

Algoma, Canada Link Secretary for Thunder Bay, Ontario, Branch - Mrs. Lynda Viall

Lynda's Branch has about 30 members, 18 of whom are active; she would wish for a new Link Secretary having done this for some years They have many speakers and also an annual camping retreat which is very successful. They value their Odiham Link. (Please note there is no Branch in Saskatchewan.)

Kajo-Keji, Sudan Diocesan President - Mrs. Christina Binyi
Mothers' Union Worker - Rev. Mary Kwiyansuk

A thriving Branch; pray for the Amazing Grace Orphanage Centre, marriage preparation, tailoring and dressmaking, various agricultural projects. Remember the difficulty of everyday life due to the ongoing hostilities in Sudan.

Masasi, Tanzania Diocesan President - Mrs. Edna Dololo
Mothers' Union Worker - Mrs. Joyce Liundi

Poverty is a huge problem here; but the MU is a very important part of women's lives as they take the lead in fund raising and income generating schemes; e.g. poultry, pigs, goats, rice, maize, cassava, mangoes, ground nuts, cashew nuts, and sewing instruction for young girls. Pray for continuing resourcefulness and lasting results from their hard work.

Kitgum, Uganda Diocesan President - Mrs. Jolly Watmon
Mothers' Union Worker - Mrs. Lilly Okot

Peace building is a top priority for MU members in their families and communities; also the care of the many orphans from the war and HIV/AIDS. Pray for the revolving loan scheme to enable members to plant trees or engage in small trade. Remember the night shelter for which we raised money, for children escaping from the Lord's Resistance Army. Members have a programme of fasting and prayer.....Pray for Alison Hudson's proposed visit in October 2008

Muhabura, Uganda Diocesan President - Mrs. Hope Habimana
Mothers' Union Worker Mrs. Zerdah Nyirabakunzi

Members run courses, seminars and workshops on the Five Objects of the Mothers' Union – pray for increased understanding of these and the outreach opportunities this presents. Remember that most of the agricultural work is done by the women. At Diocesan level, pray for the success of the women's hall and residential house which are rented out to generate income.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Wave of Prayer

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the MU Office on 01425 483222

During 21-25th January each year our Diocese joins the Mothers' Union worldwide Wave of Prayer with the Dioceses of Algoma in Canada;

Kajo-Keji in Sudan; Masasi in Tanzania;
Kitgum and Muhabura in Uganda

2008 Theme – Time for Relationship

The following prayers, bible readings and hymns are suggestions for use by Mothers' Union members, in church, in meetings or in their homes

NOTES *Suggested hymns:* How sweet the name of Jesus sounds; Take my life and let it be; Will you come and follow me; From heaven you came, helpless babe; All I once held dear; Beauty for brokenness.

Suggested readings: Ruth, Psalm 34, John 15 v.1-17, Luke 10 v.25-37, Ephesians 5 v.22- 6 v.9, 1 John 3

Look in Archway and Home & Family for up to date information about our Links.

We encourage you to use whatever symbols of our link Dioceses you may be able to find, to help focus our prayers.

The use of different voices is helpful. Some may like to act out the Good Samaritan or use the dramatised version of the Bible.

Please use this material flexibly – it is a guide for you to tailor to individual needs!

A simple meal could be shared after the service with proceeds going to our Overseas Links.

THE MOTHERS' 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**

MARY SUMNER'S PERSONAL PRAYER

**All this day, O Lord,
Let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;
and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak,
the prayer I breathe,
or the life I live. Amen**

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,
according to his power that is at work within us,
to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!
Amen

Let us go out in joy and in peace to love and to serve the Lord!
In the Name of Christ! Alleluia! Amen!

Loving God,
We thank you for all we share in common
with your people near and far,
our lives interwoven, inter-related,
interdependent, intertwined.
Help us, we pray, to recognise more fully what
that means,
to appreciate the responsibilities it brings,
and to seize the opportunities it offers.
Lord of all
**Join us together in love
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Nearer to home, dear Lord, we bring before you
the MU in Winchester Diocese, its leadership
and members; we pray for the MU nationally
and for its future in this country. We thank you
for the privilege of belonging to a movement
which promotes marriage and family life, and
pray that these values may be revitalised in our
own homes, in our churches, in our country,
and throughout the world.

Lord of love and power
Hear our prayer.

HYMN

WELCOME

Almighty God,
We come together at the start of another year,
with joy and gratitude in our hearts;
We come to lift up our voices,
to sing your praises,
and to declare your faithfulness.
Lord of past, present and future,
Receive our worship.
We gather with your people across the world
to bring you our thanksgiving,
to offer our service,
and to seek your guidance.
Lord of past, present and future,
Receive our worship.

For the love we have received,
and the care you have always shown,
for the mercy you have displayed,
and the renewal you have brought,
Lord of past, present and future
**Receive now our worship, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

(from Prayers for all Seasons by Nick Fawcett, used with permission)

Let us pause for a moment, and bring before God anything we need to
confess

CONFESSION

**Lord God,
We confess we have sinned against you knowingly, and
unknowingly.
We are sorry and repent.
In your mercy forgive and restore us,
Cleanse and heal us, and fill us with your love
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord
for He has heard our prayer;
Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song we will praise our God

HYMN

READING *A brief address may be added if wished.
Silence may be kept or music played as we
meditate on what we have heard.*

Lord God,
You call us, as you call all your people,
to follow you.
Teach us to listen, strengthen our faith,
and by your grace help us to respond to be
followers of your way.
Lord, save us and help us,
For we ask it in Jesus' Name. **Amen**

INTERCESSIONS

*Here, music from overseas could be played while posters, or a
map of the world or of our Link Dioceses is brought forward, and
items representing our partners placed around it.*

Almighty God,
We thank you for the privilege of linking hands
in prayer with our brothers and sisters in
Christ across the world. Help us to be faithful
in prayer for them, as they are for us.
Though we know little about them, they are
known and loved by you, and you know their
every need. Today we pray for:

As each name is mentioned a candle may be placed on the map

Mrs. Edna Dololo

Diocesan President of Masasi, Tanzania

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Heavenly Father of us all, we thank you for these faithful ones
working for You each in their own place, and we ask for your

protection (*hazardous travel; oppressive regimes;
persecution*)

blessing (*fruit from their labours; joy out of sorrows;
miracles of love*)

peace (*in their homes & relationships; amongst warring
factions*)

encouragement (*companionship; appreciation; the Holy Spirit*).

Give them daily strength for all they seek to do in your Name; keep
them conscious of your presence, and aware that we do not forget
them. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**