

WAVE OF PRAYER

10th, 11th, 12th DECEMBER 2024

Required

5 Candles

Mothers' Union Prayer Diary (You will need this for the map)

It would be helpful to have items relating to, or from, Africa and India as visual aids.

Country maps and project information sheets. (*Maps and other resources are at the end.*)

(Text in bold print, for all to read aloud)

As we meet together, or at home, let us pray

Loving Father, we join with our family throughout the world, with one voice, to glorify your name. Together we bring our worship, together we bring our prayers. Though we may never meet, we are united in prayer. We share our sorrows and joys and together praise our God. As the family of God, we are united in love. Amen

Lord of all, we give thanks for the far-reaching vision of our founder Mary Sumner. We look back with praise and gratitude for her witness and the way she has inspired so many people. Our members worldwide have been beacons of hope, bringing joy and reflecting the love of Jesus Christ. We pray that we will be able to continue her vision, ensuring that the role of Mothers' Union will flourish and grow as we unite to be helping hands across the world. Amen

HYMN "Let all the world, in every corner sing"

PRAYER Let all the world, in every corner sing, My God and King! We join with our members worldwide to celebrate our fellowship in Christ. We give thanks for our global family whose lives of faithful action shine as a beacon of hope in the communities they service, as together we seek to share your love. Amen

ZAMBIA

Light a candle for Zambia

Place any visual aids

Our Mothers' Union Diocesan link is Lusaka

DP is Janet

Looking at the Prayer diary map, how many members are there in Zambia and what projects are they involved with?

Father, we pray for Janet, all the members in Lusaka and their work with _____

May your light shine on them in their lives and the work they do. Amen

RWANDA

Light a candle for Rwanda

Place any visual aids

Our Mothers' Union Diocesan link is with Shyogwe

Mothers' Union coordinator is Clementine

Ely Diocese has links with Kigali

DP in Kigali is Esther

Looking at the Prayer diary map, how many members are there in Rwanda and what projects are they involved with?

Father, we pray for Clementine and Esther, all the members in Shyogwe and Kigali and their work with _____

May your light shine on them in their lives and the work they do. Amen

INDIA

Light a candle for India

Place any visual aids

Our Mothers' Union link is with The Women's Fellowship in Karimnagar

Leader of the Women's Fellowship is Rev Priscilla

Ely Diocese has links with Vellore in India.

Looking at the Prayer diary map, how many members are there in India and what projects are they involved with?

Father, we pray for Priscilla and all involved with the Women's Fellowship in Karimnagar and Vellore and their work with _____ , May they travel safely to outlying communities, visiting schools, the elderly and leading church worship.

May your light shine on them in their lives and the work they do. Amen

Father, we pray that you will watch over all Christians in India, who face persecution, being 11th on the OPEN DOORS watch list of persecuted Christians. Amen

NIGERIA

Light a candle for Nigeria

Place any visual aids

Our Mothers' Union Diocesan links are Ika and Sokoto

DP in Ika is Evelynne

DP in Sokoto is Felicia

Looking at the Prayer diary map, how many members are there in Nigeria and what projects are they involved with?

Father, we pray for Evelynne and Felicia, all the members in Ika and Sokoto and their work with

May your light shine on them in their lives and the work they do.

Father we pray that all is well in Nigeria as we have not had any news from them. With Nigeria being 6th on the Open doors watch list, we pray for all Christians in Nigeria suffering persecution. Amen

ELY

Light a candle for Ely

Father, we give thanks for the leadership of our Diocesan President Hazel, who is coming to the end of her term of office. We give thanks for the Trustees, officers and all our members who have worked so hard to carry out the aims of Mothers' Union. Help us to continue to reach out with Christian care for families. We pray you will guide us to see what is needed. May your light shine on us, in our lives and the work we do. Amen.

Lord of all, we give thanks for the far reaching vision of our founder, Mary Sumner. We look back with praise and gratitude for her witness and the way she has inspired so many people. Our members worldwide have been beacons of hope for their communities, both in prayer and practical help, bringing joy and reflecting the love of our Saviour Jesus Christ. We pray that we will be able to continue her vision, ensuring that the role of Mothers' Union will flourish and grow as we unite to be helping hands across the world. Amen

(From "Dear Lord" prayer book)

Mothers' Union Prayer

Loving Lord, we thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world. Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life. Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world. In Jesus name. Amen

THE GRACE

HYMNS AND PRAYERS

Let all the world in every corner sing,
'My God and King!'
The heavens are not too high,
his praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow:
let all the world in every corner sing,
'My God and King!'

