

Peterborough Diocese
Mothers' Union Prayers
July to December 2023



I start these prayers with the personal prayer used by our founder Mary Sumner.

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. Amen

May we continue to share her passion to touch lives for Christ and reimagine MU.

July

We pray for all children and families as the school holidays start. May this be a time for family fun and adventures. A time for rest and recuperation for all working in schools. However, we are also aware of the additional pressures on families at this time, and tensions in family relationships. We pray for children exposed to any kind of abuse. We give thanks for our AFIA coordinators and those that support our provision for children and families.

August

We give thanks for the passion of our founder Mary Sumner. We pray that we may be prayerful and passionate about sharing the good news of our faith – new life in Christ, abundant life and eternal life. We pray for our friends and families that they may know and feel the love and salvation of Christ.

September

We give thanks that MU has spread worldwide to bring faith and hope and joy to many. We pray for the small group of staff at Mary Sumner House who work passionately to sustain our worldwide charity. We give thanks for the tradition of midday prayers, and those shared across the world on the website. We pray for our own celebrations of the Wave of Prayer service and our link dioceses. We pray and give thanks for our World Wide President Sheran Harper and all worldwide trustees.

October

As we enter the winter season we pray for all who find this time of year more difficult. We pray for our indoor members and those who spend too much time alone. Unite us in the bonds of shared faith. Help us to be aware of the needs of others around us; to share an encouraging smile, send a note, pick up the phone, pop round to visit. We pray for all who care for others in their families and communities.



November

November is a time of Remembrance as we celebrate All Souls, All Saints and Remembrance Day. Help us to remember God's blessings to us all, new every morning. Give us grateful hearts for those we have loved and lost. May we also value all those around us now, as we journey through life.

December

As we enter Advent and a new church year, we give thanks for our Bishops and all clergy. We pray for them and their families. We pray for this season of reflection and eager anticipation of the second coming of Christ. May we reflect the joy of the promise of a new heaven and new earth where there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain. May we be watchful in God's Kingdom. Sustain and inspire us in our faith and actions.