



WAVE OF PRAYER
SERVICE



16TH - 20TH AUGUST 2014

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families
Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham

LEADER: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

ALL: Listen to Him and walk in his way.

LEADER: Jesus said, "Stand up and don't be afraid."

ALL: Listen to Him and walk in his way.

LEADER: Jesus said, "You are my friends."

ALL: Listen to Him and walk in his way.

LEADER: Jesus said, "I am with you always."

ALL: Listen to Him and walk in his way. AMEN

A HYMN or SONG may be sung

LEADER: We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

You made us to be one family
yet we have divided humanity

ALL: Lord have mercy

LEADER: You were born a Jew to reconcile all people,
yet we have brought disharmony amongst races.

ALL: Christ have mercy

LEADER: You rejoice in our differences,
yet we make them a cause of enmity.

ALL: Lord have mercy

LEADER: May the love of God bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins

and assure us of his eternal love

in Jesus Christ our Lord

ALL: AMEN

The Lord's Prayer is said by all in its traditional form.

A HYMN or SONG may be sung

SOWING in the PROVINCE of NIGERIA

READER: "Remember this : Whoever sows sparingly, will reap sparingly,
and whoever sows generously will reap generously" 2 Cor. 9 : 6

LEADER: With the majority of people in the country making a living from farming, many of the women in **Nigeria** do not have an income of their own and, because of distances, some of the 60,000 Mothers' Union members struggle to get to meetings. Nevertheless members are working hard to support the young and those in need in their communities. They have been able to establish a Sewing Centre, organise mobile clinics and support women by providing marriage counselling and parenting skills workshops. In the past year they have held a number of new events including a Mothering Sunday celebration and a regional conference on the theme of 'Ask and it shall be given.'

READER: We light a candle for our link diocese of **GUSAU** and pray for **Helen** and all our fellow members there. In the stillness we pray that, through their work, they may help more young people and develop more Bible Study to bring God to more families.

A CANDLE is LIT

SILENCE is KEPT

LEADER: Let us pray

ALL: Loving Lord, we offer to you our prayers for the future of Mothers' Union in GUSAU. Bind us together as living stones, united in love and founded in Christ. May God be with members in GUSAU in every part of their lives, encouraging them and leading them, sheltering them and strengthening them, so they may work to your praise and glory.

A SONG or HYMN may be sung or a short piece of quiet music played.

SOWING THE FUTURE in the PROVINCE of TANZANIA

READER: For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." *Jeremiah 29 : 11*

LEADER: The 815,000 Mothers' Union members in **Tanzania** are faced with a variety of problems. One of the Community Development

Coordinators (CDCs)writes , “In the community where I serve, there are some families living in poverty, some who are suffering from different diseases and are not able to afford the medical costs, some are facing spiritual problems, some marriage problems.” Mothers’ Union has trained people to be aware of their rights according to Tanzania’s laws, especially laws concerning marriage, inheritance and property; health education and support is being provided to raise awareness of HIV / AIDS and TB all this in addition to initiating income generating activities, training and micro-credit projects. Mothers’ Union members pray for good examination results, provision of school fees, healing from sickness, deliverance from evil spirits, for those seeking jobs and for those who have marriage problems.

READER: We light candles for our link dioceses of **KAGERA, SHINYANGA** and **VICTORIA NYANZA**; in this province and pray for all our fellow members there, especially for **Mary** and **Editha** in **Kagera**, **Gaudensia** and **Joyce** in **Shinyanga** and **Mary** in **Victoria Nyanza**. In the stillness we pray that, through their prayer and work, the lives of more and more families, individuals and communities may be completely changed by meeting with Christ.

*3 CANDLES are LIT,
1 each for the dioceses of **KAGERA, SHINYANGA** and **VICTORIA NYANZA***

SILENCE is KEPT

LEADER: Let us pray

ALL: Loving Lord, we offer to you our prayers for the future of Mothers’ Union. Bind us together as living stones, united in love and founded in Christ. May God be with members in KAGERA, in SHINYANGA and in VICTORIA NYANZA, in every part of their lives, encouraging them and leading them, sheltering them and strengthening them, so they may work to your praise and glory.

AMEN

A SONG or HYMN may be sung or a short piece of quiet music played.

