

## Our Diocesan Links.

### Canada:

Algoma. Link Secretary for Thunder Bay, Ontario, Branch  
Mrs. Lynda Viau

### Saskatchewan

Diocesan Representative - Mrs. Marion Lipinsky

### Sudan

Kajo-Keji, Diocesan President - Mrs. Jane Poggo  
Mothers' Union Worker - Revd. Mary Mono

*Please pray for the Amazing Grace Orphanage Centre, Marriage Preparation and various projects such as Tailoring, Dress making and Agricultural Projects. For every day life amidst all the challenges of living in the Sudan.*

### Tanzania

Masasi, Diocesan President - Mrs. Regina Linje  
Mothers' Union Worker - Mrs. Joyce Liundi

*Pray for the income generating schemes lead by the Mothers' Union which enable families to afford medical care, education and improving quality of life.*

### Uganda

Kitgum Diocesan President - Mrs. Margaret Ojwang  
Mothers' Union Worker - Mrs. Lilly Okot

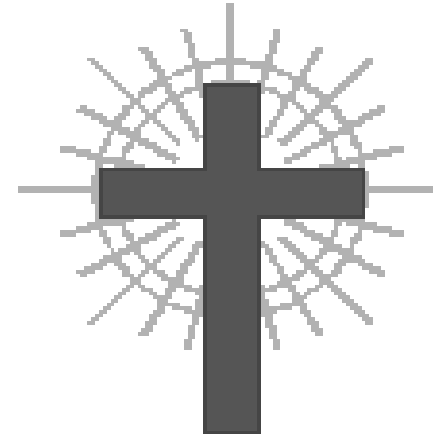
*Pray for the continuing care of the many Orphans, the result of many years of conflict. For the treatment HIV/AIDS sufferers. For the MU Loan Schemes enabling families to run small business enterprises.*

Muhabura, Diocesan President - Mrs. Hope Mugisha  
MU Worker - Mrs. Zeridah Sendegeya

*For continuing education seminars and workshops run by the Mothers' Union. For the society in which Women are the main agriculture (and family) workers.*

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

## Wave of Prayer 2011—2013



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On every day of the year there are Mothers' Union members leading a Wave of Prayer which spans the Globe.

Our Diocese, together with our Links from the Diocese of Algoma in Canada, the Diocese of Kajo-Keji in Sudan, the Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania and the Diocese of Kitgum and Muhabura in Uganda leads these prayers from the 21st to 25th January

Members and Branches are encouraged to join with them in praying for the Mother's Union, its work and Aims and Objects.

*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;  
Beauty for brokenness. Bind us together, Lord  
There's a wideness in God's mercy.  
Love Divine all loves excelling.

*Suggested readings:*

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| Psalm 8         | Galatians 3 v26 - 29 |
| Matthew 5 v1—12 | Matthew 9 v20 -22    |
| John 13 v34—35  | John 15 v1—17        |

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 your 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! And do please feel free to change it if it doesn't fit your circumstances or style!

*[The prayers after the reading \* are by Richard Harries taken from the MU Anthology of Prayer]*

## 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

## HYMN

*The final blessing may be given by a minister if present or this prayer may be said by all*

Father and Mother God,  
enfold us with your gracious presence  
so that our praying and living become one.

Jesus, Son of God, as living witnesses,  
help us to speak with confidence  
and in ways which make sense to people who do not know you.

Holy Spirit of God, as your obedient people,  
enable us to see your activity in the world  
and inspire us to join with you in that work. Amen

Leader: Let us go out in joy and in peace to love and to serve the Lord!

**All: 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.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are  
yours, now and for ever.  
Amen.

### **The Service**

*The service may begin with notices, Visitors and Guests may be welcomed and a HYMN may be sung.*

#### **WELCOME**

Almighty God, 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. 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*(Adaption of an original from Prayers for all Seasons  
by Nick Fawcett, used with permission)*

*Let us pause for a moment of quiet whilst we bring to mind our thoughts and deeds for which we ask forgiveness.*

*A prayer of penitence prayed together....*

Lord of all life, I use thousands of words each day  
yet so few of them are about you.  
Forgive me.

I see and meet many people  
but forget that in them I could be meeting you.  
I busy myself in so much rushed activity  
that I blank out the silence within.  
Forgive me.

Help me to retune my life  
to the silent music of your beckoning presence.  
Amen.

*Absolution may be given by a Minister if present -  
otherwise the following prayer can be used*

ALL Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
Giver of life, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
You call us out of darkness into your marvelous  
light. Take us as we are and make us into what you  
would have us be.  
Blessed are you for ever and ever. Amen

**HYMN**

**READING**

*[ A talk, address or thought for the day could be  
added here. This might be followed by a period of  
reflection on what has been heard - music could be  
played if silence is not wanted]*

*Having heard and shared the word of God we pray\**  
All we need, good Lord, is yourself;  
Not words about you, but your very presence.  
In the Silence  
In the Stillness.  
Come, Lord, Come.

Lord, you give us courage to trust you,  
Energy to work for you,  
Persistence to hold on  
And be yours for ever. Amen

**INTERCESSIONS**

*A time to remember those with whom we are linked  
through the diocese, the deanery and our individual  
branches. The prayers can be used with Music, maps,  
candles and in many other ways please be as creative  
(or not!) as seems right for your own situation.*

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**A Thanksgiving:**

Dear Lord, We know that some of the people we are linked  
with suffer from the lack of food and medicines that could  
help them and their families have a fuller and more  
comfortable life.

Although we rejoice in the beauty of your world and thank  
you for the rich harvest it produces - we remember those  
who do not have enough, the thousands who are dying from  
hunger and disease each day.

We pray for those who have more than they require and ask  
that we learn to share your bounty, the world's harvest,  
more fairly.

Teach us to value people more than things and teach us we  
pray to seek your will here on earth as servants of Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

**Amen**