



NOVEMBER

Who is on the Lord's side?

November

REFLECTION

In the so-called 'Western World', we live with the illusion that the possibility of being safe and secure exists. But 'in that day' – 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?

MONTHLY PRAYER

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.**

CREATIVE PRAYER

'Who is on the LORD's side? Exodus 32:26

Help us to be challenged and changed regarding where each one of us stands today:

Justice or Just Us?

Open or Obstinate?

Involved or Ignore?

Nurture or Neglect?

Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:5-6

DAILY PRAYERS

1-7 November

Sunday 1**(All Saints' Day)**

'Joyful in our God, for He has clothed us with the garments of salvation; He has covered us with the robes of righteousness.'

Isaiah 61:10 (KJV)

Monday 2**(All Souls' Day)**

We give thanks to God for the everyday saints throughout history, whose quiet devotion and faithful deeds have marked the way of holiness down the generations. May we respond to this call to serve others today.

Tuesday 3

In our life of prayer, may we remember that we are also surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, allowing us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking only to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Wednesday 4

Celebrating 150 years of Mothers' Union, help us to continue to follow in the footsteps of Mary Sumner – seeking justice, obedience, and inspiration by helping those who need us most.

Thursday 5

We look back with gratitude to individuals who have been an inspiration in our pilgrimage of Christian faith, and pray that we might inspire others to journey with Christ, encountering him as their redeemer and friend.

Friday 6

God of relationship, we look to Your example of how to value the people who are part of our lives. May our relationships today with family and community continue to flourish and grow – as we pray and work towards the coming of Your kingdom here in our midst.

Saturday 7

Father God, thank You for Your unconditional love for us, for Your Word teaches us to 'let love be genuine; to hate what is evil, and hold fast to what is good; loving one another with mutual affection'.
(Romans 12:9-10)

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

DAILY PRAYERS

8-14 November

Sunday 8

'O taste and see that the Lord is good, happy are those who take refuge in Him'.

Psalms 34:8 (NRSV)

Monday 9

Help us to listen as well as to walk alongside others, especially through the engagement with prisoners and their families using the 'Big Book Share' scheme, encouraging and developing family relationships.

Tuesday 10

'Today, offer a stranger one of your smiles, it might be the only sunshine they see all day.'

(H Jackson-Brown Jnr)

Heavenly Father, we pray for wisdom, humility, patience and compassion as we continue to serve You through supporting projects like AFIA.

Wednesday 11**(Remembrance Day)**

Lord, we thank You for people who displayed such courage in all the horror of conflict – for people who fought so bravely, who served so faithfully, and who sacrificed so greatly – we pray that their sufferings may never be forgotten.

Thursday 12

Forgive us, Lord, when we lack faith or are distracted from our purpose; and may we always express our gratitude for Your reconciling love, that through Your grace and forgiveness we can begin afresh each day.

Friday 13

Help us reach out as Your hands across the world, through generosity in projects such as the supply of sewing equipment for training workshops in Melanesia. May projects such as this continue to help lift people out of poverty.

Saturday 14

Lord, make us open and willing to transform our hearts and attitudes that we may become more like Jesus and serve Him faithfully in the world.

WAVE OF PRAYER

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

DAILY PRAYERS

15-21 November

Sunday 15

'I am the way and the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me,' says Jesus.

John 14:6 (NRSV)

Monday 16

Lord, we ask that positive, trusting relationships be built via the zonal trustees, enabling us all to always work together in partnership.

Tuesday 17

Father in heaven, through your very precious gift of prayer, we ask that Mothers' Union members will continue to work in partnership with others across the world. May they share their Christian faith and take positive action when needs are identified within their local communities.

Wednesday 18

In this 150th celebration year, help us to remember the past life and vision of our founder, Mary Sumner. We give You thanks for her strong base of faith, upon which we can build her vision and way forward today.

Thursday 19

Lord God, show us how to play our part in ushering in Your kingdom, by abiding in Your truth, always showing the love of Christ, and helping those in need – as we seek to live out the values of Your kingdom.

Friday 20

Lord, like the woman who took the risk to touch Your cloak, help us to have such faith that we can help to empower the lives of others, that they may encounter the peace that passes all understanding.

Saturday 21

Lord, give us courage to stand on Your side, where justice, mercy, and truth prevail. Strengthen our hearts to choose You daily, to walk in Your light, and to lead others in love and faithfulness.

WAVE OF PRAYER

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

DAILY PRAYERS

22-28 November

Sunday 22

'Now, listen to the laws and commands I will teach you. Obey them so you will live.'

Deuteronomy 4:1

Monday 23

Help us to identify those today who care for families and communities like Naomi's daughter-in-law, Ruth, who remained loyal by walking alongside her, willing to give up everything she knew to do so.

Tuesday 24

Witnessing the transformation in Naomi, as she cares for her relatives, we pray for our members across the world who gently facilitate, through hospitality and love, the pursuit of peace in families and communities.

Wednesday 25

(International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women)

God, we cry to You for justice for women and girls; help us to dig out the roots of gender-based violence and discrimination; inspire us to break down the structures that silence and disempower women and make us united in condemning abuse, in all its forms.
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Thursday 26

Lord of hosts, hear our cries for justice and to break the chains of abuse, that all may live in safety and enjoy freedom, whatever their gender.

Friday 27

Lord, we pray Your blessing on all who highlight the plight of gender-based violence through imaginative and thought-provoking events: including Silent Vigils, Red Chair displays and Souls of their Shoes.

Saturday 28

Father, forgive those who exploit others for profit or through violence. Forgive us, too, when we look the other way, neglecting our neighbour in need. Gender-based violence exists down our street as well as across the world.

WAVE OF PRAYER

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

DAILY PRAYERS
29-30 November

Sunday 29
(1st Sunday of Advent)
They will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' coming with great power and glory
Mark 13:24 (NRSV)

Monday 30
Father in heaven, help us to remain on the Lord's side, looking beyond the commercialisation of this season and to approach Advent with renewed anticipation and hope as we daily 'put on the Lord Jesus Christ.'

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



16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

The United Nations 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is an international campaign.



It takes place from 25 November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) until 10 December (International Human Rights Day).

Mothers' Union works alongside communities to help end domestic abuse and gender-based violence and to support those affected by it, 365 days of the year. Our midday prayers on Facebook during this time will focus on women and girls and will incorporate these prayers.

