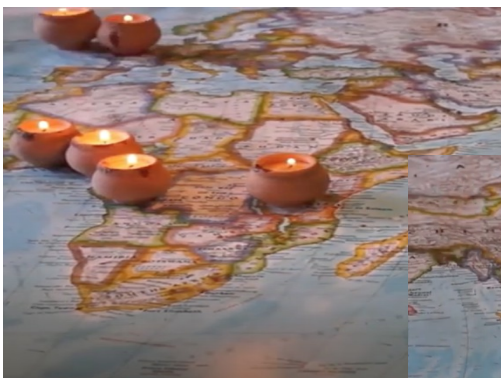


WAVE OF PRAYER 20 - 22 April 2022.



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You may be praying alone, with one or two others, in a Branch meeting or a diocesan celebration; you may wish to find a focus of light – a candle or a shaft of sunlight or a bright flower; you may think of your prayer as a mighty ocean wave crashing against a rocky shore or a tiny ripple made by a raindrop in a puddle.

Light and water are reminders of our baptism, our unity in the family of Jesus; in this Easter season words from the eucharistic preface for a baptism:

Gracious God we give you thanks because by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord;
you raise us to new life in him and renew in us the image of your glory. **Amen**

Take a moment to give thanks for your own baptism, for your godparents and godchildren, and for those newly baptised this Eastertime.

*To guide our prayers and thoughts through this Wave of Prayer we have St Luke's account of the encounter with the Risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus on the evening of the Resurrection - **Luke 24. 13 – 35**. You may prefer to read the whole passage here or in the shorter sections as suggested below.*

We look far beyond our own diocese and we pray for the Mothers' Union members in

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

We pray for those with leadership responsibilities:
Louise Werner and Mother Grace Meakoro

May Mothers' Union continue to reveal the love of God across the diocese in places where life brings special risks and hardships, and family life is threatened by unemployment, gang violence, poverty and disease. The Worldwide Parenting Programme is at work to strengthen family ties and to change public opinions on domestic abuse. We pray for all the members who help families in desperate need, in our care homes and day centres, visiting and praying for the elderly, and for those who train women to become self-sufficient. May our collaboration with other organisations in the diocese continue to bear fruit in improving literacy and community leadership. **Amen**

Luke 24. 13 - 16

In the great continent of Africa where Mothers' Union is such a vital part of church life we pray

Kisangani-

For **Kinshasa Democratic Republic of Congo**

We pray for Revd Mme Gertrude Mbongo Diela, Mme Marthe Vira, Rt Revd Achille Mutshindu and for the newly enthroned Archbishop Mgr TITRE ANDE Georges.

We also remember with thanksgiving Rev Canon Etsa Lombomba who died after a long illness and Mgr Dirokpa Fidele and Bishop Jean Molanga Botola who also died recently.

With the Lord's help we have been able to continue our work to overcome the effects of violence, poverty and displacement for women and families across the diocese. We give thanks for our continued work to train and enable many widowed and uneducated women to run small enterprises.

Covid 19 effects are very severe so we praise God for the generosity of many who gave money for materials and advice on preventing the spread of the virus and we pray for better times to come. We have continued to meet and share God's blessings with mothers across the diocese and we thank everyone in Oxford diocese for your support and prayers. **Amen**

Luke 24 17 - 21

For **Victoria Nyanza Tanzania**

We pray for: Mrs Rahel Jeremiah, Seraphina
Rusibamayila, Mrs Margretha Massawa

Lord God, We seek guidance from the Holy Spirit in all things as we pray for peace throughout your Church. We ask for prayerful counsel and discernment for everyone who is even now tasked with appointing a new Bishop for our diocese and your wider Church. We pray for the Mothers' Union, asking you to be with us as we prepare for and then participate in our Triennial Conference this year. We pray for the successful nationwide savings and credit groups we have established with Tearfund and give thanks for the help we have received from the Bishop of Oxford's Outreach Fund. **Amen**

Luke 24. 22 - 24

For **Ahoada and Warri Nigeria**

We name: Mrs Edna Ekpeye, Rt Revd Clement Ekpeye
in Ahoada and Mrs Patience Ide, Rt Revd Christian
Esezi Ide in Warri

We remember all our sisters in Christ, across the
dioceses of Warri and Ahoada as they carry out their
vision of Mothers' Union. We pray for all they are
doing in his name to support the poor, the
disadvantaged and those who do not know the love
and grace of our risen Lord. Strengthen their
endeavours and may they know that we still hold
them and their work in our prayers at all times.

