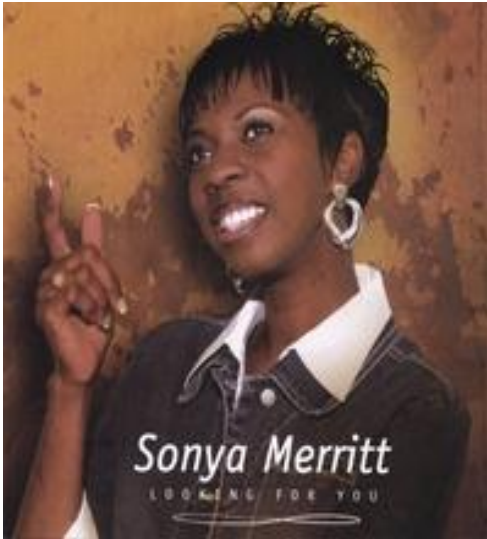


# Sonya Merritt

*Worship Leader, Recording Artist, and Songwriter*



*Sonya Merritt* is an anointed vocal communicator with experience singing and speaking to national and international audiences. She has been a featured soloist and/or worship leader for more than 20 years, spreading the message of freedom and deliverance along the East Coast, Tokyo, Japan and Seoul, South Korea. While her husband, Rios, served as an Air Force officer at Yakota AB, Japan, Sonya served as a board member and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Protestant Women of the Chapel. From upstate New York, through the Nation's capital, through the panhandle of Florida, to the Coast of Mississippi, over to Illinois, across the waters to Japan and South Korea - the musical pathway seemed to lead Sonya to a microphone, as director or guest soloist.

*One of Sonya's most memorable experiences as a guest artist is when she sang to a Japanese audience on Tokyo's town square and shared her Christian testimony.*

Sonya's heart and passion is to demonstrate a life of worship to the "now" generation - those young and old and to provoke others to do the same. Her heart's song is to "whosoever" declaring victory and freedom as a conqueror in Christ.

Sonya has served and assisted with many community efforts with local churches in the Tennessee Valley. Currently, she and her family reside in the greater Huntsville, AL area. She serves at her local church in Huntsville, AL under the leadership of Pastor Rusty Nelson. Worship leader on both the adult and children levels of ministry, Sonya pioneered the praise and worship team and children's choir at her local church more than 6 years ago. She continues to oversee and direct this worship ministry.

**Looking for You**, Sonya's debut CD, was released in 2006. It is uplifting to the spirit and encouraging to the soul! Music clips of this project can be heard online at [www.cdbaby.com/cd/smerritt](http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/smerritt).

As an entrepreneur and vocal coach, Sonya offers voice training to students each week. She continues to accept singing and speaking engagements for worship and women's conferences and community events.

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