

Wave of Prayer: June 2024

1-3 June: **Johannesburg** in South Africa; **Kumi** in Uganda; **Nsukka & Idoani** in Nigeria; **Derby** in England and **Madhya Kerala** in India

4-6 June: **Ibba** in South Sudan; **Maseno North** in Kenya; **Isiala-Ngwa & Ondo** in Nigeria; **Fredericton** in Canada and **Amritsar** in India

7 June: MU locally / branch leaders

8-10 June: **Yambio** in South Sudan; **Garissa** in Kenya; **Mbamili** in Nigeria; **Hereford** in England; **Willochra** in Australia and **Thailand**

11-13 June: **Mahajanga** in Madagascar; **Mara** in Tanzania; **West Buganda** in Uganda; **Kwoi** in Nigeria; **Newcastle** in Australia and **East Kerala** in India

14 June: MU nationally / Mary Sumner House staff

15-17 June: **Bukavu** in DR Congo; **Nyahururu** in Kenya; **Gboko** in Nigeria; **Portsmouth** in England and **New Guinea Islands** in Papua New Guinea

18-20 June: **Rejaf** in South Sudan; **Military Episcopate** in Kenya; **Doko & Owo** in Nigeria; **Chelmsford** in England and **Jamaica & Cayman Islands**

21 June: MU worldwide / WW President and CEO

22-24 June: **Rumonge** in Burundi; **Tabora** in Tanzania; **Kabba & Bukuru** in Nigeria; **St Albans** in England and **Nagpur** in India

25-27 June: **Table Bay** in South Africa; **Rift Valley** in Tanzania; **Evo & Ijebu** in Nigeria; **Adelaide** in Australia and **Taejon** in South Korea

28 June: MU in the Diocese / Diocesan trustees

29-30 June: **Eastern Zambia** in Zambia; **Mombasa** in Kenya; **Gwagwalada & Ekiti-West** in Nigeria; **Leicester** in England and **Temotu** in Solomon Islands

Prayer of the month

God of unchanging power, your Holy Spirit enables us to proclaim your love in challenging times and places.

Give to all members of Mothers' Union steadfastness, fresh understanding and a clear vision that, together, we may continue the mission to which we are called.



Midday Prayer: June 2024

**Prayer Diary Theme:
Mission and Vision**

Monday: Footsteps in Faith

*'In him we live and move and have our being'
(Acts 17.28)*

Mothers' Union is all about Footsteps in Faith. We make them.

We look ahead to judge the terrain.

We look back to see where we've come from.

We journey together, though sometimes we feel alone. Sometimes our path is well lit, sometimes we stumble in the darkness; but always, like the saints of old, we mark the landscape with our footsteps in faith.

(MU Chaplain, Newcastle Diocese)

Heavenly Father, give us the faith
to look to Jesus crucified
and risen from the dead.

Faith to see the invisible,
and do the impossible;

faith invincible in the face of evil and death.

Faith to pass the good news of Jesus
to the next generation;

faith to live in sustainable ways
to bless the earth you created.

Faith to take up our cross and follow Jesus all
our day until we come to our eternal home.

In Jesus name, Amen

(Margaret Vivian (Sheffield Diocese))

Tuesday: Community transformation

*'You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.'
(Matthew 5:14,16)*

Pray for the work of Mothers Union bringing hope and help for a new start to those in prison, a voice for the unjustly convicted, and practical compassion for victims of circumstance.

God our Saviour, we come to you with broken hearts. We see the world in pain and hunger, not only for food but also for justice. Our minds are full of questions, though the innermost of our hearts could feel your love and compassion. Your grace shines on humanity whether righteous or wrong. Let us be your helping hands for the bereaved and the persecuted. God of hope, please hear our prayer, in Jesus name. Amen
(Annabel Khinn sett Lin, Myanmar)

Wednesday: Worldwide fellowship

'You are members of God's family. You are being built together into a house where God lives through his Spirit.' (Eph 2.19,22)

Ever loving God, thank you for the gift of family. In the family the binding love of God finds expression and is where dreams, hopes and aspirations are nurtured. Bless and strengthen every family. In your loving mercy give us the resilience to trust in you in the midst of hard times. Help us to (be faithful members of your world-wide family) that we may find our joy in you. Amen
Dorothy Siep, Papua New Guinea

Thursday: Peace and safety

'Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.' (Hebrew 12:14)

We pray for nations torn apart by war, for communities disrupted by anger, for individuals tormented by guilt.

May I know peace

Peace in this world
Peace in this country and this city
Peace for my neighbours and my community...
Peace for my friends and my family

May I know peace in myself,
And may I be a giver of peace...

As a peacemaker to my friends and family
As a peacemaker to my neighbours and my community...
As a peacemaker for this city and this country
And a peacemaker for this world.

A Hope for Peace (Newcastle Chain of Peace)

Friday: Nurturing family faith

'We will not hide these things from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders.' (Psalm 78:4)

Nurturing children is a both a joy and challenging task; testing the limits of our patience and stretching the boundaries of our faith. We pray for God's help us to reflect his love in our families and to our children.

Thank you for my family and the important part I play in mine. You are the perfect father: always loving, kind, encouraging, forgiving, patient and faithful; always available to hear my prayers, requests, complaints and fears; always ready to lead, guide, help, strengthen, encourage and support. Help me to learn from your example, trust you in my weakness, believe you when I doubt and quickly turn to you for help. Show me that today's opportunities are not limited by yesterday's shortcomings. Amen. (Author Unknown)

Saturday: Vision for the environment

'God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the earth and over all the wild animals of the earth."' (Gen 1.26)

Dominion, God-style, is not domination, but wise stewardship, mindful of balance and interdependence, of responsibility & thankfulness.

God of life,

we praise you for the beauty of creation, its richness and variety;
yet, through greed and ignorance,
we scar your world with plastic waste and throw so much away.
Make us more like Jesus,
treading gently on our common home,
and breathe your Spirit on us,
that we may care more deeply for your Earth.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*Rt Revd Graham Usher. Bishop of Norwich and
Lead Bishop on the Environment*