

Midday Prayers 2025: February

Mothers' Union Theme: *Membership*

See also the Prayer Diary

Monday: Membership is like a Melody

Our membership in Christ is like a melody in its sweetness, a melody that is soothing to the heart, inspiring to the soul and uplifting to the mind.

Beulah McClanahan, adapted

My heart is confident in you, O God; no wonder I can sing your praises with all my heart!

Psalm 108:1

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the good things you do for us and for building our union. We ask you to keep guiding us and increasing our numbers in all the countries where we are not yet represented.

We ask you to strengthen existing members so that they should not tire of serving you and that they will have the strength to do more in their communities so that our presence will be felt and will help our church communities.

We pray for our MU leadership in all countries and we ask all his strength through your son Jesus Christ. Amen

Priscilla Mphande, Mothers' Union Malawi

May we continue to be inspired and uplifted by your light and love, by each other as members of the Mothers' Union, and by those we meet whose light shines through in the darkness. Amen

Tuesday: Membership is like a Flower

Real membership in Christ is like a flower in its beauty, and what could be more beautiful than a rose in full bloom. *Beulah McClanahan, adapted*

'I am the spring crocus blooming on the Sharon Plain, the lily of the valley.'

Song of Solomon 2:1

A Wondering:

The Lord is my star,
I am enfolded in his love.
As I open my door each day to a version of heaven -to trees, birdsong, flowers, sky, loving people – as the incomparable beauty of the Dales – the hills, the rocks, the streams and woods – unfolds before me as I wander with a surge of joy, I am complete.

He is a constant presence,
As the pole star at night amid the endless galaxies,
as the sun star by day lighting up every corner of the world, leading me onward and surrounding me with wonders and marvels.

In times of anxiety I hear his voice,
'Trust in me. Don't be afraid.'

So I go on, acutely aware of the blessings life brings me, grounding me in love and compassion, with the knowledge of his presence at its heart.

Margaret Barker, Langcliffe with Stainforth and Horton in Ribblesdale, UK

Heavenly Father, may we remember the beauty of your love and the beauty of your creation as we walk through this day. Amen

Wednesday: Membership an Evergreen

Real membership in Christ is like an evergreen, in that it never changes. The snows will fall and the rains will come. The winds will blow and the sun will shine down in all its intensity...but real membership remains the same...evergreen.

Beulah McClanahan, adapted

'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.'

Hebrews 13:8

Prayer:

Lord God, you are perfectly faithful in everything you do. You show your faithfulness to us in caring for us, protecting us, and providing for our needs. Forgive us for the times we question you, grumble about our circumstances or turn our backs on you. We want to trust you even when we're feeling unsure and our confidence is shaky.

Show us one small way we can trust you today. We want to declare your faithfulness with certainty to those around us so they will put their faith and trust in you. Show us who we can encourage today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Rachel Britton

Heavenly Father, we thank you that you are a constant in our lives. May we continue to be blessed in our devotion and membership in the Mothers' Union and transform our communities. Amen

Thursday: Membership is like a Gem

Real membership in Christ is like a gem in that it is precious.

Beulah McClanahan, adapted

'Wisdom is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her.' Proverbs 3:15

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for your unfailing love and the infinite mercy you constantly bestow on us, even when we least deserve it.

We pray Lord that you grant us...

...the **humility** to realize that everything is possible, only as a result of your enduring grace and mercy

...the **wisdom** to discern you hold the future, even when we don't know what it holds

...the **confidence** to remember that you are always in full control in our lowest lows and highest highs

...the **faith and understanding** that you will never leave your children and that we shall RECEIVE as long as we BELIEVE.

All of this we ask in the Mighty Name of Jesus. Amen

Gemina Archer-Davies, Mothers' Union USA

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for your unfailing love. May we continue to have hearts of gratitude and share your love with others through our work and service in the Mothers' Union. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen

Friday: Membership is like a Star

Real membership in Christ is like a star in that it is light-giving, illuminating and constant. It is something to which we can aspire. It is high and lifted up...

Beulah McClanahan, adapted

'If we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.'

1 John 1:7

Prayer:

Father in Heaven, you made us your children and called us to walk in the light of Christ.

Free us from darkness and keep us in the light of your truth.

The light of Jesus has scattered the darkness of hatred and sin.

Called to that light, we ask for your guidance.

Form our lives in your truth, our hearts in your love.

Cont...

Through the Holy Eucharist, give us the power of your grace that we may walk in the Light of Jesus and serve him faithfully.

Amen

Missionary Society of St. Columban, adapted

O Lord, as members of the Mothers' Union may we continue to live in the light, to walk in your way, and to see you high and lifted up, in Jesus' Name we pray. Amen

Saturday: Membership in Christ is such a Beautiful Word

'We don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.'

2 Corinthians 4:18

Our membership in Christ and in the Mothers' Union is something to be cherished, something to be cultivated, something to be nurtured, something to be protected, to be appreciated.

We give generously, unselfishly and sacrificially. We receive graciously and appreciatively.

Life is much more meaningful because of our faith and our love for one another. Let us thank God for it and rejoice in it!

Beulah McClanahan, adapted

Prayer: Holy Lord, we pray for members of the Mothers' Union around the world. We give thanks for our membership and how, for many, our faith has grown through the work and service in Mothers' Union. For many it is a way of life. We thank you for this gift of membership. We praise your Holy Name. Amen

Wave of Prayer for Mothers' Union

Please see the Prayer Diary.

Final Blessing

May the God of gentleness be with you, caressing you with sunlight, rain and wind; May God's tenderness shine through you to warm all who are hurt and lonely. May the blessing of gentleness be on you. And may He who is The One bless you and keep you. In Jesus Mighty Name. Amen

Spirit of Gentleness - Lyn Whittal and Judy Hagar