

## Wave of Prayer for Mothers' Union

Lord, we pray for Mothers' Union worldwide.

**1-2** Mpumalanga in South Africa; Central Buganda in Uganda; Zonkwa in Nigeria; Bo in Sierra Leone; Newcastle in England and Barrackpore in India

**3 – 5** Akot in South Sudan; Southwest Tanganyika in Tanzania; Aba & Irele-Ese Odo in Nigeria; Coventry in England and Cuttack in India

### **6 Mothers' Union worldwide**

**7 – 9** Namibia; Mount Kenya South in Kenya; Northern Ison & Ijebu North in Nigeria and Durham in England

**10 – 12** Lusaka in Zambia; Shyogwe in Rwanda; Sokoto & Ikka in Nigeria; Ely in England and Karimnagar in India

### **13 Mothers' Union worldwide**

**14– 16** Fianarantsoa in Madagascar; Central Tanganyika in Tanzania; Calabar & Igbomina in Nigeria; Derry & Raphoe in All Ireland and Banks & Torres in Vanuatu

**17 – 19** Lui in South Sudan; Embu in Kenya; Orlu & Awori in Nigeria; The Murray in Australia and Medak in India

### **20 Mothers' Union worldwide**

**21 – 23** Archbishops, Bishops, and all clergy in the Anglican Communion

**24 – 26** Refugees, internally displaced families and those living in a climate of fear

### **27 Mothers' Union worldwide Sheran Harper & MU Trustees**

**28-30** All involved with the responsibility of caring for and supporting family life.

### **31 Mothers' Union worldwide**

### **Final Blessing**

**May our lives be filled with joy  
throughout this precious season  
as we celebrate the wonder of the Nativity.  
Amen**

## **Midday Prayers 2023: Transformation – Now! December: Celebration of Nativity**

### **Monday: Celebration of Nativity**

**Give thanks and rejoice  
in the glory of Nativity!  
Praise God for his gift of a Saviour.**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
*Isaiah 9:6*

Jesus, Lord and Saviour  
we thank you for this season of celebration  
the renewal of your love for us  
we pray for all your people  
that today even in the darkest corners  
your lamp may be lit  
and your light may shine  
giving joy and peace. Amen  
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**With wonder and joy  
we celebrate the Nativity.  
of our Messiah, Jesus Christ.  
Amen**

### **Tuesday: Proclamation of the prophets**

**Give thanks and rejoice  
in the proclamation of Nativity!  
Praise God for his promise of a Saviour.**

How beautiful on the mountains  
are the feet of those who bring good news,  
who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings,  
who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion,  
“Your God reigns!”  
*Isaiah 52:7*

Speak to us afresh, Lord.  
Open our ears to the message of salvation,  
echoing down the years in a newborn baby's cry.

**Together we proclaim  
the joyful tidings:  
Our God reigns!**

We celebrate anew the fulfilment  
of words uttered in ancient times  
which deepen our faith in God's promises to us.

**With wonder and joy  
we celebrate the Nativity  
of our Messiah, Jesus Christ.  
Amen**

### Wednesday: Rejoicing of Mary

**Give thanks and rejoice  
in the blessings of Nativity!  
Praise God for his plan of salvation.**

Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord  
would fulfil his promises to her!  
And Mary said: My soul glorifies the Lord  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

*Luke 1:45-47*

We glorify the Lord  
with open hearts and voices

Listening, like Mary, we open our minds  
**Let us rejoice, God is with us**

Watching, like Mary, as God surprises us  
**Let us rejoice, God is with us**

Responding, like Mary, to God's promise of  
freedom

**Let us rejoice, God is with us**

We rejoice in God our Saviour.  
Holy is his name.

**With wonder and joy  
we celebrate the Nativity  
of our Messiah, Jesus Christ.  
Amen**

### Thursday: Song of the angels

**Give thanks and rejoice  
in the song of Nativity!  
Praise God for his tidings of a Saviour.**

The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring  
you good news that will cause great joy for all the  
people.' A great company of the heavenly host  
appeared with the angel, praising God.

*Luke 2:9, 13*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth grace and peace to those  
on whom his favour rests.**

The angels' song rings out:  
the Saviour is born.

We join our voices with theirs  
to sing of God's love to his people,  
and to proclaim his faithfulness  
to every generation.

For his word is dependable,  
his promises secure.

**With wonder and joy  
we celebrate the Nativity  
of our Messiah, Jesus Christ. Amen**

### Friday: Joy of the shepherds

**Give thanks and rejoice  
in the certainty of Nativity!  
Praise God for the birth of a Saviour.**

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising  
God for all the things they had heard and seen,  
which were just as they had been told.

*Luke 2:20*

We praise God for the truth of his word  
which draws us to the stable of salvation;  
the birthplace of Love incarnate  
in all his hidden glory.

As we linger in the presence of the Holy  
our lives are filled with the joy of salvation;  
a sacred gift to share abroad,  
that all may receive through faith.

**With wonder and joy  
we celebrate the Nativity  
of our Messiah, Jesus Christ. Amen**

### Saturday: Celebration of Nativity

**Give thanks and rejoice  
in the glory of Nativity!  
Praise God for his gift of a Saviour.**

My eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the sight of all  
nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and the glory of your people Israel.

*Luke 2:30-32*

A child is to be born  
within one nation  
but for all nations.  
Our God will be revealed,  
the Son of David  
born in humility.  
Love will come down to earth  
as servant-king  
and vulnerable

**We will sing of your love forever,  
and proclaim your faithfulness  
to every generation  
for by grace incomparable  
our salvation is here.** ©John Birch

**With wonder and joy  
we celebrate the Nativity  
of our Messiah, Jesus Christ.  
Amen**