

**Peterborough Diocese
Mothers' Union Prayers
January to June 2023**



These prayers are based on the prayer which was written for the “Re - imagining MU” conference. We put our trust in God to inform plans for us as individuals, groups and all in our worldwide Christian charity.

JANUARY

Gracious God, we put our trust in you. Give us open hearts and minds to discern your perfect direction for our Mothers' Union

As we start a New Year we look forward to the plans you have for us and for our families. We pray for our clergy and their families. They will have had a very busy Christmas period. Strengthen, sustain and inspire them in their ministry. Show us where we can prayerfully and actively support. We pray for new plans and programmes for our branches and members. May we open to new ways of sharing our faith, and the passion of our founder Mary Sumner

FEBRUARY

Affirm us in your love that we may be bold to seek your face.

In the dark days of winter many may feel cold and lonely. It is easy to feel overwhelmed by the images on the news and concerns of the world. We think of these words of the hymn:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus

Look full in his wonderful face

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim

In the light of his glory and grace

We give thanks that we are part of a worldwide ministry and mission.

MARCH

Strengthen us with resolve to embrace new ways with confidence.

We pray for Helen Lynett our Diocesan President, for the trustees and all who take on any form of leadership. We pray that others may come forward to use their God given gifts in service. Through his life and teachings Jesus showed us a new way. We have new life in Christ, abundant life and the promise of eternal life. Help us to be bold in proclaiming this good news through words and deeds.



APRIL

Unite us in heart and mind that we may move forward with gladness

During the Easter season we give thanks for the ultimate sacrifice of Christ on the cross. We celebrate again his resurrection. May we be resurrection people each and every day.

Here are some more beautiful words to offer in praise and personal commitment
"God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you, To share His love as He told me to
He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give
Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live"

MAY

Inspire us in our faith that all things are possible with God

Give us thankful hearts to remember all your blessings to us are new every morning. Help us to reflect on the miracles in scripture and the miracles that continue to happen today. We give thanks for those who have touched our lives for Christ and pray that we may do likewise through an encouraging smile, a kind word, a good deed or a sincere prayer.

JUNE

Transform us into a people empowered by the Spirit, overflowing with hope, to effectively serve our communities.

We give thanks for the inspiration of our World Wide President Sheran Harper and pray for her and all staff at Mary Sumner House. We pray for all Mothers' Union members across the world who serve their communities. In our own strength we can do nothing but inspired by the Spirit all things are possible.