

All: We thank you for your love which defies all expression, constant, total, inexhaustible – flowing out to us like a never-ending stream. You have opened your heart to us: help us to open our hearts to you.

Loving Lord,
help us to fully appreciate the blessings of being united in the family of God.
Let us be ever ready to intercede for each other for God's assistance and protection.
May God encourage us in heart and unite us in love.

A short time of silence

Loving Lord, we pray to you
All: O Lord hear our 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.

Let us pray as our Saviour taught us:
Our Father

All: All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible to thee; and every life I touch, so thou by the spirit quicken, whether through the world I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen.

Mary Sumner's personal prayer

*"Let us make our way together, Lord;
Wherever you go I must go.
And through whatever you pass,
There too I will pass".
(Teresa of Avila 1515-82)*

Hymn: Lord for the Years

WAVE OF PRAYER

Diocese of Salisbury

5th – 7th February 2021

Rebuilding Hope and Confidence

*I will find my rest in God alone.
He is the one who gives me hope.
Psalm 62:5*

This sheet can be used as a personal daily act of intercession, or as a corporate act of worship in Parish or Deanery, or as intercessions in a Sunday service.

We pray for all in positions of responsibility in Mothers' Union, and for all members that we may **"rejoice in your word like one who discovers a great treasure"**. *Psalm 119:162(NLT)*

Individual names and other petitions may be added to the prayers. Alternative hymns may be chosen.

Thanks and Praise

Loving Lord, we give you thanks for the far-reaching vision of our founder, Mary Sumner. We look back with gratitude and praise for her witness and for all that has been achieved thus far in the name of Mothers' Union worldwide. As we look forward with faith for all that is to come help us to build a future together which will enable our work to flourish; through far-reaching vision and commitment to your will.

All: We give thanks that as we unite in prayer, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit draw near. Where our understanding is limited, God is perfect, and our desire to pray echoes God's desire to answer. We give thanks for the privilege of praying in partnership with God. Amen

A candle is lit.

Members' Faith

Reading: Psalm 25

Use lines of the psalm to introduce your prayers, either silently or prepared, focussing on the faith of each group

- All Mothers' Union Groups, Indoor and Diocesan Members in the Diocese
- Mothers' Union members in our link dioceses
- Laura Kachale enabling us to develop our ministry and mission
- For members to come forward willing to lead this Diocese in the next triennium

A short time of silence

Loving Lord, we pray to you

All: O Lord hear our prayer.

Hymn: I heard the voice of Jesus say

A candle is lit.

Rebuilding Hope and Confidence

Reading: Exodus 13: 17-18, 20-22

- Salisbury Projects, old and new
- Work on Gender Based Violence in Botswana and Nigeria
- Nigerian Christians persecuted
- Challenges faced by members in Nicobar and Andaman Islands

We pray for help and encouragement to educate and eradicate inequality and violence against women in all societies across the world

All: Lord, you have been our dwelling-place throughout all generations. May the favour of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands. *Psalm 90:1, 17*

A short time of silence

Loving Lord, we pray to you

All: O Lord hear our prayer

Hymn: Brother Sister let me serve you

A candle is lit

Faithful Stewards

Reading: **1 Peter 4: 10** - Like good **stewards** of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

All those who deliver and those who benefit from our projects –

- the AFIA project
- Prisoners families visiting prisons and receiving Angel Tree gifts
- Families in the Women's Refuges
- Young people and their families nursing Virtual Babies
- Those seeking to help many affected by domestic violence
- The work of the Salisbury Court Café
- Knitting Projects including teddy bears for the AFIA project and blankets for Salisbury District Hospital and hospitals throughout the Diocese
- Baby Bundles (in partnership with Spurgeons)
- Modern Day Slavery (in partnership with Clewer Initiative)

A short time of silence

Loving Lord, we pray to you

All: O Lord hear our prayer

Hymn: God is love, let heav'n adore him

Link Dioceses, Old and New

All: Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

- Botswana
- Marsabit Diocese in Kenya
- Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- Idah and Jebba Dioceses in Nigeria
See the new annual Prayer Diary 2021 for more information
- Members supported in Andrea Fox's memory in Guyana
- Any branch links you sustain

Our previous links:

- Bendigo and Gippsland in Australia
- Nakuru in Kenya
- Bor, Kadugli, Khartoum, Mundri, Rumbek and Wau in the Sudans
- Salisbury UK (Canterbury Province)
our President: Rosie Stiven with the Board of Trustees
Kathryn Anderson, Provincial President