



# JUNE

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### REFLECTION



In June we have the climax of our 150th year. At the heart of our celebration is the opportunity to give our joyful thanks and praise to God for His love – especially for giving us His only Son, for faithfulness, guidance and provision for all past and present members. We will be worshipping together at our service in St Paul's Cathedral and our Annual Gathering in the Emmanuel Centre. We thank God too during June for parents, the courage of refugees, Petertide Ordinations and commitment to awareness raising for ending plastic pollution. 'Come on and celebrate, celebrate and sing to our King!'

### MONTHLY PRAYER



Father God, we join in and celebrate your love to us through Mothers' Union. We praise you for the past 150 years, for the vision of Mary Sumner and for all who have followed her, praying and serving in Your name. We delight in all Your gifts to us, the joy of family, the wonders of Your creation, the fellowship of our fellow members and, most of all, Your love to us through the gift of Your son, Jesus Christ. May we always walk in Your footsteps. Give us the strength to be different, to stand up for justice and peace, and be a sign of Your reconciling love for all. We ask this in your name. Amen.

### CREATIVE PRAYER



Deliver a prayer postcard to a friend who doesn't know about MU or hasn't been to a meeting. Write a prayer on the card, but also invite them to an MU event this month, a branch meeting or a service. Tell them why you want them to come along and be part of our family of activists. Ask them to Join us, Join in!

## DAILY PRAYERS

1-6 June

**Monday 1****(Global Day of Parents)**

Heavenly Father, we praise You for the joys of parenting. Please give wisdom and patience to all parents and anyone who has stepped into the role of parent as they teach their children, by word and example. May they emulate Your loving parenting that their children may know Your love.

**Tuesday 2**

Lord Jesus, we pray that MU continues to educate, encourage and nurture relationships and marriage, built on respectful and worthwhile foundations. Thus, teaching and inspiring children to become upstanding citizens and future role models.

**Wednesday 3**

We pray for parents whose children have grown up and left home. May the bonds of family stay strong and relationships develop in love, trust and commitment. Amen

**Thursday 4****(Corpus Christi)**

Lord God, we pray for our Mothers' Union parenting campaigns, all over the world. May our members never be discouraged, and may they know the joy of seeing families reunited and growing in love and strength in You.

**Friday 5****(World Environment Day)**

Creator God, You have given us a beautiful world, wonderfully diverse in its plant and animal life. Help us to involve ourselves in its nurture. Give us the courage to speak out against all that would harm our planet, and the commitment to keep it safe.

**Saturday 6**

Divine Creator, the beauty and health of Your world is suffering. Humanity has exploited its resources selfishly. Thank You for organisations dedicated to redressing this, and for those balancing productivity with replenishment. Inspire us all to care for Your creation and to become co-creators of a renewed world, shining with Your glory.

**WAVE OF PRAYER**

**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

## DAILY PRAYERS

7-13 June

**Sunday 7**

'And God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. And there was evening and morning, the sixth day.'

**Genesis 1:31-32 (NIV)**

**Monday 8**

When we find our rest in You Lord, nothing hinders, nothing worries. Holding us in the palm of Your hand in safety and rest, we only have to gaze in wonder at nature's beauty in all its glory. To see Your power, we are so blessed.

**Tuesday 9**

Lord, we pray for all who work on the land. May they nurture it and care for it, always knowing that they are responsible for its preservation, as well as its produce. Help them to resist the desire to exploit their land and to remember that they pass it on to future generations.

**Wednesday 10**

Father God, we pray for the inhabitants of villages, towns and cities, that they may seek the welfare of their environment and strive to prevent pollution and harm to their environment. May all who work in industry and manufacturing take care to protect air quality and emissions into water courses.

**Thursday 11**

Lord God, be with all who sail the seas. They see Your greatness in the heavens and experience Your majesty in storms and tempests. They also see the pollution which is spoiling the oceans and poisoning marine life. Allow them to tell others about it, and the ability to prevent it when they can.

**Friday 12**

We thank You Lord, for all your bounteous gifts on earth, all left in our care. We pray for people affected by climate change, facing failed crops, famine, disease and homelessness caused by natural disasters. Give Your guidance to global leaders that they may reach just and fair decisions for the good of Your world and its people. Amen

**Saturday 13**

Thank You Lord, for all that Mothers' Union has achieved in the past 150 years. We praise You for our many campaigns and rejoice in the knowledge of lives changed through them and through our ongoing projects. Amen

**WAVE OF PRAYER**

**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

DAILY PRAYERS

14-20 June (Refugee Week from 15 June)

**Sunday 14**

'I was hungry and You gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and You gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and You invited me in, I needed clothes and You clothed me, I was sick and You looked after me, I was in prison and You came to visit.'

