

October 2018 – Wave of Prayer
We pray for Mothers' Union worldwide on
4, 11, 18, 25, and Mothers' Union
Dioceses on :-

- 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

May the God of glory and grace give us a wealth of blessing, that we may reach out in compassion to a poor and needy world.
Amen

October 2018 Midday Prayers:
In Mary Sumner's footsteps
Wealth & poverty

Monday: God's provision

Jehovah Jireh, our Provider, open the floodgates of heaven to meet your children's needs.

I know that the Lord secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy. *Psalm 140:12*

We come to you, Lord, for the hungry of this world, that they might find food to eat.

We come to you, Lord, for the thirsty of this world, that they might find water to drink.

We come to you, Lord, for the homeless of the world that they might find somewhere to live.

We come to you, Living Water, Bread of Life, for whom this earth was but a temporary home, that these, your precious people might find within your mercy and gracious provision an answer to their needs. **Amen.** © *John Birch*

Tuesday: Tackling poverty

Jehovah Jireh, our Provider, open the floodgates of heaven to meet your children's needs.

Oh, the joys of those who are kind to the poor! The Lord rescues them when they are in trouble.

God of compassion, your eyes are turned to the poor and needy.

Turn our gaze to see the need around us. Give us a vision of an equal world where poverty has no place.

God of justice, your face is set against poverty.

Shake us out of our comfort. Challenge us to counter injustice whatever the cost to ourselves.

God of hope, your kingdom will come in its fullness.

Envision us to act and pray. Inspire us to work for a future hope of fullness of life for all **Amen**

Wednesday: Riches in Christ

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. *2 Corinthians 8:9*

Generous God, you have lavished upon us the riches of your grace; abundant life through the gift of Christ.

We praise you for the riches of our salvation. We, in spiritual poverty, had no means to pay such a costly debt.

Forgive us when we strive to earn the blessings you freely give us; for which the price has been paid.

May we be so filled with your grace that we share the riches of Christ as a blessing to all we meet.

Gracious God, giver of every gift by which our lives are blessed, we thank you. Amen

Thursday: Campaigning against poverty

Remove the chains of oppression and the yoke of injustice, and let the oppressed go free. Share your food with the hungry and open your homes to the homeless poor. *Isaiah 58:6-7 (GNT)*

God of justice, your face is set against poverty.

May we who are blessed with the comfort of riches challenge the plight of the poor.

God of justice, your face is set against oppression.

May we who are blessed with the luxury of freedom take up the cause of the oppressed.

God of justice, Shake us out of complacency.

Stir us to campaign for those in need with wholehearted commitment.

**Lord of all, we celebrate your righteousness.
Help us to work for a better world.
that poverty may be overcome.
Amen**

Friday: Poverty of love

**Jehovah Jireh, our Provider, look upon our poverty of body, mind and soul.
Open the floodgates of heaven to meet your children's needs.**

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

Loving God, we pray for those who have been deprived of love, who feel unloved, or for whom love has been painful.

Touch their hearts with the love of Christ.

We pray for those who are scarred by bitter and painful experience, who have been subjected to abuse; those afraid of showing their true feelings, those oppressed by mental illness.

Touch their hearts with the love of Christ.

Loving God, grant to us all the knowledge that your love will never fail, and never let us go.

In Jesus' name. Amen ©Nick Fawcett

Saturday: Wealth & poverty

Jehovah Jireh, our Provider, sustainer of all you have made, we thank you for present blessings and trust you for future provision.

The rich and the poor shake hands as equals—
God made them both!

Proverbs 22:2 (The Message)

Creator and sustainer of both rich and poor,
let not material riches nor poverty
hide your eternal majesty.

Whatever the origin of wealth,
let it not lead to a sense of self-sufficiency,
and flaunting reliance on material things.

Whatever the cause of poverty,
let it not lead to degradation of self,
and despairing desire for earthly possessions.

Let us all, rich and poor and in-between,
find fulfilment
in self-abandonment
to your divine providence,
so that the fruits of your Holy Spirit
may make us in our hearts as rich as Jesus.
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