

## WFWP Italy - What Did I Learn During COVID-19?

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With the purpose to meet again all the friends and associated members from Italy, WFWP organized a meeting to share our experiences during the time of the COVID-19 lockdown, especially to share what we learned during that difficult time.

Elisabetta Nistri, WFWP Italy President, shared a deep sense of gratitude for the better situation Italy is facing now compared to before, and because we are still lucky compared to other nations. She had been listening the day before to an interview with Prof. Sakena Jacoby who reported how terrible the situation is in Afghanistan due to COVID-19. Many men lost their jobs, venting their frustration and anger through acts of violence against women and children much more than before. There are no computers, internet or telephones in most of the houses there so it is not possible to have contact with friends and teachers or to receive education. The risk of early marriages and child brides also increased.

After reporting on some WFWP European and International webinars that have been held, such as on the role of women in conflict resolution, and on the International First Ladies Association, she opened the floor to the audience. One after another, WFWP local chapter leaders and some guests shared their experiences: some took care of their garden or plants on the balcony with passion and love, some dedicated more time to reading - in particular to lady Dr. Moon's messages of peace, reflecting deeply on how to make them their own and put them into practice, some learned how to make bread with nuts at home, donating it to neighbors, some participated in interesting international webinars and learned, in addition to the interesting content, to better understand the English language, some found more joy in the tranquility of taking care of the home and deepening the relationship with and care of their children, some contributed to the realization of important webinars with international politicians in collaboration with UPF international, some have participated in other virtual coffee times worldwide and realized how tragic the situation is in other parts of the world due to COVID-19, some took more time to deepen prayer and invest in their relationship with God until they find a more natural and daily relationship.

In the end, Elisabetta Nistri shared her experience of the strength and power of prayer by inviting those who wish to pray for the nations in greatest difficulty and for the protection of our nation. Wishing everyone a peaceful holiday, she invited everyone to stay connected through the various Facebook pages such as WFWP Bergamo, WFWP Padua, WFWP Italy.

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