November Wave of Prayer for

Mothers' Union Lord we pray for Mothers' Union worldwide **1**, **8**, **15**,**22**,**29** and for the people and work of:-

- 2–4 Lebombo in Mozambique; Makueni in Kenya; Newala in Tanzania; Niger-Delta North in Nigeria; Riverina in Australia and North East India in India
- 5–7 Antananarivo in Madagascar; Taita Taveta in Kenya; Ikara & Ife in Nigeria and Argyll & The Isles in Scotland
- 9–11 Kadugli & Nuba Mountains in Sudan; Kinkiizi in Uganda; Amichi & Igbomina West in Nigeria and Ottawa in Canada
- 12–14 Ukhahlamba in South Africa; Maseno West in Kenya; Oji River in Nigeria; Dunkwa-on-Offin in Ghana; Guildford in England and Coimbatore in India
- **16–18** Iraq; Katakwa in Kenya; Kafanchan & Asaba in Nigeria; Lincoln in England and Trinidad & Tobago
- 19–21 Muyinga in Burundi; Lake Rukwa in Tanzania; Okrika in Nigeria; St Asaph in Wales; Bendigo in Australia and Gujarat in India
- 23–25 Southern Malawi in Malawi; Northern Uganda in Uganda; Lafia & Ilaje in Nigeria and Thoothukudi-Nazareth in India
- **26–28** Zululand in South Africa; Lodwar in Kenya; Isiala Ngwa South in Nigeria; Accra in Ghana; Bangor in Wales and Colombo in Sri Lanka
- Mpumalanga in South Africa; Central Buganda in Uganda;
 Zonkwa in Nigeria; Bo in Sierra Leone;
 Newcastle in England and Barrackpore in India

Final Blessing

We go from here with faith and resolve to be messengers of hope and agents of change in a broken world.

Amen

November Midday Prayers 2017: Faith in action - Faith for change

Monday: Faith for change

Jesus said: God has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

Luke 4:18-19

With faith and resolve we set ourselves to champion the cause of justice and proclaim the favour of God.

Through actions and words we testify to the favour of God, who sent his Son to bring sight to the blind and to set the captives free.

May all our undertakings bring change for good and further the growth of God's Kingdom on earth.

We worship our holy Lord; we pray for his kingdom on earth. May his justice set the captives free and his righteousness reign forever. Amen

Tuesday: Change of heart

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. *Ezekiel 36:26*

Today, as we listen for God's voice, may our hearts be soft and our spirits open to be agents of change in the world.

God of Love, God of Peace, this fractured world cries out in pain, burns deep into my soul, and challenges me, to make a difference.

God of Love, God of Peace, God of this world, scarred by grief and tears, ignorance and fear, soften hearts of stone, and begin with mine.

God of Love, God of Peace, create within me a heart for people, a desire for change, for new beginnings to start this day.
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Amen

Wednesday: Change for good

God will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair. *Isaiah 61:3 (NLT)*

God of transformation, provider of all things for our good, give us resolve to use your resources to be agents of change in the world.

We pray that lives will be transformed into ones of self respect and sufficiency through effective use of your resources.

We pray that families will be transformed into strong and loving households as they explore your ways for relationship.

We pray that communities will be transformed into ones of resilience and prosperity through trust and cooperation.

God of transformation we thank you for abundant provision. Help us to use your resources wisely and enable others to do the same. Amen

Thursday: Change of behaviour

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

God of righteousness, we pray for all who live in fear and despair that life will ever change.

May they be given courage, hope and a way to break free from their abuse.

God of righteousness, break the patterns of abuse committed down the generations. Transform attitudes and behaviour in current and future relationships.

Give us resolve to tirelessly work to change attitudes that promote, accept and perpetuate all forms of violence and abuse.

May fear be vanquished and freedom reign, that all may live in safety.

Amen

Friday: Change for good

Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any more. *Isaiah 2:4*

Dear Lord:

We hope for peace in your world. We hope for peace in nation after nation.

We hope for peace, Lord, wherever there is trouble, wherever there is suffering. We hope for peace. We hope for peace.

And so, Lord, as we come to you in prayer we ask first of all that we may find peace within us, peace within ourselves, peace within each one of us, peace between each other and to find You waiting there, patiently waiting.

Faye Davis, Diocese of Perth, Western Australia

Loving Lord, as we long for an end to all kinds of conflict give us resolve through prayer and action to be agents of peace in our broken world. Amen

Saturday: Faith for change

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice. *Proverbs* 31:8-9

God our Creator, we thank you for our shared calling as your children, male and female together, to care for all of creation.

Forgive us when we fail to notice or to question that which is less than good: when we condone or perpetuate violence of any kind.

Fill us with your Spirit of wisdom and help us to see the world through your eyes of compassion and justice.

Give us courage to challenge and to change, In the name of Jesus Christ our Liberator.

Erica Wishart

Amen