

## Wave of Prayer for Mothers' Union

Lord, we pray for Mothers' Union worldwide.

### 1 Mothers' Union worldwide

**2 – 4** Matlosane in South Africa; Mumias in Kenya; Eha-Amufu in Nigeria; Ballarat in Australia; Niagara in Canada and North Kerala in India

**5 – 7** Botswana; Marsabit in Kenya; Idah & Jebba in Nigeria; Salisbury in England and Andaman & Car Nicobar Islands in India

### 8 Mothers' Union worldwide

**9 – 11** Lainya in South Sudan; Ankole in Uganda; Abuja & Lagos-West in Nigeria; Lichfield in England and Karnataka North in India

**12 – 14** Matana in Burundi; South Ankole in Uganda; Morogoro in Tanzania; Ohaji/Egbema in Nigeria; New Westminster in Canada and Dornakal in India

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**16 – 18** Bentiu in South Sudan; Bunyoro Kitara in Uganda; Okigwe-North & Omu-Aran in Nigeria; Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh in All Ireland and Krishna-Godavari in India

**19 – 21** Free State in South Africa; Bondo in Kenya; Ogbia & Offa in Nigeria Swansea & Brecon in Wales; Argentina and Uruguay

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**23 – 25** Wau in South Sudan; Kigeme in Rwanda; Bauchi in Nigeria; St David's in Wales and Mandalay in Myanmar

**26 – 28** Mundri in South Sudan; Madi & West Nile in Uganda; Isikwuatu in Nigeria; Chichester in England and Seoul in South Korea

## Final Blessing

**May the power of the Spirit transform us  
and equip us for works of service  
that society may be transformed.  
To God be the glory. Amen**

## Midday Prayers 2023: February Transformation – Now! Transformation of society

### Monday: Transformation of society

Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. *Isaiah 1:17*

**O Lord, open my eyes  
that I may see the need of others,  
open my ears that I may hear their cries,  
open my heart so that they need not  
be without succour.**

Let me not be afraid to defend the weak  
because of the anger of the strong,  
nor afraid to defend the poor  
because of the anger of the rich.

**Show me where love and hope and faith  
are needed, and use me to bring them to  
these places.**

**Open my eyes and ears that I may, this  
coming day, be able to do some work of  
peace for thee. Amen** ©Alan Paton

### Tuesday: Poverty to riches

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?

*1 John 3:17*

**God of compassion, your eyes are  
turned to the poor and needy.**

Turn our gaze to see the need around us.  
Give us a vision of an equal society  
where poverty has no place.

**God of justice,  
your face is set against poverty.**

Shake us out of our comfort.  
Challenge us to counter injustice  
whatever the cost to ourselves.

**God of hope,  
your kingdom will come in its fullness.**

Envision us to act and pray.  
Inspire us to work for an equal society  
of fullness of life for all  
that poverty may be overcome.

**Amen**

### **Wednesday: Homelessness to shelter**

Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."  
*Matthew 8:20*

**May God, who had nowhere to lay his head, have mercy on all with no place to call their home.**

God of Justice,  
have mercy on those who sleep...  
on the streets or in hostels  
on the floor or on a sofa,  
in store rooms or offices,  
and those who know their friends'  
hospitality is at breaking point.

Help us build a fairer society,  
where having no home does not exclude  
anyone from work and health and respect.  
Help us to build a society where all may 'dwell in safety'.

**Shelter us, O Lord, and give us the compassion and knowledge to help others in their search for shelter. Amen**

*Education for Justice*

### **Thursday: Refugees to settlers**

My people will live in peaceful dwelling places,  
in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest.  
*Isaiah 32:18*

**May God,  
whose family fled to Egypt,  
have mercy on all refugees.  
May God who left his home in glory  
champion their cause  
and settle them in peace.**

O God,  
you bring hope out of emptiness  
energy out of fear  
new life out of grief and loss.  
As Mary returned to mourn  
yet found unspeakable joy,  
so comfort all who have lost their homes  
through persecution, war, exile,  
or deliberate destruction.  
Comfort all who have lost their homes  
through the ravages of natural disasters.

**Give them security, a place to live,  
and neighbours they trust to be with,  
a new sign of peace to the world. Amen**  
*Janet Morley (adapted)*

### **Friday: Loneliness to community**

I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. 'When you did this to one of the least of my brothers and sisters you were doing it to me!'  
*Matthew 25: 35,40*

**God of family and community,  
draw us near to the lonely and isolated  
that they may find a place of welcome,  
purpose for their days,  
and company to enrich their lives. Amen**

God of compassion,  
be close to those who are ill, afraid or isolated.  
In their loneliness, be their consolation;  
in their anxiety, be their hope;  
in their darkness, be their light;  
through him who suffered alone on the cross,  
but reigns with you in glory,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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### **Saturday: Untaught to educated**

Always remember what you have been taught,  
and don't let go of it.  
Keep all that you have learned;  
it is the most important thing in life.

*Proverbs 4:12-13 (NCV)*

**O God: You have blessed humanity with inquiring and able intellects.**

Yet, the fundamental tools of  
reading, writing and mathematics  
are still denied to many of us  
who are poor,  
who are female,  
who belong to ethnic or religious minorities,  
who have mental or physical disabilities.

Let those of us who have been graced with  
education take responsibility –  
in our hearts and in our actions –  
for the education of all people,  
no matter where they live or who they are,  
that they may share in the pleasure of learning  
and the power of knowing.

**Amen**

*Susan Valdes-Dapena*