

## Wave of Prayer

**1-2 September:** Harare in Zimbabwe; Machakos in Kenya; Ogori-Magongo & Ekiti in Nigeria; Southwark in England and Phulbani in India

**3-5 September:** Khartoum in Sudan; Dar es Salaam in Tanzania; Bari & Ilesa in Nigeria; Gloucester in England and Dugapur in India

**7-9 September:** Pacong in South Sudan; Southern Nyanza in Kenya; Kutigi & Ijesha North in Nigeria; Bristol in England and Karnataka Central in India

**10-12 September:** Pretoria in South Africa; North Mbale in Uganda; Oke-Osun in Nigeria; Exeter in England and Barbados

**14-16 September:** Mthatha in South Africa; Namirembe in Uganda; Pankshin & Sabongidda-Ora in Nigeria; Dublin & Glendalough in All Ireland and Central Solomons in Solomon Islands

**17-19 September:** Buye in Burundi; Sebei in Uganda; Abakaliki & Ekiti-Oke in Nigeria; Southwell & Nottingham in England and Belize

**21-23 September:** Rumbek in South Sudan; Soroti in Uganda; Aba Ngwa North & Oyo in Nigeria; Peterborough in England and North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba

**24-26 September:** Makamba in Burundi; North Karamoja in Uganda; Lokoja & Sapele in Nigeria; Truro in England and Tirunelveli in India

**28-30 September:** Katanga in DR Congo; Rwenzori in Uganda; Mbaise & Egba in Nigeria; Meath & Kildare in All Ireland and Tiruchirappalli Thanjavur in India

## MOTHERS' UNION MIDDAY PRAYERS - SEPTEMBER 2025 THEME – THE POWER OF RECONCILIATION

### Reflection for 'The Power of Reconciliation'

Sometimes it seems that our troubled world is immersed in the pain and suffering of conflict and broken relationships, yet Jesus reminds us that even though we are all less than perfect, every one of us is worthy of being redeemed, loved, and forgiven. As members of Mothers' Union there is hope and a desire to continue building a future of reconciliation, justice, and peace in partnership with The Community of The Cross of Nails.

“Being a part of the Community of the Cross of Nails affirms who we are at our core - a movement of men and women contributing to peace and reconciliation at all levels, from the fellowship of friendship over a cup of tea to conflict zones, Mothers' Union members embody the spirit of what the Cross of Nails is all about.”  
*(Lynne Tembey, former Worldwide President)*

### MONDAY - FORGIVENESS

Heavenly Father, help us first to recognise our own failings and neglect to 'forgive and forget', in order that unburdened, we may work towards a future free of resentment or animosity. We pray that in our healing we may be transformed and reconciled with you. Amen.

**Litany of Reconciliation:** All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God..

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class, Father forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own, Father, forgive. *Cont...*

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,  
Father, forgive.  
Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,  
Father, forgive.  
Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,  
Father, forgive.  
The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women, and children,  
Father, forgive.  
The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,  
Father, forgive.  
Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

## **TUESDAY – REDEMPTION**

*Risen Lord Jesus, we come to you prayerfully, not because we have to, because we want to.  
You came into our world to redeem us by your death and glorious resurrection each day may we remember what we are ashamed of and turn to you for forgiveness.  
Change us, dear Lord, that we may remember what we are ashamed of and turn to you for forgiveness.  
Change us dear Lord, may we be lights in the darkness and may we encourage and welcome people to enter our wondrous worldwide fellowship of Mothers' Union, loving both God and neighbour. Amen*

## **WEDNESDAY – EMPOWERMENT**

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. *Hebrews 12:14*  
Loving Lord, help us to remember that we are all created in your image. Empower us to look for you in all others and especially in those that are different from us. Aiming to love our neighbour help us to learn to live with the differences and to celebrate and cherish our diversity. Amen.

## **THURSDAY – HOPEFULNESS**

May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you. *Psalms 33:22*

Loving Lord, we thank you for your love for each one of us and the hope that we have in you. As we seek to share that love and that hope in our own communities, we pray that others will be drawn to you and the transforming power of your love. Amen

## **FRIDAY – RECONCILIATION**

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you discern my thoughts from afar. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, so high that I cannot attain it. (Ps 139) But I know that you have reconciled us through the cross of our Lord Jesus which has restored our broken relationship and brought justice and peace into our lives. Amen.

## **SATURDAY – JUSTICE AND PEACE**

But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never failing stream! *Amos 5:24*

Compassionate God, be with us all as we hold out hands of blessing to our Mothers' Union family wherever they may be, and hands of reconciliation and peace to those in need whatever their circumstances, Amen.

## **FINAL BLESSING PRAYER**

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you, and may God's blessing be with you as you journey on in faith and trust. Amen