

### Wave of Prayer for Mothers' Union

#### Wave of Prayer - January

1-3 January: All Mothers' Union trustees and staff throughout the world

5-7 January: The Kingdom of Eswatini; Ruaha in Tanzania; Aguata & Lagos Mainland in Nigeria; Norwich in England and Chotanagpur in India

**8-10 January: Lesotho; Kibungo** in Rwanda; **Etche & Ogbomoso** in Nigeria; **Leeds** in England and **Hanuato** in Solomon Islands

**12-14 January: Mauritius; Kericho** in Kenya; **Katsina** in Nigeria; **Kumasi** in Ghana; **Winchester** in England and **Nandyal** in India

**15-17 January: Seychelles; Bukedi** in Uganda; **Enugu** in Nigeria; **Birmingham** in England and **Marathwada** in India

in South Africa; **Butare** in Rwanda; **Okigwe-South** in Nigeria; **Gambia**; **British Columbia** in Canada and **Rajasthan** in India

**22-24 January: Egypt; Gasabo** in Rwanda; **Otukpo & On the Coast** in Nigeria; **Bathurst** in Australia and **Nasik** in India

**26-28 January: False Bay** in South Africa; **Shinyanga** in Tanzania; **Umuahia & Ijebu South West** in Nigeria; **Bath & Wells** in England and **Vellore** in India

**29-31 January: Masvingo** in Zimbabwe; **Kibondo** in Tanzania; **Nebbi** in Uganda; **Bida** in Nigeria; **Llandaff** in Wales and **Kanyakumari** in India

#### **Final Blessing**

May we work together
for the Kingdom of God
May our service be made perfect
in him who died for us
May the Spirit unite us across time and space
May we be one, as God is one

# Midday Prayers 2025: January Unity in Diversity

### **Monday: Children of God**

Loving Lord, we pray that we may be united in prayer and worship and reach out as your hands across the world.

To all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.' *John1:12-13* 

Lord of Life, we thank you that we are your children, born of your grace and love, made in your image. Help us to grow in our resemblance of you; that by our lives and our actions we might show ourselves to be yours. Amen.

#### **Tuesday: Brothers and sisters in Christ**

Loving Lord, we pray that we may be united in prayer and worship and reach out as your hands across the world.

'There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.' *Ephesians* 4:4-6

As brothers and sisters in Christ,
we are the family of God
Scattered across the world,
we are the family of God
As we support each other in good times and
bad, we are the family of God
As we work to build God's kingdom,
we are the family of God
As member of the Mothers' Union,
we are the family of God

Lord of Life, we offer you praise and thanks that you welcome us as brothers and sisters in your family and part of Christ's Church across the world. Amen.



# Wednesday: United in prayer and worship - growing membership

Loving Lord, we pray that we may be united in prayer and worship and reach out as your hands across the world.

Jesus prayed: 'May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one - I in them and you in me - so that they may be brought to complete unity.'

John 17:21b-23a

Lord of all; help us to see Christ in those we seek to serve, and to be Christ's hands and feet for them.

Through Mothers' Union we live our service to others. May our service be a witness to those around us that through our unity of action we may grow the membership of Mothers' Union in our own place. Amen.

## Thursday: Celebrating difference

Loving Lord, we pray that we may be united in prayer and worship and reach out as your hands across the world.

'There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.'

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

We are all different,
but we are all beloved of God.
All of us are unique,
but we are all beloved of God
We express our faith in different ways,
but we are all beloved of God
We have different hopes and dreams,
but we are all beloved of God
We have had different experiences,
but we are all beloved of God
We belong to different cultures,
but we are all beloved of God

Loving Lord, help us to live our faith in our own way, using our own gifts, celebrating our differences, but filled by the same Spirit, with the same call upon our lives, trusting in the same Lord Jesus Christ, beloved of God. Amen.

## Friday: Unity in Diversity

Loving Lord, we pray that we may be united in prayer and worship and reach out as your hands across the world.

'Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body - whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.' *1 Corinthians* 12:12-14

Lord God, we pray: as members of the body of Christ but each with a different part to play, help us to find our place in the building of your Kingdom. Help us to be united in our differences to bring glory to you. Amen.

#### Saturday: Better together

Loving Lord, we pray that we may be united in prayer and worship and reach out as your hands across the world.

'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.'

Galatians 6:9-10

We rejoice in the communities to which we belong.

The community of family
The community of neighbourhood
The community of church,
The community of faith,
The community of Mothers' Union
For these communities, and the others
we are part of, we give you thanks,
O God.