

MOTHERS' UNION MIIDDAY PRAYERS FOR JUNE 2025

THEME – SUPPORTING OUR CLERGY

MONDAY – CALLED TO SERVE

"Come follow me" Jesus said "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. Matthew 4:19,20

Jesus invites all of us to follow him: to repent of our sins and receive his gracious salvation.

We give particular thanks for all clergy who make a full commitment to their ministry. We pray for them and their families. During a busy ministry it can be difficult to keep in touch with family and friends. As they offer care and compassion to their congregations, we pray that they may also feel supported, encouraged and loved.

TUESDAY – INSPIRED TO SERVE

Again Jesus said to them "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit" John 20:21,22

In the power of the Holy Spirit the disciples were transformed and inspired. They boldly proclaimed the good news of salvation through Christ's death on the cross and miraculous resurrection.

May we all be transformed as resurrection people, not just at Easter, but every day. We pray that the work of our clergy will be supported, sustained and inspired through all the ups and downs of life. Each day at morning prayer they say; "As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you: now and for ever" May that be a reality for us all.

WEDNESDAY – EQUIPED TO SERVE

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, and become mature, attaining the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4: 11-13

We give thanks that as you call people to serve, you equip them with a range of skills. We give thanks for those many supportive roles in our churches.

"Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10.

In the midst of busy lives give us times of peace to bask in the loving presence of God. We cannot serve in our own strength. Jesus gave us an example of regularly seeking times of prayer through his ministry. Refuel us Lord to do your will.

THURSDAY – CELEBRATING THE FAMILY OF GOD

Jesus said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
Matthew 29:19,20

We give thanks for clergy and churches who support Mothers' Union and we pray for churches not yet involved to join us and join in.

In the words of the Mothers' Union prayer, may they join with us in our worldwide ministry and mission, "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".

Just as faith spread across the world through the work of the missionary's and MU members bringing faith, joy and hope to whole communities, may we in turn be inspired by their faith and witness.

May we prayerfully, and where possible, actively support the diverse needs of our world.

FRIDAY – MAKING AND NURTURING DISCIPLES

The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest therefore to send out workers into his harvest field. Matthew 9:37,38

Jesus taught, nurtured and encouraged his disciples to continue his work. Before his death he prayed for them and continues to intercede for us.

We pray for our clergy as they share the gospel, and bring people to a knowledge of Jesus, and then continue to develop and nurture faith.

We pray for people that we only see rarely in our churches, whether they visit at Easter or Christmas or for a baptism, wedding or funeral. May they be welcomed and feel the peace and love of Christ. We all have a part to play in developing God's Kingdom.

SATURDAY – JOINING GOD'S PLANS

For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

We pray that in all things we may seek God's will and be prepared to join in with his plans. As we pray and read our bibles give us open ears and hearts and minds to hear what God would want us to hear and do what he wants us to do.

We pray for our clergy, as they develop their ministry and seek new ways to proclaim the gospel. We have a God of surprises. May we be prepared to be flexible and try new approaches.

Final Blessing Prayer

The Lord bless us and watch over us:
the Lord make his face to shine upon us
and be gracious to us;
the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace.
Amen

Wave of Prayer - June

1-3 June: **Johannesburg** in South Africa; **Kumi** in Uganda; **Nsukka & Idoani** in Nigeria; **Derby** in England and **Madhya Kerala** in India

4-6 June: **Ibba** in South Sudan; **Maseno** North in Kenya; **Isiala-Ngwa & Ondo** in Nigeria; **Fredericton** in Canada and **Amritsar** in India

8-10 June: **Yambio** in South Sudan; **Garissa** in Kenya; **Mbamili** in Nigeria; **Hereford** in England; **Willochra** in Australia and **Thailand**

11-13 June: **Mahajanga** in Madagascar; **Mara** in Tanzania; **West Buganda** in Uganda; **Kwoi** in Nigeria; **Newcastle** in Australia and **East Kerala** in India

15-17 June: **Bukavu** in DR Congo; **Nyahururu** in Kenya; **Gboko** in Nigeria; **Portsmouth** in England and **New Guinea Islands** in Papua New Guinea

18-20 June: **Rejaf** in South Sudan; **Military Episcopate** in Kenya; **Doko & Owo** in Nigeria; **Chelmsford** in England and **Jamaica & Cayman Islands**

22-24 June: **Rumonge** in Burundi; **Tabora** in Tanzania; **Kabba & Bukuru** in Nigeria; **St Albans** in England and **Nagpur** in India

25-27 June: **Table Bay** in South Africa; **Rift Valley** in Tanzania; **Evo & Ijebu** in Nigeria; **Adelaide** in Australia and **Taejon** in South Korea

29-30 June: **Eastern Zambia** in Zambia; **Mombasa** in Kenya; **Gwagwalada & Ekiti-West** in Nigeria; **Leicester** in England and **Temotu** in Solomon Islands