Let all the world in every corner sing,
'My God and King!'
The church with psalms must shout —
no door can keep them out;
but above all, the heart
must bear the longest part:
let all the world in every corner sing,
'My God and King!'

Other suggested Hymns

All over the world the Spirit is moving.
All people that on earth do dwell.
In Christ there is no east or west.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

Additional Prayers that could be used between each link

Loving Father, we join in celebration with our worldwide family of God; one in heart, to glorify your name. Together we bring our worship, together we bring our praise. As the family of God we are united through his love. Amen

Lord of all, we bring to you our praise for the precious fellowship we share with our members worldwide. We pray for all members. May you be with them in every part of their lives, encouraging them and leading them, sheltering and strengthening them so they may work to your praise and glory. Amen

We thank God for shared vision of the world where His love is shown through flourishing relationships. As we are united across the world may vision inspire us to worship and spur us to action. As we are united in prayer may God encourage us in heart and unite us in love. Amen

Heavenly Father we praise you for the family of Mothers Union worldwide. We reach out to our sisters and brothers across the world. Strengthen our commitment to these with whom we share vision and values; wherever we may live. We share your love together as we link hands in unity with our precious family worldwide. Amen

(Prayers adapted from Mothers' Union "United in Fellowship" prayer booklet)

ZAMBIA



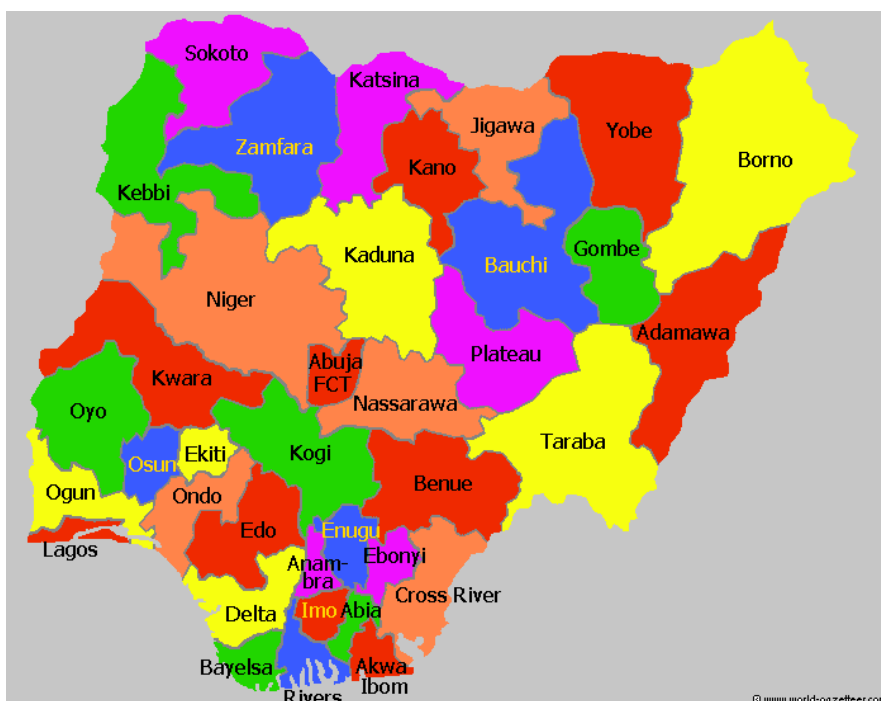
Church and community mobilisation

Health awareness

Marriage preparation

Campaigning against gender based violence

NIGERIA



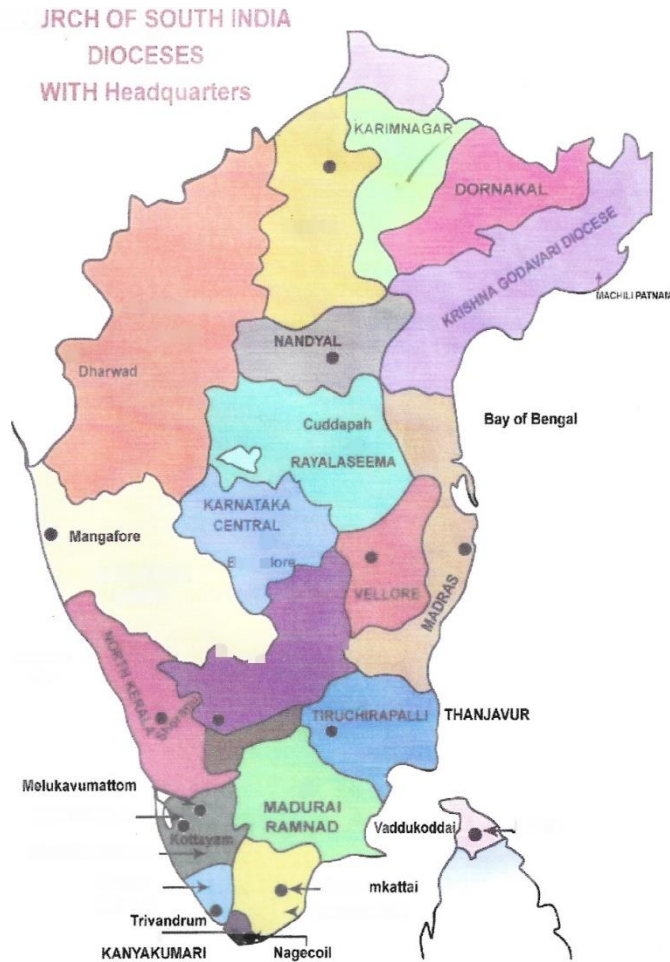
