

# WAVE OF PRAYER

## 10th, 11th, & 12th DECEMBER

### 2022

#### Suggestions to help with your Wave of Prayer

5 Candles

Map of world

Maps of each country

Items to represent each country:-

African /Indian cloth (Oxfam shops are useful for this)

Fruit, fresh or dried

Coffee/Tea (check supermarket aisles)

Bombay mix / Poppadom crisps / Naan

Item with Ely Cathedral on it

Music from any for the countries

#### **HYMNS**

Let all the world in every corner sing.

Bind us together Lord.

All over the world, the Spirit is moving.

All people that on earth do dwell.

In Christ there is no east or west.

## **WAVE OF PRAYER**

As we meet together, or at home, let us pray.

Loving Father, we join with our family throughout the world, with one voice, to glorify your name. Together we bring our worship, together we bring our prayers. Though we may never meet, we are united in prayer. We share our sorrows and joys and together praise our God. As the family of God, we are united in love. We glorify our Father with thankful hearts. Amen

### **HYMN**

**BIBLE READING** Luke 9 1-6

### **PRAYER**

Loving Lord, we give thanks for the privilege of service within the family of Mothers' Union worldwide.

We pray for our members throughout the world as they share the love of Christ through their witness and their work.

We give thanks for the signs of transformation in families and communities worldwide as we reach out in love and service.

We pray for the flourishing of Mothers' Union as we adapt for the needs of this present age and entrust ourselves to God to lead us forward.

Unite us as family and resolve to continue to reach out as your hands across the world. Amen

## **ZAMBIA**

Light a candle for Zambia.

Place any visual aids.

Our Diocesan link is Lusaka

D P is Mildred

V D P is Ellen

### **NEWS FROM LUSAKA**

### **PRAYER**

**Father, we pray for Mildred, Ellen and all the members in Lusaka. May your light shine on them in their lives and the work they do.**

We thank you for the many that attend the Diocesan meetings and services and for all new members of Mothers' Union who joined this year. Bless the families who will receive the Christmas hampers prepared by the Diocesan executives. Amen

## **RWANDA**

Light a candle for Rwanda.

Place any visual aids.

Our Diocesan link is Shyogwe

DP is Rev Claudine

### **NEWS FROM SHYOGWE**

#### **PRAYER**

**Father, we pray for Claudine and all the members in Shyogwe. May your light shine on them in their lives and the work they do.**

Bless all in the communities that receive help, support and comfort through the assistance and guidance given by Mothers' Union members. May they grow stronger in the knowledge that you are with them at all times. Amen

## **INDIA**

Light a candle for India.

Place any visual aids.

Our Diocesan link is Karimnagar.

Leader of the Women's Fellowship is Rev Priscilla

### **NEWS FROM KARIMNAGAR**

#### **PRAYER**

**Father, we pray for Priscilla and all involved with the Women's Fellowship. May your light shine on them in their lives and the work they do.**

We give thanks that Priscilla was able to attend the Lambeth conference and the retreats provided by the Fellowship. Amen

## **NIGERIA**

Light a candle for Nigeria.

Place any visual aids.

Our Diocesan links are Ikka and Sokoto

Ikka DP is Evelynne

Sokoto DP is Felicia

### **NEWS FROM IKKA & SOKOTO**

#### **PRAYER**

**Father, we pray for Evelynne and Felicia and all the members in Ikka and Sokoto. May your light shine on them in their lives and the work they do.**

Father, we ask that links can be established with Nigeria and that we will get news of the situation in Nigeria soon. Amen

## **ELY**

Light a candle for Ely.

Place any visual aids.

D P Hazel

**WHAT WE DO IN ELY** Review & discuss.

#### **PRAYER**

**Father, we pray for Hazel and all the members in Ely. May your light shine on us, in our lives and the work we do in the Diocese.**

## **DIOCESAN LINKS**

Our Diocesan links are with Kigali in Rwanda and Vellore in India.

Esther, wife of Bishop Nathan in Kigali and Mrs Sophi, wife of Bishop Sharma in Lellore.