**Matthew 24:35-36 (NIV)**

**Monday 15**

**(start of Refugee Week)**

God of all compassion, we lift before You the plight of millions of people in refugee camps and displaced people still in transit. May Your love and comfort uphold both them and aid workers who minister to them.

**Tuesday 16**

Saviour of all, we share with You our concern for Your world and we yearn for peace. Bring comfort to people living in troubled areas. Instill into people in power the values of justice, reconciliation and human rights, and a true desire for harmony between all nations.

**Wednesday 17**

Lord, we pray for refugees who are trying to settle into new countries where they know that they are safe, even though everything is strange and different in their lives. May they find new hopes, new opportunities and new friends ready to welcome them.

**Thursday 18**

Thank You, Lord, for members of Mothers' Union who work with asylum seekers, refugees and the homeless. Bless their work, and bless them in the doing of it.

**Friday 19**

Father, we ask your blessing on the refugee camps where thousands of people live, some of them for many years. May they never give up hope and find comfort in Your promise that You are with them always, wherever they are.

**Saturday 20**

**(World Refugee Day)**

We bring all our prayers this week together as we remember everyone we have prayed for, individuals and families forced from their homes by war or climate change, children born in refugee camps, people settling into new countries. May we strive to help them. Lord, who was once a refugee, hear our prayer.

**WAVE OF PRAYER**

**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

DAILY PRAYERS

21-27 June

**Sunday 21**

**(Father's Day)**

'This then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven. Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done.'

**Matthew 6:9-10 (NIV)**

**Monday 22**

We give thanks for fathers everywhere for their selfless commitment to their children. We pray that they learn to trust in You, Father God, so that they may understand that You are their ultimate, eternal role model. Show us, as MU members, how we can offer practical help and encouragement.

**Tuesday 23**

Heavenly Father, Your love and faithfulness always surrounds us. May fathers realise the vulnerability and trust that their children place in them. Please help them to respond, just as You treat us, with loving kindness and patience.

**Wednesday 24**

Father, You love us so much that You gave your only Son, Jesus, to die for us. We praise and thank You for that love, which is greater than any human father can ever imagine. May we never allow ourselves to be separated from that love.

**Thursday 25**

Dear Lord, we give thanks for grandfathers, who bring so much love and blessing into the lives of their families. May they always be a source of love, comfort, wisdom and strength to their own children as well as to their grandchildren.

**Friday 26**

Father, we pray for Mothers' Union members working with young fathers in prisons. Show them how they can encourage them to understand their responsibilities and to discover the joys and riches of fatherhood.

**Saturday 27**

We offer grateful thanks that in God, we have a Father who knows us all by name and loves us unconditionally. Together, may we encourage everyone to develop a regular prayerful relationship with Him.

**WAVE OF PRAYER**

**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

DAILY PRAYERS

28-30 June

Sunday 28

(Petertide)

Here is a trustworthy saying 'If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task.'

1 Timothy 3:1 (NIV)

Monday 29th

Lord Jesus, You declared that You will build Your church and have gifted women and men for the call of ordination. Guide, strengthen and embolden these servants by Your Holy Spirit to preach the unadulterated Gospel which You have established. Amen

Tuesday 30th

At the end of the month, we praise You for all that You have done for Mothers' Union, for all the prayers that You have heard and for everything that You have done through the work of our members.

WAVE OF PRAYER

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

PETERTIDE REFLECTION



Petertide, celebrated around the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, invites us to reflect on courage, faith, and mission. Peter, a simple fisherman, was called by Jesus to 'put out into deep water' (Luke 5:4), stepping beyond fear into faith. Despite his doubts and failures, Peter became a bold witness, proclaiming Christ with unwavering conviction (Acts 2:14-41).

Petertide reminds us that God calls each of us, regardless of our weaknesses, to be part of His work in the world. Like Peter, we are invited to trust God's guidance, step out in faith, and serve with courage. The day also marks ordinations, a time to pray for those stepping into leadership and ministry roles, empowered by the Holy Spirit to shepherd God's people.

As we celebrate, may we embrace our own calling with confidence, knowing that Christ equips and strengthens us to be His hands and feet in the world.