SOWING THE FUTURE TOGETHER in the PROVINCE of AUSTRALIA

READER: “Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.” *Hebrews 10 : 24*

LEADER: Across Australia 6,667 Mothers’ Union members offer support for the most vulnerable amongst them. In our link diocese of **North Queensland**, members are providing ‘hygiene’ packs for the homeless and for women’s shelters in the diocese. Elsewhere, members have made more than 1,750 rugs to distributed to homeless, each carrying a message of love and encouragement from the Mothers’ Union, scarves, beanies and fingerless gloves for Australian troops in Afghanistan and pillows for cancer sufferers. Projects include support for women suffering from post-natal depression, a “granny for a day” at an army base, breakfast before school and marriage enrichment workshops. As in our own diocese, Australian members are engaged in hospital ministry, providing new mums with little jackets, hats, coat hangers and booties all made by members.

READER: We light a candle for our link diocese of **NORTH QUEENSLAND** and pray for **Anne Watkins** who replaced **Penny Douglas** in *January* and all our fellow members there. In the stillness we pray that all members will find ways they can care for and support the most vulnerable in society.

A CANDLE is LIT

SILENCE is KEPT

LEADER: Let us pray

ALL: Loving Lord, we offer to you our prayers for the future of Mothers’ Union in NORTH QUEENSLAND. Bind us together as living stones, united in love and founded in Christ. May God be with members in NORTH QUEENSLAND in every part of their lives, encouraging them and leading them, sheltering them and strengthening them, so they may work to your praise and glory.

AMEN

A SONG or HYMN may be sung or a short piece of quiet music played.

***SOWING THE FUTURE TOGETHER WITH GOD in the
PROVINCE of PAPUA NEW GUINEA***

READER: "If you grow a healthy tree, you'll pick healthy fruit. If you grow a diseased tree, you'll pick worm-eaten fruit. The fruit tells you about the tree." *Matt. 12 : 33*

LEADER: Life in **Papua New Guinea** presents huge challenges such as different cultural and difficult life experiences, travel and communication problems in an area with grasslands, hills and huge mountains and decreasing opportunities for fishing and hunting caused by rapid population growth in urban areas. The 13,300 Mothers' Union members in the province run many projects; all are underpinned by continued prayer and backed by fellowship. Members train Birth Attendants, raise awareness of the dangers of malaria, clean homes and fetch fresh water for the elderly and raise funds to enable members and non members to join a literacy programme through which they learn to read and write in national and local languages.

READER: We light a candle for our link diocese of **DOGURA** in this province and pray for all our fellow members there, especially for **Joyce** and **Dorothy**. In the stillness we pray, with them, that the work Mothers' Union members do there may continue to expand and touch more lives.

A CANDLE is LIT

SILENCE is KEPT

LEADER: Let us pray

ALL: Loving Lord, we offer to you our prayers for the future of Mothers' Union in DOGURA. Bind us together as living stones, united in love and founded in Christ. May God be with members in GUSAU in every part of their lives, encouraging them and leading them, sheltering them and strengthening them, so they may work to your praise and glory. AMEN

A SONG or HYMN may be sung or a short piece of quiet music played.

SOWING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER in SOUTHWELL & NOTTINGHAM

LEADER: We give you thanks for the work and witness of Mothers' Union in this diocese and especially for the love and leadership of **Lucille**, our Diocesan President.

CANDLES are LIT for ALL the work done by members.

A candle is lit by a Branch leader

A candle is lit by a Deanery Leader

A candle is lit by an Archdeaconry Leader

A candle is lit by a Trustee

A candle is lit by our Diocesan President

LEADER: In the stillness we pray that God will surround us with His love, fill us with His grace, strengthen us for His service and transform our lives so that we may accomplish His purpose.

SILENCE is kept

LEADER: As we look back with gratitude and praise for what has been achieved, so we look forward with faith and hope for what is to come, so let us pray

1st READER: God of mercy and compassion, weave your dream for the world into the fabric of our lives. Remove the scales from our eyes and lift the indifference from our hearts so that we may see your vision a new reign of justice and compassion that will transform the world.

2nd READER: Give us a new urgency and a new commitment to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and visit those who live in isolation. Help us to reach out to those no one else will touch, to accept the unacceptable, and to embrace the enemy.

3rd READER: Help us to sow a future together which will enable our work to flourish through far reaching vision and commitment to your will. We place our trust in our loving God who calls us to follow Him then walks alongside us all the way.

LEADER: We unite our prayers as we say the Mothers' Union Prayer together

**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 in worship,
and in love and in service reach out as your hands across the world.
AMEN**

A SONG or HYMN may be sung or a short piece of quiet music played.

The Service ends with everyone saying The Grace together.