

International Women's Day

Reflection

International Women's Day, celebrated on March 8th, 2025, is calling for "**Accelerated Action**" towards gender equality. According to the World Economic Forum, if things continue at the current pace, full gender parity won't be achieved until 2158, nearly five generations from now. This statistic shows that equal opportunities alone aren't enough. The world needs to embrace **equity**—where everyone has access to the resources and support that they need to succeed, regardless of gender. It's time to push beyond equality and move towards **gender equity** for true, meaningful progress.

Equity lies at the heart of **Mothers' Union** and its programs, where women are supported in ways that account for their unique challenges and needs. The theme for this year urges us to move faster and work together to close the gender gap. As we celebrate women this year, let's not just recognize achievements, but advocate for fairness in every part of life, whether at home, in the workplace, or in society. Together, we can make the world a more just and equitable place for future generations.

Prayer

Gracious God, we thank You for the work of Mothers' Union in fighting injustice, poverty, and violence. We ask for Your guidance in accelerating action toward gender equality, equity, and that all may live with dignity, love, and respect. Strengthen our efforts to bring lasting change, and empower us to continue advocating for a fair and just world. May Your wisdom lead us to create communities where all are treated with fairness and love. Amen.