



# Prayer Chains

## Encouraging faith (Cork)

Prayer is at the heart of Mothers' Union. As well as participating in midday prayers, some dioceses also arrange prayer chains.

In the Diocese of Cork, a bimonthly prayer sheet is also put together by the Mothers' Union Faith & Policy Coordinator and sent to all those who have indicated they want to receive it.

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**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

INTERCESSION SHEET  
September/October 2012.

**Blessing**



We give thanks to God for all the members who have contributed to Mothers' Union.

- We ask God's blessing on the service to celebrate 125 years of Mothers' Union in Ireland.
- God bless also the past, the present and future work of Mothers' union.

Lord Jesus Christ giver of all good gifts we Pray that you will bless and lay your healing hand on all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit.

Please pray:-

- For the Youth Council and Youth leaders.
- For all who are starting to study at new schools or colleges.
- For those who are starting work in a new position.
- For those who cannot find employment
- For those recently confirmed
- For all who are seeking Christ
- For all who are struggling with addictions

*Author of knowledge, give wisdom, gifts and aptitudes to those who teach and those who study. Help them to work together in patience and understanding of each other. We bring to the foot of your cross the Mothers' Union literacy workers. Give them diligence and serenity, in the hope that those they meet will one day become more confident.*

*Thank you Lord for all subjects of learning; grant that your word may open up many doors in many hearts where there is no understanding of your love. Lord by your example teach us all to love. Amen. (The Prayers We Breathe)*

Prayer requests to ... (Name + contact details)

God of justice and equality, let us remember the hands and hearts that harvested my food and drink, not only in my prayers but in the shops and the markets. Let me not seek a bargain today that will leave another hungry tomorrow. *(The Prayers we breathe)*

We pray at this time for all the Dioceses in which Mothers' Union councils are seeking a new Diocesan President to lead their work and witness. Give guidance to those who are nominators and courage to those who go for election. Bless and guide those who are chosen. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen

God is love, and so we ask for his blessing on the eve of All Hallows, especially when trick and treats can go too far, and people are frightened through the thoughtlessness of others. Give wisdom to those who only see this time of year as a custom, and not about those who have gone before us and are living happily with our Lord. Amen. (Jan Seaman)

**"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God." Matthew 5:9**



Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross

For general guidelines about setting up and developing outreach initiatives, go to the members' section of the Mothers' Union website [www.themothersunion.org](http://www.themothersunion.org)