

Wave of Prayer Service 2022

Welcome to our service, in this year of ongoing worldwide concerns for peace and wellbeing in many places.

We come together to pray for Mothers Union members in our own country and around the world and especially for those in Lake Malawi, Byumba Rwanda, Jalingo Nigeria and Women's prayer group in Lucknow India.

Almighty God, you bring to light and power many hidden things. By Renew us by your spirit that we may walk in your light and glorify your name.

With thankfulness and love we take our place in the family of the Mothers' Union. Open our eyes to all that happens, here in Suffolk and especially in our link dioceses.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hymn

Reading

Lake Malawi

The latest information we have is that there are 13000 members here. Malawi is one of the least developed countries in the world. MU members have set up savings and credit groups, orphan care and St Agnes Guild for young girls.

We pray O Lord, for all MU members here, that they may be blessed in all they do. We pray that crops will grow, rain will happen, and all things move forward for them.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hymn

Reading

Jalingo Nigeria

MU started in Nigeria in 1908 and there are possibly 60,000 members currently. MU creates opportunities for women and girls. It is involved with hospital visitation, clinics, day care, prison ministry and parenting programmes.

Dear lord, we commend our MU friends in all that they do. Bless them in their outreach, keep them safe in this country which often suffers violent attacks.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hymn

Reading

Lucknow Northern India

Lucknow is a very big city in Northern India.

Members of the group here reach out to those in need, with vocational training, health awareness programmes, and campaigning against gender-based violence.

Lord, we pray for your protection for our friends here in their work. May they be strong and thoughtful in all they do.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Byumba Rwanda

MU began here in 1966 but there are 24000 members. Rwanda shelters refugees and MU here provides parenting groups, saving and credit clubs, and health awareness programmes.

Lord, we give thanks for all MU friends are able to achieve here. Please be with them in all they do.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hymn

Reading

We think now of those we know in MU here in St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocese. We give thanks for our witness, our friends and all we are able to do in supporting family life and helping those in trouble.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us join together in the MU 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

The Lord's Prayer

Suggested hymns:

All over the over the world the spirit is moving
Brother sister let me serve you
Let all the world in every corner sing
God is working his purpose out
He's got the whole world in his hands
In Christ there is no east or west
Jesus stand among us at the meeting of our lives
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me
Jesus put this song into our hearts
Lord for the years

Suggested readings:

Matthew 9: 35-38
Mark 12: 28-31
Philippians 4: 4-7
Matthew 28: 18-20
Ephesians 3: 14-22
1 John 4: 7-14
1 John 4: 18-21