Amen

Luke 24. 25- 27

In this platinum jubilee year we pray for our
patron, Queen Elizabeth II

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our
Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and all who are in
authority under her;
that they may order all things in wisdom and equity,
righteousness and peace, to the honour and glory of
your name and the good of your Church and people;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive
and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For **Southwark England**

We name: Mrs Comfort Fearon, Revd Esther Foss, The
Trustees: Rt Revd Christopher Chessun and his staff

Dear Lord, we pray and give thanks to you for all our members in Southwark Diocese. Thank you for the past year with all its difficulties and for the many different ways you have enabled us to handle the changing situations through the pandemic.

We bring before you ~~the future of our programme~~
~~Communicating English to Women. our particular~~
~~focus on Domestic Abuse, extending our prayers to~~
~~the whole year and especially when we lead prayers in~~
~~the cathedral.~~ Following the training on

Metamorphosis, our plan to engage with young women/girls to enable them to value themselves, encourage their mental health and well-being. Our plans to have an increase in clergy participation in the diocese. To reenergise our Prison work. We pray also that branches that are inactive will become active and that Branch Leaders will be enabled to find strength and vision to lift their members. **Amen**

Luke 24.28 – 32

For Oxford England

We name: Provincial President-Mrs Kathryn Anderson;
Diocesan Chaplain: Revd Mary Harwood; Diocesan
Trustees; Bishops: Rt Revd Steven Croft; Bishop Alan
Wilson; Bishop Olivia Graham; Bishop Gavin Collins

Heavenly Father, We bring to you everything we do across our diocese in your Name. We thank you for sustaining and guiding us through these troubled times when Covid-19 has affected all communities throughout the world. We thank you for the many "small acts of love" which have enabled members to care for each other and those in special need. We bring before you the work being done to raise awareness and prevent gender-based violence and

modern-day slavery. We pray for the needs of prisoners and their families, those who are suffering in hospitals and in their homes. We remember people of all ages and backgrounds who are experiencing loneliness and hardship of many kinds and especially those who are still unable to attend meetings or church services in person; help us to be patient, thoughtful and caring in reaching out to those who would value a phone call, email or a letter. Please help us all to support and comfort one another as we trust and hope in you. **Amen**

Luke 24. 32 - 35

CENTRAL AND WORLDWIDE MOTHERS' UNION

Heavenly Father, strengthen our commitment to the worldwide Mothers' Union with whom we share vision and values. We know that members everywhere are praying for us as we pray for them. We are all affected by the Covid pandemic and we pray for lives and livelihoods lost, health and communities torn apart. Yet still our work goes on. We hold before you our Archbishops, Bishops and their families and all Mothers' Union leaders, workers and their families. We pray for each of them as they work to bring about real change, to tackle issues caused by poverty, unemployment, sickness, violence and the lack of stable family life. All we are doing across the world to combat modern-day slavery and gender-based violence is offered to you for your blessing. May we all remain strengthened by the love of God in Christ Jesus. **Amen**

We name: Mrs Sheran Harper, Mrs Bev Jullien,
Our Worldwide Zonal Trustees,
Most Reverend Archbishop Justin Welby,
Rt Revd Emma Imeson

We pray for everyone at Mary Sumner House and our Central Trustees during this challenging time and we thank each of them for their service and commitment. Our mission continues, supported by power of God and the love and generosity of so many people who care about what we do.

We worship our Loving Saviour who chose the way of sacrifice to make known to us the path of life. We praise our Risen Lord who fills us with hope and joy as we journey along the path of life. **Amen**

Prayer adapted from Clouds of Glory by David Adam

Lord, that we may know you in the breaking,
in the break of day, in the breaking of hearts,
and in the breaking of bread,
help us to know that you are risen indeed
and that you are with us.

May we ever proclaim your presence,
and know that you travel with us on the road we go.

Teach us Lord to abide in you,
that we may know you abide in us,
We pray that we will walk with the downcast, the
seekers, the troubled in heart
and help to reveal your love and presence. **Amen**

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**