

150th Anniversary Mary Summer Day Intercessions

The Mothers' Union is celebrating 150 years, and we would like to invite all parishes of the [Diocese of XXXX](#) to join us in this joyous event. Mothers Union has permeated the life of so many, if not all parishes in the diocese, even if now their work and existence in some is a distant memory. None the less, there is a history and an ongoing life that we would invite you to pray for as we celebrate the Founder Day of our movement.

After each petition use this or any appropriate response:

Lord in Your mercy

Hear our Prayer.

Lord of Heaven and Earth, we come today with hearts filled with joy and love for the work you have called us to in the worldwide Mothers' Union. Hear we beseech you the prayers of your people for the ongoing work we are engaged with.

Lord in Your mercy

Hear our Prayer

We pray for the members of the Mothers' Union in this [Diocese of XXXX](#) as they seek your guidance into the future, we pray for [Bishop XXXX](#) and our clergy, for the [Diocesan President XXXX](#), all branch leaders, the trustees and all our members, that they may remain resilient and focused on the support of family life within the church and the communities in which we live.

Lord in Your mercy

Hear our Prayer.

Lord, we pray for our sister and brother members throughout the world remembering and praying for Mothers' Union Worldwide President Kathleen and the zonal trustees who bring the voice of this global movement into the church and into the world. [*You may also wish to pray for your Wave of Prayer link dioceses here.](#)

Lord in Your mercy

Hear our Prayer.

Gracious God, we thank you for 150 years of faith in action and as we celebrate this important milestone, renew our vision and deepen our resolve to support the work of Mothers' Union projects. We pray for all the work done in your name: for people lifted from poverty through literacy and skills, for families strengthened and futures made possible; for survivors of domestic abuse who have found in us a place of safety and new hope; for people in prison, who we visit and do not forget, in whom we seek and find your face. [*You may also wish to pray for Mothers' Union projects specific to your branch/church here.](#)

Lord in Your mercy

Hear our Prayer.

Lord, we give you thanks today for the life and witness of Mary Sumner and of her vision in creating Mothers' Union. We give you thanks for having made her prayer and vision into the movement we are a part of today. Keep us ever mindful and inspired by the example she has set before us, and we ask you to bless the work of Mothers' Union today and into the future. We make our Prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

We say together Mary Sumner's personal prayer:

**All this day, O Lord, let me touch
as many lives as possible for thee;
and every life I touch do thou
by thy spirit quicken,
whether through the word I speak,
the prayer I breathe
or the life I live. Amen.**

We say together the Mothers' Union prayer:

**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 worship,
And in love and service reach out as your hands across the world.
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

With grateful thanks for these intercessions to Canon Brian Phippen and Ceri Hughes, Diocesan Faith Unit Leader, Diocese of Monmouth