

**Wave of Prayer Service**

*The days for our group are 30th Nov – 2nd Dec*

Welcome to our Mothers’ Union Service of Celebration. We gather to remember our brothers and sisters throughout the world, to give thanks for all that has been and to rejoice in what will be.

God, your name is known everywhere;
all over the earth people praise you.
Your right hand is full of goodness.

*Psalm 48:10*

Lord of all the earth,
we come to worship with thankful hearts.

Let us praise his name together**. Amen**

With thankfulness and love we take our place in the family of Mothers’ Union worldwide.

**Open our eyes to the significance of relationship with members worldwide; with those known to us or not.**

With support and love we reach out to our sisters and brothers across the world.

**Strengthen our commitment to those with whom we share vision and values; wherever we may live.**

In unity and love we link hands with our worldwide family of God.

**Unite us in worship; build us in service, as together we seek to share your love.**

In Jesus’ name**. Amen**

We say together the Lord’s Prayer.

**Our Father….**

**1st Reading. Ephesians 3:14-22**

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**2nd Reading: Mark 12:28-31**

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Hymn: Father I place into your hands**

***Intercessions. (During the prayers, candles are lit)***

Loving Father, we come as members of the Mother’s Union, to unite our prayers for our brothers and sisters across the world.

We thank you for all who serve as leaders in the Mother’s Union. For our World-wide President, Sheran Harper, and all co-ordinators. Grant them your vision of service to all.

We pray for our Provincial President, June Houghton and our leaders in the Diocese of Newcastle: for President Barbara Packer, for Vice-presidents, Sylvia Hickey and Sheila Walker; for our Trustees; all Branch leaders and committee members.

**Inspire them all as we continue to work together to build your kingdom, here and throughout the world.**

*A candle is lit*

We now give thanks and pray for our Link Dioceses:

For **Barrackpore** in North India.

Father, we ask you to bless their work in education.

*A candle is lit*

For **Bo** in Sierra Leonne

We pray for outgoing Diocesan president, Evelyn Tucker and her successor. We give thanks for all the work in teaching literacy, for work in prisons and agriculture. We ask you to bless all who support and encourage the many children who are orphaned as a result of Ebola.

*A candle is lit*

For **Zonkwa** in Nigeria

We pray for Rhoda Kwashi, president of the Mothers Union in Zonkwa. We ask you to bless their work in schools, the provision of school uniforms and efforts to encourage all women and men to flourish.

*A candle is lit*

For **Central Buganda** in Uganda

We pray for the Mothers’ Union President, Mrs. Lydia Kiwanuka, for the Eagle project and the ‘Wheels Appeal’, helping to provide much needed transport.

*A candle is lit*

For **Mpumalanga** in South Africa

We pray for the Mothers’ Union President, Gulu Langa and the work of all members to promote Christian family life.

*A candle is lit.*

We join with our brothers and sisters throughout the world as we now pray for all who suffer as a result of gender based violence.

**God our Creator, we thank you for our shared calling as your children, male and female together, to care for all of creation.**

**Forgive us when we fail to notice or to question that which is less than good: when we condone or perpetuate violence of any kind.**

**Fill us with your Spirit of wisdom and help us to see the world through your eyes of compassion and justice. Give us courage to challenge and to change, In the name of Jesus Christ our Liberator, Amen.**

We pray for all members both near and far and thank you for the love and support we are able to share.

**Loving Father, help us to be aware of the needs of others. We understand that we cannot do everything, but what we can, we must.**

We say together the 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 Mother’s Union as we seek to share your love through 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**

***We share the peace.***

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*We offer each other a sign of peace.*

**Hymn: God is working his purpose out.**

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