

Prayers for Mothers' Union Committee Meetings



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Option 1

A short period of silence may be kept:

Leader: Think not of what you have done today or where you have been, but think about the One into whose presence you come now.

PAUSE

Leader: We come together to meet in the name of Jesus Christ, to review what we have done in His name and to explore how we can further God's Kingdom in this place through the work of the Mothers' Union.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, nothing in our lives is too small that it escapes your gaze and we thank you for the care and love in which you enfold us. Be present in our discussions today, so that whatever you want us to pursue may come to fruition, and a path you do not wish us to follow will appear as a closed door.

Father as you open the doors before us in our conversations, may we bring your glory to our community and to your church.

We ask in the name of your precious Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Option 2

A short period of silence may be kept while contemplating:

Leader: May the busyness of our lives be restrained for this coming time as we seek the Lord, to further the work of God's Kingdom in this place.

PAUSE

Heavenly Father, we claim that promise now, that where two or more are gathered in your name then you are with us. We welcome you now to this meeting. May the things we say and discuss be encouraging and uplifting, may we feel your touch of encouragement on our shoulders as we plan for the future.

Guide us in the path you would have us walk.

In the name of Jesus Christ we ask.

Amen

Option 3

A quiet song or worship tune may be played:
e.g. As the deer pants; Oceans; When peace like a river

PAUSE

Leader: As You open our ears to hear Your voice (in the song), so we ask that You open our hearts and minds to hear You speaking to us now, as we discuss and plan for the work of the Mothers' Union in this community. We ask that you will encourage us to be bold, help us to be creative and, above all else, to bring Your Kingdom closer to this place.

In the name of Christ

Amen

Option 4

Think upon these words:
"Jesus Christ – the same yesterday, today and forever"

Hebrews 13.8

PAUSE

Leader: Holy Lord, as you grew up, you experienced family life as we do now; you experienced the busyness of a working life and travelling. You were in it, yet, apart from it. Help us now to distance ourselves from today's experiences so we may focus our minds on the work of the Mothers' Union in this place.

Lord, you are timeless but we are here for a season. Help us to pursue those tasks which have your blessing and to disregard those suggestions which will not bear fruit for your Kingdom.

Be with us now as we plan the future of this Branch in this place.

All honour and glory be to your Holy Name.

Amen

Option 5

“Love never gives up; and its faith, hope and patience never fail.”

1 Corinthians 13 v.7

Leader: Let us take a moment to focus on the cross of our Saviour. The cross has done it all – Jesus has done it all – for us.

PAUSE

Leader: Almighty God, as our Saviour was obedient to death on the cross for our sake, help us to be obedient to the words you speak to us as we seek to do your will. May we be ever open to your voice and guidance as we carry out the work of the Mothers' Union in this place. Give us the same love for our community that you have for the world. Grant us grace that we may show Christ to those who, as yet, do not know Him.

Empower us to undertake your work to spread the news of the saving Gospel of Christ, by reaching out to families in need.

Father use us as your hands and feet in this place, and may all the glory and honour be to your Holy Name.

Amen