Marriage preparation Health clinics

Day care centres/Nursery schools Vocational training Hospital visits

Prison ministry Support for widows and orphans

Parenting programme Hospital visits

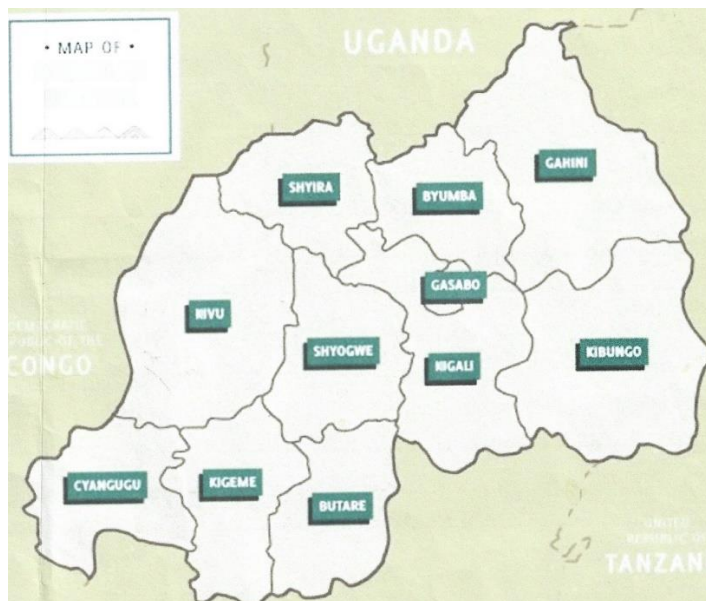
INDIA



Marriage preparation
Health awareness programmes

Campaigning against gender based violence,
Vocational skills

RWANDA



Peace and reconciliation
Vocational skills training
Support for widows
Marriage preparation

Parenting programme
Savings and credit groups
Health awareness
Addressing gender based violence

WAVE OF PRAYER 2024

10th to 12th DECEMBER

This year we have a flexible approach to filling our time during the Wave of Prayer. Below is a suggested list of days for branches to meet, with no time slots. This gives you the flexibility to meet on this day or one that is more convenient. Diocesan and IMPC members are free to choose their own day.

| <u>Tuesday 10th</u> | <u>Wednesday 11th</u> | <u>THURSDAY 12th</u> |
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| Diocesan members | Diocesan members | Diocesan members |
| IMPC | IMPC | IMPC |
| Brampton | Cathedral | Anglesey |
| Farcet | Chatteris | Balsham |
| Sawston | Ely St Marys | Burwell |
| Stapleford | Haddenham | Grantchester (prayer group) |
| St Ives | Littleport | Llinton |
| St Neots | March | Shingay |
| Yaxley | Wisbech | Trumpington |

To help fill our time of prayer, there is a word search of our Worldwide Links for members to do at home, **DURING THE THREE DAYS**. While searching for the countries, Diocese and names, you will be thinking about them and perhaps saying a prayer for them when each is found.

ELY DIOCESAN MOTHERS' UNION WORLDWIDE LINKS

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RWANDA, SHYOGWE, CLEMENTINE, KIGALI, ESTHER, ZAMBIA, LUSAKA, JANET

INDIA, KARIMNAGER, PRISCILLA, VELLORE, NIGERIA, IKA, EVELYNNE, SOKOTO, FELICIA