**Mothers Union Wave of Prayer**

**30th Nov -2nd. December**

**United in Prayer**

Welcome to our Mother’s Union Service of Celebration. In this our 140th Anniversary year, we give thanks for all those who have gone before, all those who have established our worldwide bonds.We rejoice in all that we share and we look forward to deepening our links and friendships throughout the world.

Father we come together to worship with joyful hearts.

**Father, hear our prayer.**

We say together the Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father……**

We come from East and West, from North and South

**We come as members of the Mother’s Union world wide**

We come to unite our prayers with our brothers and sisters across the world.

**We come in love to share our commitment to you.**

We come to hear your word and listen to your call.

**We come to understand how we can help to build your Kingdom together.**

**Hymn : Help us to help each other ,Lord**

**1stReading Exodus 17:12**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**2nd Reading Mt 5:14-16**

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Hymn: *Longing for light***

***Intercessions (During the prayers, candles may be lit for our Link Dioceses, or paper flames with prayer intentions written on them may be brought forward)***

Loving Father, we thank you for every opportunity to reach out in your name across the world. Help us to be understanding of the needs and of others, and help us always to do what we can.

**We thank you Father for those who have been called to leadership in the Mother’s Union. For our World-wide President, Lynne Tembey and all Unit -Leaders and Co-ordinators. Inspire them with your love and guide them in all they do in your name.**

*The first candle is lit.*

We pray for our Provincial President Barbara Taylor and our leaders in the Diocese of Newcastle: for President Barbara Packer, for vice-presidents, Sheila Walker and Sylvia Hickey. For treasurer Dorothy Henderson, secretary Sandra Davison and all Branch leaders and committee members.

**Be with them as they lead us into your future. Help us to support and care for them and for all our members as we work together.**

*Light 2nd candle*

We now give thanks for and pray for our Link Dioceses:

For Mpumalanga in South Africa , for their President Patricia Faith Mathe and Development coordinator Buyiswa Patience Mathebula. We pray for their farming project to help poor families.

*Light 3rd Candle*

For Central Buganda in Uganda, for their President Lydia Kiwankuka and Community Development Coordinators, Persis and Olivia.

We pray for the Wheels appeal, providing vehicles in remote areas and also the Eagle project.

*Light 4th Candle*

For Zonkwa in Nigeria, for their president Rhoda Kwashi. We remember all who have to walk long distances to collect water, water that is often contaminated, and we pray too for children whose enthusiasm for education encourages them to walk long distances too.

*Light 5th Candle*

For Bo in Sierra Leone, for their president Evelyn Tucker. We especially remember all those whose lives have been tossed into turmoil as a result of Ebola. We pray for Mother’s Union involvement in teaching literacy and their in work in prisons.

*Light 6th Candle*

For Barrackpore in North India. For their work in education.

*Light 7th Candle*

We pray for all members, both near and far.

**Loving Father, help us to shine as your lights in the world.**

We say together the Mother’s 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**

**Sharing of the peace**

WE are fellow-citizens with the saints and the household of God through Christ our lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you:

**And also with you.**

We offer each other a sign of peace

As we go out into your world,

**Be with us Lord**

As we listen to others

**Be with us Lord**

As we discern you will for us

**Be with us Lord**

As we seek to shine as lights in the world

**Be with us Lord**

**Hymn: Give me joy in my heart**

**We close by saying the Grace together.**

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