

We try to work in our local communities finding new ways and projects to fulfill needs, whilst still supporting a worldwide membership with fund raising. We plan to extend our work in our prisons, continue to support families in numerous ways, make prayer a priority and offer hands in friendship.

Let us pray for our members who continue to be involved in projects that support others and for our members who are unable to attend branches but whose commitment is strong. Sharing through prayer, fellowship and faith.

(Silence)

**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

Blessing

## Wave of Prayer

23 – 25 April  
2018

## Faith in Action

The wave of prayer is a continuous expression of our commitment in prayer to each other, which runs throughout the year and encompasses all the places in which we are represented. At this time we join our link partners becoming closer together through prayer.

### 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:

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.**

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. Hold our hearts in your hands Lord, allow all to be warmed by your presence in their lives.

Amen

Hymn

## Leader

This year we celebrate Faith in Action 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

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. Joyceline and her members have provided sanitary products, food items and clothing to an orphanage.

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.'*

Editha writes: Mothers' Union members meet once in a week and share bible study, leaders preaching, visiting sick Mothers Union members and helping orphans in different ways. They also run small projects like vegetable gardens, distributing two goats per Parish. In some parishes they have been encouraging women to grow permanent crops such as coffee and bananas. They have some Parishes where members save small amounts of money every month and get small loans with which they can start small businesses like selling fruit which can increase family income and improve the diet.

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

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. Here at home, we share worldwide concerns from family distinctions, health issues, isolation and calls on our faith.