**Father, we pray for Esther and Sophi and all they do with Mothers' Union in Rwanda and the Women's Board in India. May your light shine on them in their lives and the work they do. Amen**

## **MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER**

**Loving Lord, we thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world. Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life. Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world. In Jesus name. Amen**

### **"HYMN" (Good luck!)**

He's got the whole world in his hands, etc

He's got you and me brother, in his hands, etc

He's got you and me sister, in his hands, etc

He's got Rwanda and India, in his hands, etc

He's got Nigeria and Zambia, in his hands, etc

He's got Ely, in his hands, etc

He's got everybody here, in his hands, etc

**We pray for all members, May God be with them in every part of their lives, encouraging them and leading them, sheltering them and leading them so they may work to your praise and glory. We reach out as your hands across the world. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Link hands and say the Grace together.**

( Please feel free to add your own prayers, reflections, hymns, songs or music during the Wave of prayer)

## Wave of Prayer Rota 2022

Time	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
0900- 1200	Wisbech  Littleport  Sawston	IMPC	Yaxley  Farcet  St Ives
1200- 1500	Brampton  Somersham  Downham Market	Grantchester & Trumpington	Shingay Three Rivers  St Neots  Milton
1500- 1800	March  Chatteris  Doddington	Cathedral  Ely St Mary  Haddenham	Balsham  Linton  Stapleford
1800- 2100	Diocesan Members	Diocesan Members	Anglesey  Burwell  Soham

## **DIOCESAN LINK NEWS**

### **Lusaka Zambia**

The Anglican Diocese of Lusaka Mothers' Union is very active on social media with preaching, reflections and talks every day on Facebook. At the weekends, and sometimes during the week, services can be followed. The wonderful thing is that it's all in English. Many Mothers' Union meetings are covered and it's lovely to see all the members in their Mothers' Union uniforms.

A Diocesan conference was held in August where 70 were enrolled into Mothers' Union. This included 4 young family, not sure what this is, 27 probationers, members have to attend training and 39 full members. Six Mothers' Union parish choirs also participated. In total 421 people attended the conference, I think maybe we need some training from them as to how to grow our membership.

Mildred, the Diocesan President, thanks us for our prayers and says "As for Mothers' Union activates, it has been a struggle after the devastating period of Covid-19. The diocese has lost quite a number of members whose families need to be assisted" During Christmas the Diocesan executive prepare a few hampers for the vulnerable.

### **Shyogwe & Kigali Rwanda**

#### **SHYOGWE**

In August this year the Diocese of Shyogwe celebrated 30 of the Diocese and 25 years with Bishop Jered Kalimba. There are 14 parishes in the diocese and in Rwanda 85% of the population live in rural areas.

Claudine thanks God for being with them during the difficult times of Covid and is thankful that they are able to meet together again.

Also this year the Bishop of Shyogwe attended a youth campaign aimed at fighting drug abuse, teenage pregnancy and human trafficking, helping them to be aware of the consequences.

#### **KIGALI**

In Kigali, some Mothers' Union members were able to attend some workshops at a conference on Violence Against Women. More new members, 74, when Esther attended a large service in July.

## Karimnagar & Vellore India

### KARIMNAGAR

India is still in the top 10 on the world watch list, only 5% of the population are Christian, which makes their lives very difficult.

Priscilla works hard to lead The Women's Fellowship, which works in a similar way to Mothers' Union. Gatherings and Retreats for women are held almost every month, which is amazing considering the persecution they experience.

In August Priscilla was able to attend the Lambeth conference and thoroughly enjoyed being there.

### VELLORE

Following the recent visit by Mrs Sophi from Vellore, it has been wonderful to read about the work of The Women's Board in our monthly Ely newsletter. (Have the newsletters to look at.)

## Nigeria

Unfortunately no contact has been made with either of our links in Nigeria. Several avenues have been tried, but without success.

Worriedly, although 46% of the population is Christian, the persecution facing Christians in Nigeria is extreme and often brutally violent. Boko Haram and the Islamic state west Africa province, for example, want to eliminate the presence of Christianity in Nigeria.

The country also suffered with major flooding this year, but we do not know if our link Diocese were affected.