



## **WAVE OF PRAYER TRANSFORMATION NOW! 2022**

### **WELCOME & GATHERING**

Welcome to our Mothers' Union Service. We gather in gratitude for God's faithfulness over the last year. We gather to look ahead with fresh vision.

**To ask God to transform us personally and spiritually; to transform Mothers' Union, and the churches and communities we work with, and of which we are a part.**

**HYMN** (optional)

### **PRAYER OF PREPARTION**

With thankfulness and love we take our place  
in the family of Mothers' Union worldwide.

**Open our eyes to the significance of relationship  
with members worldwide, with those known to us or not.**

With support and love we reach out  
to our sisters and brothers across the world.

**Strengthen our commitment to those with whom  
we share vision and values, wherever we may live.**

In unity and love we link hands  
with our worldwide family of God.

**Unite us in worship; build us in service,  
as together we seek to share your love.  
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **CONFESSION**

Lord God,  
Your love sees failings  
and forgives.  
Your love feels pain  
and wipes away our tears.  
Your love knows grief,  
and comforts the sorrowful.  
Your love sees sin  
and still loves the sinner.

**Forgive us when we fail to live  
lives that reflect your love.  
Forgive us the many times  
when we take for granted  
all that you have done for us.  
Transform us, through your Spirit,  
and empower us to serve you  
this day and all days. Amen**

## **ABSOLUTION**

May our loving Lord bless us  
with forgiveness and grace  
that we may be renewed  
in hope and confidence  
to gladly serve his world. Amen.

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 5:24b - 34

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup> Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup> She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup> for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' <sup>29</sup> Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup> Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' <sup>31</sup> And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' <sup>32</sup> He looked all round to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**TALK / SHARING OF STORIES OF TRANSFORMATION/ MU UPDATE**

**HYMN** (optional)

## **INTERCESSIONS**

Gracious God, make known to us your plans for peace and wellbeing; to bring lasting transformation.

Lord, we pray that lives would be transformed into ones of self-respect and sufficiency through effective use of your resources.

We pray that families would be transformed into strong and loving households as they explore your ways for relationship.

We pray that communities would be transformed into ones of resilience and prosperity through trust and cooperation.

Gracious God, guide us in your plans for peace and wellbeing; to transform lives for good.

**Amen**

As we come to give thanks for Mothers' Union Worldwide, may God encourage us in heart and unite us in love.

We pray for our World Wide President, Sheran Harper, Provincial President, Kathryn Anderson, and Diocesan President Helen Lynett and all who serve our Diocese.

We pray for our link dioceses:

Loving Lord, we bring to you our praise for the fellowship and prayer support that we have through our links with the dioceses of: Oyo and Aba Ngwa North in Nigeria; the diocese of Rumbek in South Sudan; the diocese of Soroti in Uganda; the diocese of North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba; and for our continuing link with South Korea.

We give thanks for the blessing of being united in prayer with our link dioceses.

We pledge to continue to remember our sisters and brothers in prayer

**We pray for all members. May God be with them in every part of their lives, encouraging them and leading them, sheltering and strengthening them, so they may work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

We join together in the prayer Jesus taught us saying,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

Almighty God, as you have loved us and made us your friends,  
so you have called us to love one another.

The peace of the Lord be always with you; **and also with you.**

*A Service of Communion can be included here.*

**HYMN** (optional)

## **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.**

## **THE BLESSING**

May all that we are, everything we think, say and do, be blessed by God, constantly  
renewed and daily transformed through his awesome power and unfailing love. **Amen**

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to  
his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus  
throughout all generations, for ever and ever! **Amen**

As we go from this place let us join together to say the transforming words of the grace

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the  
Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord Alleluia, Alleluia

**Thanks be to God Alleluia, Alleluia**