

Finally we remember our own Diocese of Manchester.

1 Peter 5:7

Cast all your anxiety on Him because he cares for you.

Leader : With thankfulness and love we take our place in the family of Mothers' Union worldwide.

Open our eyes to the significance of relationship with members worldwide; with those known to us or not.

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live.

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

All over the world the Spirit is moving
All over the world as the prophet said it would be
All over the world there's a mighty revelation of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.
All over His church God's Spirit is moving
All over His church as the prophet said it would be
All over His church is a mighty revelation of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Blessing

Wave of Prayer

23 – 25 April
2016

Celebration of Faith

WELCOME

Lord we welcome you.

We thank you that you are in our midst.

We praise you for this time together to pray

For the people and work of the Mothers' Union, and in particular, our own link dioceses.

Opening Prayer:

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Open our eyes to the significance of relationship with members worldwide; with those known to us or not.

With support and love we reach out to our sisters and brothers across the world.

Strengthen our commitment to those with whom we share vision and values; wherever we may live.

In unity and love we link hands with our worldwide family of God.

Unite us in worship; build us in service, as together we seek to share your love. Amen

Hymn

In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

Join hands, then, members of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as His child
Is surely kin to me.

Leader

This year we celebrate faith with Kisangani in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kagera in Tanzania, Awka in Nigeria, Sunyani in Ghana and Popondota in Papua New Guinea. Bind us together in mutual love and support as we uphold one another in prayer.

Loving Lord, help us to fully appreciate the blessings of being united in the family of God. Let us be ever ready to intercede for each other for God's assistance and protection. May God encourage us in heart and unite us in love.

Hymn

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

He's got my brothers and my sisters in his hands,
He's got my brothers and my sisters in his hands,
He's got my brothers and my sisters in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.

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

Leader :

**Popondota, Papua New Guinea
Psalm 46: 1-3**

'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.'

Their main focus is on promoting stable family life and the protection of children, addressing adult literacy levels, peace building and empowering the rights of women and children.

A time of silence

**Sunyani, Ghana
Hebrews 11:1**

'Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.'

Mothers' Union members believe that bringing people to a real experience of God through Christ will resolve the problems that the area suffers.

A time of silence

**Awka, Nigeria
John 4:27**

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.'

They have a special ministry of care and support for widows.

A time of silence

**Kagera, Tanzania
Psalm 113:9**

'He settles the childless woman in her home as a happy mother of children. Praise the Lord.'

Mothers' Union members meet each week to study God's word, to pray and to encourage each other.

A time of silence

**Kisangani, Democratic Republic of Congo
2 Timothy 3: 16-17**

'All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.'

Members are dedicated to building a strong community of Christians through prayer, worship and service.

A time of silence