

WAVE OF PRAYER 2019 - 29TH JUNE – 1ST JULY 2019

We suggest that you make a circle of chairs with a table in the centre and a map of the world on it with the link Dioceses we are praying for marked with either a candle or a flower. Perhaps ask a different member to pray for each Diocese.

We will begin our service with Mary Sumner's Personal Prayer.

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.

Lord, we bring before you our praise, fellowship, support and joy, for our Link Dioceses across the world, EASTERN ZAMBIA – MOMBASA – EKITI-WEST - GWAGWALADA and TEMOTU. Bind us together in mutual love and support as we uphold one another in prayer. **Amen.**

We will now sing - **All our hope on God is founded;**

READING

James 1 v 17 & 18

EASTERN ZAMBIA

Lord, we pray for all members in Eastern Zambia and for their Diocesan President Mrs Angelina Ambali.

The Diocese of Eastern Zambia has a very large membership covering a wide age range. They seek to give help to the elderly, many of whom are on their own, and to young mums needing help with child care. This enables the mums to work in cottage industries and bring home an income. Almost all female church members belong to Mothers' Union and they join at a young age.

Loving Lord, we give thanks for all members in Eastern Zambia, for all workers and their families, the work they do in the communities in which they live. Amen.

READING

Colossians 3 v 12

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

MOMBASA

In the Wave of Prayer we pray for Rev. Martha Mwaro their Diocesan President.

Mombasa is a sea port city on the Coast of Kenya, along the Indian Ocean. It is the country's oldest and largest city. The old town of Mombasa has wonderful architecture and narrow streets.

Members have commenced an empowerment programme, whereby visits are made to Archdeaconries teaching women life skills which will help them to improve their way of living.

Women are taught many skills, including conservation of the environment by reducing the tree felling habit. There is a rich diversity of gifts, experience and professionalism among members which is taught or shared with less fortunate women in the Diocese.

LET US PRAY:

Lord, we thank you for the contact we have with our sisters overseas. Bless the work of the Mothers' Union, as they strive to pass on their skills so that others may gain knowledge to better their lives and environment. Surround them with your love and give them strength in times which may be difficult and that they may overcome new daily challenges.

READING

Matthew 9 v 36-38

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

We are linked with two dioceses in Nigeria – EKITI-WEST and GWAGWALADA

Mothers' Union Diocesan President of Ekiti-West: Mrs Tolu Adepoju. She became Diocesan President when her husband, Rt Rev Rufus Adepoju, became Bishop of Ekiti-West Diocese in 2017. The diocese was formed in 1999.

Mothers' Union Diocesan President of Gwagwalada: Mrs Rebecca Tabway. The diocese was formed in 1999.

Located in West Africa, Nigeria is Africa's most populous country and is set to continue growing since more than 40% of its population is under the age of 14. It has one of Sub Saharan Africa's largest economies and relies heavily on oil as its

main source of revenue. Despite this, it is estimated that more than 60% of Nigeria's population live in extreme poverty.

Mothers' Union started in Nigeria in 1908. Current membership is at least 60,000 and Mothers' Union Nigeria is very active in creating opportunities for women and young girls to reach their full potential, working closely with the Women's Guild in each diocese. Activities include: hospital visitation; health clinics; support for widows and orphans; day care centres and nursery schools; marriage preparation; vocational training; orphan care; prison ministry; Parenting Programme.

LET US PRAY for blessings on Diocesan Presidents Mrs Tolu Adepoju from Ekiti-West and Mrs Rebecca Tabway from Gwagwalada, their families and members. We pray for the work in both these dioceses and that it may grow and flourish, and that God's work may spread throughout the area.

Loving Lord give us grace to listen with compassion to the cries of the vulnerable, that we may reach out with the compassion of Christ.

READING Mark 11 v 40 -41

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

DIOCESE OF TEMOTU, SOLOMON ISLANDS

We pray for the Diocesan President Susan Menigi

The Solomon Islands lie south east of Papua New Guinea. There are 1449 members of the Mothers' Union in the diocese of Temotu. There are several literacy schools in the diocese which run literacy programmes for the adults, especially women. Mothers' Union is also running parenting groups. As a diocese they are committed to strengthening the institution of marriage and family life through teaching and prayer and worship through home to home fellowship.

READING 2 Corinthians 1 v3-4

Let us Pray - May we reflect the compassion of our Father as we reach out to comfort the troubled in the world which He loves. Amen.

TIME FOR REFLECTION.

LEICESTER (Province of Canterbury, England)

Diocesan President – Yvonne Smith

We are a very diverse County with many different cultures and faiths. It is mainly agricultural with small pockets of industry. Members meet together in branch, deanery and diocesan events, quiet days, services etc. We have an emergency/email prayer chain supporting those who have met with sudden adversity or illness.

Our members raise monies to send families away on a caravan holiday to Mablethorpe and we also help with their food. We still knit teddies for various causes; jackets, bonnets, bootees and mittens are knitted for the Neo-natal units. Donated chocolate eggs are given to children locally at Easter, and at Christmas chocolate bars are taken to Mental Health Units. Emergency toiletry bags are donated to local hospitals.

Three times a year we hold a Prayer Fellowship Service in the Cathedral where deaneries take it in turns to lead the worship, but all are invited to attend. Every other year we hold an Advent Carol Service, again in the Cathedral. At the service last year our new President and Trustees were commissioned for the next 3 years.

LET US PRAY – for the work of the Mothers' Union Leicester Diocese and for Yvonne our President, and Sherran Harper our Worldwide President. We pray for all who hold any kind of office, for Trustees, for Branch, Diocesan, Deanery, Indoor Members, Julie our office administrator and Diane our Diocesan Chaplain. Let us ask for God's blessings on all work done in His name by the Mothers' Union in this Diocese.

Reading 1 John 4 v 12 & v 16

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

Let us Pray.

Lord let our eyes be your eyes showing compassion, warmth, and love.

Let our hands be your hands bringing healing with their touch.

Let our ears be your ears listening where there is need.

Let our words be your words bringing comfort, joy and peace.

Amen.

THE LORDS PRAYER

MOTHERS UNION PRAYER.

As we pray with one another today, we know that throughout the days and years to come we can trust in God, for he is love. Amen

ARCHBISHOPS PRAYER.

God of hope, in these times of change, unite our nation and guide our leaders with your wisdom. Give us courage to overcome our fears, and help us to build a future in which we all may prosper and share; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn – The Church's one Foundation

We end our time of fellowship together by holding hands around the map and saying The Grace.