



# MAY

Thy Kingdom Come

## May

### REFLECTION



As we wait for God's kingdom to come, we have time to think about how we can make His kingdom known here and now. Let us spread God's message to as many people as we can through our faith in action at Mothers' Union, working to end poverty, violence and injustice for all Your people at home and around the world.

### MONTHLY PRAYER



Our Father, Thy kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven. Let us make a heaven here on earth, for all, acting as Your hands and feet, ensuring that the world is a place of plenty for all, safe for all, loving for all, comfort for all. Let Your wondrous earth be a place where all can not just grow, but flourish and become everything You wish them to be.  
**Amen**

### CREATIVE PRAYER



Prayer flames – get creative with paper and card! Use orange and red card to make flames of Pentecost, writing prayers on them and displaying them at home or in church. Alternatively, make some doves to represent the Holy Spirit and write prayers on those. You could even have a display of doves, which represent both RISE UP and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

## DAILY PRAYERS

1-2 May

**Friday 1**

We enter this month of May with a heart that sings: may our mouths be filled with new songs of praise and thanksgiving. We bless the Lord for His faithfulness. May the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ make us victorious today. Help us to live each hour mindful of the triumph of the cross.

**Saturday 2**

Heavenly Father, You are the source of wisdom and justice. We lift up leaders in nations, communities, churches, and workplaces. Grant them discernment, integrity, and humility to govern with compassion, pursue justice, and make wise decisions for the good of all.



## WAVE OF PRAYER

**1-2 May:** Aru in DR Congo; Kigezi in Uganda; Ikeduru in Nigeria; Ho in Ghana; York in England and Guyana & Suriname in Guyana

## THINKING AHEAD: Thy Kingdom Come

As we approach Thy Kingdom Come, we invite you to join millions worldwide in praying for the growth of God's kingdom.

You could plan to engage your community through prayer events, reflection, or acts of service inspired by the official 2026 theme. Together, let's deepen our faith and invite the Holy Spirit to work powerfully in our lives and neighbourhoods.

**For the latest themes and resources, visit [thykingdomcome.global](http://thykingdomcome.global)**

## DAILY PRAYERS

3-9 May

**Sunday 3**

Lord Jesus, You are alive forever, still knocking on the doors of our hearts. Come into our homes and our lives. Sit with us in our everyday moments. Where there is loneliness, bring comfort. Where there is conflict, bring peace. Where we feel empty, fill us with Your presence.

**Monday 4**

Lord of all seasons, thank You for bringing us into this new month. As the world blossoms around us, help our hearts to bloom with faith, hope, and love. Guide our steps, bless our families, and fill these days with stories of Your goodness.

**Tuesday 5**

God of creation, thank You for the gift of work and all who labour with their hands and hearts. Be near to people in difficult or unseen jobs. Provide for individuals who are seeking work. Let all we do bring dignity, purpose, and blessing.

**Wednesday 6**

Creator God, we are sorry for the times we've misused the world You gave us. Teach us to care more deeply for the land, the water, and all living things. May our small actions reflect Your great love for all creation.

**Thursday 7**

Gracious God, thank You for everyone who cares for others – doctors, nurses, carers, and all who bring comfort. Give them strength when they feel weary, wisdom in their decisions, and compassion in every action. Let their work shine as a sign of Your kingdom.

**Friday 8**

Heavenly Father, thank You for the grace that carries us. Meet every need in our homes and communities with Your kindness. Give wisdom to parents, patience to teachers, and courage to children. Like Ruth and Joseph, may we find favour in unexpected places.

**Saturday 9**

Lord, thank You for grace that lifts and restores. In every place where we feel stuck or weary, bring fresh hope. Open doors we cannot see, strengthen what feels weak, and let Your favour lead us into new beginnings filled with purpose and peace.

## WAVE OF PRAYER

**4-6 May:** Uppershire in Malawi; Maralal Missionary Area in Kenya; Makurdi & Ifo in Nigeria; Tuam, Killala & Achonry in All Ireland and Mumbai in India

**7-9 May:** Torit in South Sudan; Meru in Kenya; Ikwuano in Nigeria; Sekondi in Ghana and The Arctic in Canada

## DAILY PRAYERS

10-16 May (Mental Health Awareness Week)

**Sunday 10**

Father, we come before You with open hearts, ready to receive Your grace. Let Your favour rest on our homes, ministries, and communities. Give us fresh ideas, open doors, and new opportunities. Bring breakthrough where it's needed, joy where it's lacking, and favour that draws the right people and resources into our lives.

**Monday 1**

God, our help in the past and our hope for the future, we lift Mothers' Union to You. Make it a place of support and compassion, where people feel heard, guided, and cared for. Fill each heart with Your peace, and remind us that even in struggle, You are near to restore and renew us.

**Tuesday 12**

Merciful Lord, giver of sight to the blind and the restorer of broken lives. Look upon us with compassion and ask us again: 'What do you want Me to do for you?' Father, open our eyes to see, our ears to hear, and our hearts to receive Your blessings.

**Wednesday 13**

God of comfort, You are close to the broken-hearted. We lift everyone who lives with anxiety, depression, or despair. Calm their thoughts, lift their burdens, and surround them with care and understanding. Remind them they are loved, never alone, and always held by You.

**Thursday 14****(Ascension Day)**

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Fill us with power to live boldly, love deeply, and serve faithfully. As we remember Christ's Ascension, keep us anchored in Your mission until He returns in glory.

