



Wave of prayer 2022

The wave of prayer is a continuous expression of our commitment in prayer to each other, which runs throughout the year and encompasses all the places in which we are represented.

At this time we join our link partners becoming closer together through prayer.

"As a civilised society, we have a duty to support those among us who are vulnerable and in need. When times are hard, that duty should be felt more than ever, not disappear or diminish." Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

Around the world the Mothers' Union changed many of its programmes, changed them to help all communities affected by the Covid 19 pandemic. Many may say that international work was hampered, even delayed, but each country, province, diocese and branch worked to help all that called. Community maybe seen as the small area where we actually live, but community also indicates not a physical area but a shared interest or belief. Because of the quick change to meet such needs the general sharing of data took a back seat and so the information in each of the link partners sections also applies to all. No matter who or where needs and actions were mirrored.

Oh Lord, as we work together to build your empire, let us be the light that leads to you.

God, teach us to be good role models to people around us, so that when they see you and your love within us, they would want to know you more and more.

God grant us the patience to work together, bringing us all together as a family.

Let us work together with understanding and compassion in our hearts. Let us not be rude or arrogant towards one another, as we light the way to your heavenly kingdom.

Ephesians 4:25

THE MOTHER'S 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

LICHFIELD, ENGLAND

Uniform bags for those on the front line.
Educational aids for pupils now working from home.
Mental well-being initiatives.

ANKOLE, UGANDA

Food donations for families in need.
Masks made and donated.

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:13

KARNATAKA, INDIA

Deliveries for those sheltering.
Contacting those alone and afraid.

LAINYA, SOUTH SUDAN

Bedding, shelter for the homeless.
Helping distribute information, combating negative rumours.

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:7

LAGOS WEST & ABUJA, NIGERIA

Toiletry bags for those who had to move or admitted to hospital.

Prayers for all in need.

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have action? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, "You have faith and I have action." Show me your faith apart from your action, and be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have actions, is dead. But someone who says, I will show you my faith by my action.....

James 2:14-26

A poem for community:

A Bridge of Beginning

The sunsets and new lights shine,
As the bridge crosses over the stream of time,
The good spirit brings beginning to mind,
What is the bridge's secret to give,
As we stretch to see the future and learn how to live,
We sit by the water and trace the light,
Because we know that beginning things are right,
This bridge so beautiful, this bridge so high,
It seems as if it's touching the sky,
So we simply follow its path,
Knowing that we've been given another chance,
To start this journey again.
Wyvonia Woods Harris

Loving Lord, help us all to take change as an opportunity to evaluate, take stock and plan our future actions. Where change is needed may we feel positive rather than negative as we meet needs and so show your love in action. Loving Lord, direct the way. Amen.

Let's spend a moment in silence to remember all those who lost their lives and those who lost their loved ones due to these extraordinary events.

Let us say together:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our father who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread, and
forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
Those who trespass against us
Lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, the power
and the glory for ever and ever
Amen**

In another moment of silence let us pray for unity, fellowship and safety for all our members, workers and their loved ones.

United in your love
Almighty God, who is the mother and father to us all, look upon your planet earth divided. Help us know that we are all your children, that all nations belong to one great family and that all beliefs lead to you. Multiply our prayers in every land until the whole earth becomes one congregation, united in your love.
Sustain our vision of a peaceful future and give us strength to work unceasingly to make that vision real.
Helen Weaver

I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they maybe all be one. As you father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

John 17:20