

MOTHERS' UNION

MIDDAY PRAYERS FOR

NOVEMBER 2026

Theme: Who is on the Lord's Side?

Reflection for the theme 'who is on the Lord's side?' (from the Prayer Diary 2026)

In the so-called 'Western World', we live with the illusion that the possibility of being safe and secure exists. But 'in that say' – when God puts everything right – we will experience real safety and security. Trusting God, whatever our circumstances, we can experience perfect peace today. The double-minded swaying from pride to fear is calmed by the mind focused on God, who alone can be trusted. Shocking as it may seem, this God we trust in is partisan. He takes sides with the oppressed and the poor. Who is on the Lord's side? Are you?

Monday: The Righteous

Jesus said: 'You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.' Matthew 5.43-45

Righteous Lord, your glory is revealed in your goodness towards all that you have made. May that same glorious goodness shine out from each one of us, by your Holy Spirit in us, so that we make your character known to everyone we meet. Amen.

Tuesday: Those who trust God

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3.5-6

Loving Lord, faithful and strong, when I feel timid, may I look to you for confidence; When I am frightened, to you, the rock that is higher than I; When I am tempted to trust in myself, to acknowledge my own frailty and your never-failing strength; When I look to others for praise, to know how fleeting human praise can be, and trust in hope of hearing your loving voice at last: 'Well done, good and faithful servant.' Amen.

Wednesday: Those whose minds are steadfast

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Isaiah 26.3

God of all wisdom, some of us have been called to a life of marriage and family, others to serve you in childless partnerships and still others as part of a community, given solely to you and to the service of others. Whatever our calling, give us steadfast minds, because they are fixed on you. Amen.

Thursday: Do the Father's will

'The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.' Mark 10.4, Matthew 20.28

Dear Lord - thank you for serving me daily. Fill me with your Holy Spirit, that I may emulate your loving service, thus becoming more like you. Amen.

Friday: Know the Lord

"Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'" Matthew 7.21-23

Our beloved God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit - as we bask in the knowledge that we are cherished by your triune community of love, banish all fear of silent contemplation of your beauty from our beings. May we wholeheartedly accept the identity that you

have formed in us, not seeking to be self-made creatures dependent on our own actions to acquire meaning. Amen.

Saturday: Receive God's salvation

'Today, if you hear his voice, harden not your heart...' Psalm 95.8 and Hebrews 3.15

'Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways' [John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872], we receive your love in Jesus Christ our Saviour and the filling of your Holy Spirit to guide us into your perfect will. May your thoughts become our thoughts, and your presence always give us peace. AMEN.

Final Blessing Prayer (monthly prayer from the Prayer Diary 2026)

God our creator and sustainer, whose mission brings life and growth to all who call on your name in faith; help and guide us to seek: your vision in our prayers and planning, your wisdom in our practical action, and your power at work within us as we continue to work towards moral, social and economic justice for all. Through your very precious gift of prayer, enable us to reflect your abundant hope and love to those we seek to serve; that they may discover life in all its fullness, finding a place of refuge and of peace. Amen.

Wave of Prayer

2-4 November: Lebombo in Mozambique; Makueni in Kenya; Newala in Tanzania; Niger-Delta North in Nigeria; Riverina in Australia and North East India in India.

5-7 November: Antananarivo in Madagascar; Taita Taveta in Kenya; Ikara & Ife in Nigeria and Argyll & The Isles in Scotland.

9-11 November: Kadugli & Nuba Mountains in Sudan; Kinkiizi in Uganda; Amichi & Igbomina West in Nigeria and Ottawa in Canada.

12-14 November: Ukhahlamba in South Africa; Maseno West in Kenya; Oji River in Nigeria; Dunkwa-on-Offin in Ghana; Guildford in England and Coimbatore in India.

16-18 November: Iraq; Katakwa in Kenya; Kafanchan & Asaba in Nigeria; Lincoln in England and Trinidad & Tobago.

19-21 November: Muyinga in Burundi; Lake Rukwa in Tanzania; Okrika in Nigeria; St Asaph in Wales; Bendigo in Australia and Gujarat in India.

23-25 November: Southern Malawi in Malawi; Northern Uganda in Uganda; Lafia & Ilaje in Nigeria and Thoothukudi-Nazareth in India.

26-28 November: Zululand in South Africa; Lodwar in Kenya; Isiala Ngwa South in Nigeria; Accra in Ghana; Bangor in Wales and Colombo in Sri Lanka.

30 November: Mpumalanga in South Africa; Central Buganda in Uganda; Zonkwa in Nigeria; Bo in Sierra Leone; Newcastle in England and Barrackpore in India.