**Friday 15**

Compassionate God, we lift to You all who are hurting in mind or spirit. Bring peace to anxious hearts, light to people in darkness, and strength to people who feel weary. Remind them of Your constant love and restore hope where it feels lost.

**Saturday 16**

Loving Father, we pray for families and carers supporting individuals with mental health challenges. Give them patience, wisdom, and strength when they feel worn down. Let them know they are not alone. You are their refuge, their helper, and their peace.

## WAVE OF PRAYER

**11-13 May:** Twic East in South Sudan; Rorya in Tanzania; Owerri & Ughelli in Nigeria; Gippsland in Australia and Cashel & Ossory in All Ireland

**14-16 May:** Maridi in South Sudan; Kirinyaga in Kenya; Zaki-Biam & IjesaNorth-East in Nigeria and Waikato & Taranaki in New Zealand

## DAILY PRAYERS

17-23 May

**Sunday 17**

Lord, we thank You for new beginnings. Do new things in our homes, finances, and communities. Open rivers in wilderness places. Release fresh opportunities, divine strategies, and heavenly wisdom.

**Monday 18**

Father, give us strength to overcome every obstacle in growing the work of Mothers' Union. Where there's delay, bring movement. Where there's fear, bring courage. Unite us in purpose, guide us by Your Spirit, and let all we do bring blessing and lasting impact.

**Tuesday 19**

Lord, remove every barrier to the growth of Mothers' Union. Lead us forward with boldness and joy. Break through where things feel stuck and open doors to new opportunities. We trust You for the victories ahead and give You all the glory.

**Wednesday 20**

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Shake our homes, churches, and nations with revival fire. Fill us with boldness to witness to the people You bring to our paths.

**Thursday 21**

Father, we receive courage to face challenges. Strengthen weary hands and steady trembling hearts. May breakthroughs manifest in education, careers, and communities. Let Your presence go before us into every new season.

**Friday 22**

Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we worship You. You created us, saved us, and sustain us. Surround us with Your presence, guide us in truth, and fill us with love. May our lives reflect Your glory and honour Your name.

**Saturday 23**

Lord, our strong tower, fill us with perseverance and strength for the work ahead. Pour Your love into us until it overflows into the world around us, that others may hear Your knock and welcome You in. We offer these prayers with thanksgiving in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen, ascended, and reigning Lord.

## WAVE OF PRAYER

**18-20 May:** Grahamstown in South Africa; Masasi in Tanzania; Afikpo in Nigeria; Wiawso in Ghana; Chester in England and Northern Argentina in Argentina

**21-23 May:** Christ the King in South Africa; East Rwenzori in Uganda; Gombe & New Busa in Nigeria and Bunbury in Australia

## DAILY PRAYERS

24-30 May

**Sunday 24****(Pentecost Sunday)**

Holy Spirit, on this day of Pentecost, fill Your Church again with boldness, love, and faith. Drive out fear, unite every nation and language, and set our hearts on fire with a passion to share Christ with the world.

**Monday 25****(Pentecost Monday)**

Holy Spirit, breathe new life into this 150th year of Mothers' Union. Call new members, awaken gifts within our churches, and guide us to invite others into roles where they can serve with joy and purpose.

**Tuesday 26**

Gracious Lord, thank You for teachers who shape lives each day. Give them patience and strength, joy in their calling, and encouragement when they feel weary. Bless classrooms with kindness, curiosity, and safety for every learner.

**Wednesday 27**

Lord, be with students preparing for exams. Calm their fears, help them recall what they've learned, and bless their efforts. Guide them to grow not just in knowledge, but in character and faith, supported by families and teachers.

**Thursday 28**

Father, watch over children and young people in all they do. Keep them safe, kind, and wise. Surround families and caregivers with Your peace and fill homes with love, learning, and hope for the days ahead.

**Friday 29**

Loving God, be near to parents and carers. Give them strength for busy days, wisdom for hard moments, and peace in their homes. Provide where there is need and let love and joy shape daily life.

**Saturday 30**

Lord of peace, help us find our rest in You. Restore tired hearts, heal hidden worries, and renew joy in everyday living. Give us balance in life and help us serve You with gladness and grace.

## WAVE OF PRAYER

**25-27 May:** Bor in South Sudan; Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania; Oru & Oleh in Nigeria; Rockhampton in Australia and Agra in India

**28-30 May:** Angola; North Ankole in Uganda; Okene & Ibadan-South in Nigeria; Aberdeen & Orkney in Scotland and Karnataka South in India

## DAILY PRAYERS

31 May

**Sunday 31**

The God of everlasting to everlasting, You are the Father of every generation. Empower us for the work ahead. May our 150th celebrations be seeds that grow into faithful service, attracting new members and deepening commitment across the Church. **Amen**



## PRAY FOR UPCOMING EVENTS – JUNE 2026

In 2026, we celebrate 150 years since Mary Sumner founded Mothers' Union with a bold vision: women united in faith to support families and the Church. From that small beginning in Old Alresford, the movement has grown to over 4 million members worldwide.

June is a special time of national celebrations. On 10 June, a service at St Paul's Cathedral, London, will bring members together to give thanks and reflect. The Annual Gathering at The Emmanuel Centre on 11 June will offer fellowship, inspiration, and focus on the future.

Please pray for these events – may they be filled with joy, unity, and a strong sense of God's presence. Pray for the organisers and attendees, that they find encouragement, renewed passion, and a deeper commitment to the MU mission.

As we mark this milestone throughout the year, your prayers and support are vital. Join us in giving thanks for the past and seeking God's guidance for the journey ahead.

**Join Us, Join In!**

