### October Wave of Prayer for Mothers'

**Union** Lord we pray for Mothers' Union worldwide, **4, 11, 18, 25,** and for the people and work of:-

# 1-3 Nzara in South Sudan; North Kigezi in Uganda; Kivu in Rwanda;

Damataru in Nigeria; Auckland in New Zealand and Vanuatu and New Caledonia in Vanuatu

- 5 7 Mbhashe in South Africa; Kitgum in Uganda; Ukwa & Ilesa South-West in Nigeria; Tasmania in Australia and Central Melanesia in Solomon Islands
- **8–10** Ethiopia; Zanzibar in Tanzania; Awgu/Aninri in Nigeria; Freetown in Sierre Leone; Monmouth in Wales and Malaita in Solomon Islands
- 12–14 Ezo in South Sudan; Thika in Kenya; Jos & Akoko in Nigeria; in Europe and União de Mulheres Episcopais Anglicanas do Brasil (UMEAB) in Brazil
- 15–17 Terekeka in South Sudan; Nairobi in Kenya; Maiduguri & Osun North in Nigeria; Edinburgh in Scotland and Calcutta in India
- 19–21 High Veld in South Africa; Nambale in Kenya; Niger-Delta in Nigeria; in Guinea; Blackburn in England and Bhopal in India
- 22–24 Kimberley and Kuruman in South Africa; Kitui in Kenya; Kano & Kwara in Nigeria; Armidale in Australia and Myitkyina in Myanmar
- **26–28** Malakal in South Sudan; All Saints Cathedral in Kenya; Kontagora & Osun North East in Nigeria; Glasgow & Galloway in Scotland and Pune in India
- 29–31 Luapula in Zambia; Nakuru in Kenya; South Rwenzori in Uganda; Ibadan-North in Nigeria; Connor in All Ireland and Pusan in South Korea

#### **Final Blessing**

We go to share the light of Christ with a world in need of his love.

May we be a beacon of hope to those he calls us to serve. Amen

# October 2017 Midday Prayers: Faith in action - Light for the world

#### **Monday:** Shining like stars

Among the people of the world you shine like stars in the heavens. You shine as you hold out to them the word of life. *Philippians 2:15-16* 

Christ our Lord and Saviour, we draw near to receive from you that we may share the light of life with those we seek to serve through our lives of faithful action.

Help us to live in such a way that our words and actions may be one, and our faith seen to be real.

And so may all we say, all we do, and all we are, witness to you and the wonder of your love shown through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You are a God of love and mercy, and we praise you, in his name. Amen Nick Fawcett, Prayers for all Seasons; 1998

#### **Tuesday:** Jesus is the light of the world

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8:12* 

Jesus Christ, Light of the world, we draw near to renew our light in you that our lives may brightly reflect your love.

Inspire us with your vision for the part of your world that you have called us to.

As we fix our gaze on Christ may we shine ever more brightly with the outworking of his love in our lives of faithful action.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world, we draw near to renew our light in you that our lives may brightly reflect your love.

May we be a beacon of hope to those you call us to serve. Amen

#### Wednesday: We are the light of the world

You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14, 16

We thank you, Lord, that, through your grace, we are the light of the world. May we shine ever brighter with the light of your love as we live out our faith in action.

Help us Lord,
To live in your light
To act in your might
To think in your wisdom
To walk in your kingdom
To abide in your love
Your presence to prove.
David Adam, Times and Seasons; Triangle,
1989

Jesus Christ, Light of the world, may we be a beacon of hope to those you call us to serve. Amen

#### **Thursday:** Light in the darkness

For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6

Jesus Christ, Light of the world, we draw near to receive your vision that we may bring light to those in dark and uncertain situations.

Loving Lord, by the power of your word and through your actions of love, call us to be your disciples.

Enable us to shine in the darkness, to stand up for justice and peace and reflect your love for all.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world, We take your light into the shadows of life. May we be a beacon of hope to those you call us to serve. Amen

## Friday: Walking in the light

If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 1:5-7

Jesus Christ, Light of the world, we walk in the light of your presence that our lives may brightly reflect your love.

Loving Lord, we walk in the light of your presence; we journey with you by our side. We walk in the company of your people; their fellowship encourages us. We walk towards the light of eternity; the wonders of heaven spur us on.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world, as we walk through life inspire us to shine your light in the most effective way, that it would reach to those in greatest need.

Amen

#### **Saturday:** Light for the world

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world." *Matthew 5:14* 

Lord, let me be a light to chase away shadows of fear and doubt, a lighthouse beacon, steady and strong, to light storm-tossed waters of grief, a candle in the window to welcome the lost, or flicker with joy and laughter to brighten sadness and despair.

But most, Lord, let me be a heart-glow of love and offer a shoulder to cry on, arms to enfold. Let me be a light, Lord, to shine forth the rainbow promise of your love. Maureen Hawk Turk (Lifting Women's Voices, 2009)

Jesus Christ, Light of the world, inspire us to shine your light in a world in need of your love. May we be a beacon of hope to those you call us to serve. Amen