

Wave of Prayer for Mothers' Union

Lord, we pray for Mothers' Union worldwide on 5, 12, 19, 26 and dioceses as follows: =

1 Toamasina in Madagascar; Mukono in Uganda; Ikwere & Ife East in Nigeria; Down & Dromore in All Ireland and Delhi in India

2-4 Umzimvubu in South Africa; Lweru in Tanzania; On the Niger in Nigeria; Cape Coast in Ghana; Ontario in Canada and Limerick & Killaloe in All Ireland

6-8 Cueibet in South Sudan; Gahini in Rwanda; Wusasa & Ibadan in Nigeria and Christchurch in New Zealand

9-11 Nord Kivu in DR Congo; Kigali in Rwanda; Kiteto & Kubwa in Nigeria; Perth in Australia and Kuranagala in Sri Lanka

13-15 Yirol in South Sudan; Ruvuma in Tanzania; Nike & Benin in Nigeria Canberra & Goulburn in Australia and Dogura in Papua New Guinea

16-18 Kindu in DR Congo; Mount Kenya West in Kenya; Egbu in Nigeria; Te Pihopatanga O Aotearoa in New Zealand; Cork, Cloyne & Ross in All Ireland and Eastern Himalayas in India

20-22 Kinshasa in DR Congo; Victoria Nyanza in Tanzania; Ahoada & Warri in Nigeria; Oxford in England and Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea

23-25 Kisangani in DR Congo; Kagera in Tanzania; Awka in Nigeria; Sunyani in Ghana; Manchester in England and Popondota in Papua New Guinea

27-29 Port Sudan in Sudan; Muhabura: in Uganda; Niger Delta West & Yewa in Nigeria; The Northern Territory in Australia and Chennai in India

30 Aru in DR Congo; Kigezi in Uganda; Ikeduru in Nigeria; Ho in Ghana; York in England and Guyana & Suriname in Guyana

Final Blessing

May the promise of eternity fill our hearts with joy as we go from here to serve our Heavenly King. Amen

April 2019 Midday Prayers: Listen, observe, act – in step with God Promise of eternity

Monday: Promise of eternity

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as prophet, priest and king and yet humbled himself to take our place upon the cross.

For God so loved the world that all might have eternal life.

Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as servant and revealed to us the extent of his Father's love for human kind

For God so loved the world that all might have eternal life.

Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who rose from the ignominy of a sinner's death to the triumph of a Saviour's resurrection.

For God so loved the world that all might have eternal life. Amen ©John Birch

Tuesday: Gift of eternity

Now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:22-23

The hope of eternal life colours our days with significance. All our deeds and words, our relationships, find meaning in the context of heaven.

We are filled with awe as we contemplate our Saviour's gift: life forevermore in communion with our precious Lord.

We wait with joy for the day when our hope is fulfilled and we join with the heavenly hosts in endless worship and praise.

God of mercy, giver of hope which sustains our lives now and for eternity we thank you. Amen

Wednesday: Joy for eternity

God's dwelling-place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes.

There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

Revelation 21:3-4

Lord, of all, open our eyes to the wonders of heaven. Give us a glimpse of your eternal glory:

Wipe away our tears of mourning;
fill us with joy in your presence.

Take away our spirit of heaviness;
clothe us with a garment of praise.

Hope has been renewed; joy has been rekindled. Death has been defeated; eternity beckons.

We will dwell in the presence of our God forever. All glory to his name. Amen

Thursday: Vision of eternity

Our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen.

For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

**All-seeing God,
lift our gaze beyond the present.**

**Flood the eyes of our hearts with light
and expand our eternal vision.**

We fix our eyes on Jesus,
who endured the cross, for the joy set before him;
everlasting glory at the right hand of God.

We too would look beyond
the trials of the here and now.
To live our lives in the light of eternity,
for the joy set before us;
everlasting pleasures at the right hand of God.
Amen

Friday: Christ for eternity

You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.
Psalm 16:11

Lord, you are the Bread of Life, which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

**You are the Good Shepherd, who lays
down his own life for the sheep in His care.**

You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life, the path by which we come to know God the Father.

**You are the Light of the World,
illuminating the way for all who walk in
darkness.**

You are the Resurrection and the Life,
the source of eternal life for all who believe.

**You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living
God, and our Redeemer and Lord. Amen**

Saturday: Dwelling in eternity

My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

John 14:2-3

Bring us, O Lord, at our last awakening
into the house and gate of heaven,
to enter into that gate and dwell in that house
where shall be no darkness nor dazzling,
but one equal light;
no noise nor silence,
but one equal music;
no fears nor hopes,
but one equal possession;

no ends nor beginnings,
but one equal eternity
in the habitations of
your glory and dominion,
world without end.

Amen

John Donne