

Peterborough Diocese
Mothers' Union Prayers
July to December 2022



These prayers have been written by Jill Cannings and are based on the Mothers' Union prayer, which reminds us to give thanks for God's many blessings and commit ourselves to his service in our churches and local communities, and as part of our worldwide ministry and mission.

JULY

Loving Lord we thank you for your love so freely given to us all.

We give thanks for your faithful love and ultimate sacrifice of your Son on the cross. Through his glorious Resurrection we have new life in Christ, abundant life and eternal life. We give thanks for our shared faith. May we be bold in proclaiming the gospel in words and deeds. We pray for the delayed conference "Reimagining Mothers' Union". For green shoots growing out of our solid roots. For people who may wish to join our branches or become Diocesan members. With God all things are possible. May we always trust in God and join in with his plans.

AUGUST

We pray for families around the world.

Justin Welby is very enthusiastic about the role of Mothers' Union which supports his worldwide ministry. We give thanks for the passion of our founder Mary Sumner. May we continue to be inspired by her contribution, as we gather for services celebrating her life and heritage. Mothers' Union has spread across the world, bringing faith and joy and hope to individuals and whole communities. We pray for our link Dioceses of Rumbek in Sudan, Soroti in Uganda, Aba Ngwa North and Oyo in Nigeria and NECA (North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba) and for those members who seek to maintain the links.

SEPTEMBER

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.

We pray for all children and families in our communities. We give thanks for Christian outreach in our schools. We pray for all MU members who prayerfully or actively support children's ministry. We give thanks for the ministry of Gen2 – generation to generation, as they seek to respond to the plea in Psalm 145:4 "one generation shall praise God's work to another". We pray for those supporting baptismal ministry. We pray for the Annual gathering which we hope, this year, will be held face to face in Belfast.



OCTOBER

Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship...

We give thanks for our opportunities to gather to pray and worship. We missed this when our churches were closed. We are aware that so many Christians across the world are not free to worship publicly. Let us never be complacent, and let us always count our blessings. We pray for our Chaplain, Revd. Deborah Marsh who will be leading the MU retreat at Launde. May we all be strengthened, sustained and inspired in our faith.

NOVEMBER

And in love and service reach out as your hands across the world.

We pray for Sheran Harper, our worldwide president, and give thanks for her strong faith and leadership. We pray for the worldwide trustee board and all those sharing in midday prayers each day. We give thanks for the staff group at MSH who support us and the world wide work of the Mothers' Union. We pray for our own Diocesan Eucharist and Forum to be held this month. We pray for Global Day as we join with others to raise awareness to combat all forms of abuse and oppression in families.

DECEMBER

Mary Sumner's daily 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.

As we come to the end of this year we give thanks for all Mothers' Union members past and present. People who have touched our lives for Christ through what they say or do, or just how they are. We give thanks for small acts of human kindness, for an encouraging smile, a timely phone call, a visit or a card. We give thanks for our Diocesan President Helen Lynett, and all officers and Trustees. We pray for all branch and deanery officers. We pray that new people will come forward to become more involved, to bring new ideas and energy. As we pass through Advent into the Christmas season we give thanks that you are a God who chose to come among us. We also look forward to the promise of Christ's second coming in glory. May we always be watchful and serving to build your Kingdom.