### Wave of Prayer for Mothers' Union Lord, we pray for the people and work of: 1,8,15,22,29 Mothers' Union worldwide

- Yei in South Sudan; Luweero in Uganda; On the Lake in Nigeria;
  Grafton in Australia; Armagh in All Ireland and South Kerala in India.
- 5 7 Bujumbura in Burundi; Maseno South in Kenya; Ihiala in Nigeria; Cameroon; Calgary in Canada and Ysabel in Solomon Islands.
- 9 11 Awerial in South Sudan; Mityana in Uganda; Uyo & Ajayi Crowther in Nigeria; Rupert's Land in Canada and Patna in India.
- 12 14 Port Elizabeth in South Africa; West Ankole in Uganda; Nomadic Mission & Ekiti-Kwara in Nigeria; Worcester in England and the Episcopal Church of the Philippines.
- 16 18 Kajo-Keji in South Sudan; Tarime in Tanzania; Dutse & Akoko-Edo in Nigeria. Canterbury England.
- 19 21 Antisiranana in Madagascar; Busoga in Uganda; Yola & Oke-Ogun in Nigeria; Algoma in Canada and Jabalpur in India.
- 23 25 Rokon in South Sudan; Kampala in Uganda; Kaduna in Nigeria; Koforidua in Ghana; Brisbane in Australia and Peru.
- 26 28 Central Zambia in Zambia; Southern Highlands in Tanzania;
   Ogbaru & Badagry in Nigeria;
   Bermuda and Chandigarh in India.
- 30 31 Toamasina in Madagascar; Mukono in Uganda; Ikwerre & Ife East in Nigeria; Down & Dromore in All Ireland and Delhi in India.

We bring before God our prayers for the world and ourselves.

Intercessions\_\_\_\_Final\_Blessing

May the sacrifice of Christ fill our hearts with thanks. May his wondrous resurrection fill our lives with joy. Amen

# March Midday Prayers 2016: Celebration of faith Celebration of Christ

#### **Monday:** Love of Christ

Jesus said: Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends *John 15:13* 

We take a moment in quiet to reflect and thank God for the love of Christ

Precious Saviour, we marvel at your selfless love; your supreme act of friendship for a helpless people, that we may have fullness of life.

Love poured out on that cruel cross, a blood offering so we might go free.

Love poured out, infusing this world with rivers of grace and hope of rebirth.

Love poured out, and into these hearts, who drink from a stream that never runs dry. *John Birch www.faithandworship.com* 

#### In this season of reflection and hope we celebrate the love of Christ with thankful hearts. Amen

#### **Tuesday:** Sacrifice of Christ

Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:2

We take a moment in quiet to reflect and thank God for the sacrifice of Christ

As we dare to dream of life eternal; in perfect harmony, at one with our God, we thank you Lord Jesus for your costly sacrifice; exchanging your perfection for the sins of the world.

# Thank you for facing the power of death that we may know life evermore.

As you were willing to pour out your life as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God, let us be willing to give all that we hold dear as our offering to you; our gift of thanks.

In this season of reflection and hope we celebrate the sacrifice of Christ with thankful hearts. Amen

#### **Wednesday:** Remembrance of Christ

Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying,
'This is my body given for you; do this in

remembrance of me.' Luke 22:19

We take a moment in quiet to reflect and remember the death of Christ

## In communion together we remember and proclaim Christ's death until he returns.

When we take the broken bread, as we drink the bittersweet wine we celebrate and remember the precious death of Christ.

As we gather round his table, together we partake; in communion we celebrate the precious death of Christ.

As we eat and drink our fill we anticipate the day when in endless celebration we feast with the risen Christ.

#### In this season of reflection and hope we celebrate our communion with Christ with thankful hearts. Amen

#### **Thursday:** Forgiveness of Christ

Jesus said, Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing. Luke 23:34

We take a moment in quiet to reflect and thank God for the forgiveness of Christ

#### Lamb of God, who takes away our sin, have mercy and grant us your peace.

Forgive those things we have done which have caused you sadness, and those things we should have done that would have brought you joy. In both we have failed ourselves, and you.

Bring us back to that place where our journey began, when we said that we would follow the way that you first trod. Lead us to the Cross and meet us there. John Birch

In this season of reflection and hope we celebrate the forgiveness of Christ with thankful hearts. Amen

#### **Friday: Resurrection of Christ**

In his great mercy God has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

We take a moment in quiet to reflect and thank God for the resurrection of Christ

# Hallelujah! The Lord is risen. We celebrate the miracle of Christ's resurrection.

Risen Lord, open our eyes. Give us a glimpse of your resurrection 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.

#### In this season of reflection and hope we celebrate the resurrection of Christ with thankful hearts. Amen

### **Saturday:** Return of Christ

Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him. Hebrews 9:28

We take a moment in quiet to reflect and look forward to the return of Christ

## Christ has died Christ is risen Christ will come again.

We look forward to the return of Christ in all his wonder and majesty, to a world who will not fail to recognise him, but will honour him as Lord.

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

In this season of reflection and hope we celebrate the promise of Christ's return with thankful hearts. Amen