



## **Peterborough Diocese Mothers' Union Prayers**

### **JULY**

We pray for all members in the branches of Abington, Christ Church, Holy Trinity with St Paul, Kingsthorpe, St Alban's, St Benedict's, St James', St Mary's, St Michael's and Weston Favell in the Greater Northampton Deanery.

As the summer approaches, we open our hearts to seek your will, to be strong in faith and true to your Word. We pray for all mothers as they care for their families, sometimes against the odds. Give them the patience, strength and love to be good and faithful mothers, encouraging others who struggle with the demands of parenthood.

We pray for successful fetes and summer events, as they show the work of the Mothers Union to all who visit.

We give thanks for the sun and the beauty in your creation; and like the sun helps the flowers grow; so, the Son helps us grow in you. Lord, in your mercy.... Amen

### **AUGUST**

We pray for all members in the branches of Paulersbury, Tove and Whittlebury in the Towcester Deanery.

We pray for our founder, Mary Sumner and thank you for her witness, courage and example of love and service.

We remember the Transfiguration when Jesus meets Moses and Elijah. Like the disciples who witnessed this event, help us to be good and faithful witnesses for you.

We give thanks for the beauty of the flowers and the trees; the high summer days and the long warm nights. Lord, in your mercy.... Amen

### **SEPTEMBER**

We pray for our link dioceses and their MU Presidents – for the dioceses of Oyo and Aba Ngwa North in Nigeria and Catherine and Odi, for the diocese of Rumbek in South Sudan and Hellen and Rebecca, for the diocese of Soroti in Uganda and Rose and Sarah, for the diocese of North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba and Ephena and for our own diocese of Peterborough and our President Jill. We thank you for the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross; help us to be strong and when we need to give of ourselves for our faith, we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit for courage and strength. We pray for all our Wave of Prayer services and for a successful and uplifting Annual meeting in Belfast. We pray also for the Deanery Leaders' lunch at Crossways, Uppingham, which takes place this month. We give thanks for those who give their time freely to enable the work of Mothers' Union and all charities who work for the good of others. Lord, in your mercy.... Amen



## **OCTOBER**

We pray for all members in the branches of Cransley & Geddington, Rothwell, Rushton, Saints & Angels and St Andrew's in the Kettering Deanery.

Help us to pray for those in need of your help and support. For those caught up in modern day slavery; for all who are forced to work in deplorable conditions. We pray for the MU Trustees as they meet at the Parish Hall in Kettering and for those who work at and attend retreats at Launde Abbey. As we pray, open our minds to your Word, and we ask that you answer our prayers and respond to our needs, not just our wants.

Lord, in your mercy.... Amen

## **NOVEMBER**

We pray for all members in the branches of All Hallows, All Saints, Earls Barton, Orlingbury and Harrowden and Wollaston & Strixton in the Wellingborough Deanery.

Ever loving Father, we live our lives as your saints, and like the saints in heaven, we follow their lead and live to your wisdom and glory. We pray for our MU AGM and Eucharist at All Saints Church, Wellingborough. Give strength and courage to all who serve your Holy Word. We pray for all who are without faith, hope or love.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench. You turn our darkness into light: and in your light shall we see light.

Lord, in your mercy.... Amen

## **DECEMBER**

We pray for all members in the branches of Eye, Longthorpe, Paston, Werrington in the Peterborough Deanery and for the Oundle members in their Deanery.

Holy Lord, we pray for this holy month, when we celebrate the conception and birth of our Lord Jesus as God in his earthly form.

We pray for the Christmas festivities; for fetes and carol services. We pray for strength for those who prepare services and Christmas events. Help us not to be caught up with shopping for presents and food, that we forget the true meaning of Christmas.

We remember the poor, the vulnerable and the lonely who find this time of year depressing and difficult.

We give thanks for the charities and organisations who work to help the disadvantaged and needy. We pray for the work of the Mothers' Union across the Peterborough diocese, in the UK and across the world and for the work being undertaken for the 16 days of Activism. Bless us Father and keep us.

In faith we live our lives to you; in truth we practice your word; in love we live to help each other. Lord, in your mercy.... Amen

Merry Christmas to you all  
from the Mothers' Union members  
at St. Benedict Church in Hunsbury, Northampton.

Thank you to Catherine from the branch of St. Benedict Church in Hunsbury, Northampton  
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