year with all its craziness has made me long for my eternal home more than ever. This is not all there is; there is some place better. We don't need to have troubled hearts if we know Jesus as our Savior, because we can trust that He is preparing a permanent place for us, and we can trust that He will return one day!

Heaven is a real place and Jesus will return one day! Later Jesus clearly says the only way to go to the Father's house is through Him: ***Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"*** (John 14:6). Are you troubled about family and friends who don't know Jesus? This is the time to be sharing he Good News about Jesus with them.

