

Mauritius.

We pray for the Diocesan President and all the members in Mauritius. The population of Mauritius is about 1.4 million and there are around 250 MU members.

Mauritius lies in the Indian Ocean, about 1200 miles off the southeast coast of the African continent, 500 miles east of Madagascar. It is well known as a holiday island and tourism plays a major part in the island's economy. The country became an independent state on 12 March 1968, following the adoption of a new constitution, and became a republic within the Commonwealth in 1992.

The people of Mauritius are multiethnic, multi-religious, multicultural and multilingual. The island's government is closely modelled on the Westminster parliamentary system, and Mauritius has been highly ranked for democracy and for economic and political freedom. There is currently some political turmoil in the country though with a possible mass resignation of unhappy opposition MP's being mooted. That is not thought likely but does show the level of discontent with the way the country is presently governed.

The Mothers' Union was founded here in 1924, and works actively in society across its multicultural population. In the Church many members choose to be deacons, lay readers, counselors, facilitators of Alpha courses and more.

Through both national and local initiatives, MU members in Mauritius and Rodrigues continue to support and encourage families – especially those facing adversity. Some branches offer meals to needy families across ethnic and racial boundaries.

Members are motivated to support their communities by visiting old peoples homes, children's shelters, families in need, those who are sick and prisoners and their families. Members provide individual counseling, praying for families concerned and supporting them.

We thank you Lord for all the good work being carried out by Mothers' Union members in the Diocese of Mauritius. We pray that all they do and all that they plan will contribute to the well being of everyone in those islands. We also pray for the return of political stability and a respected and supported government on the island.

Amen