July 2019 Wave of Prayer

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

- Eastern Zambia in Zambia; Mombasa in Kenya; Gwagwalada & Ekit West in Nigeria; Leicester in England and Temotu in Solomon Islands
- 2–4 Renk in South Sudan; Cyangugu in Rwanda; Arochukwu/Ohafia & Ile Oluji in Nigeria; St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane in Scotland and Sittwe in Myanmar
- 6–8 Wad Medani in Sudan; Kondoa in Tanzania; Ikwo & Remo in Nigeria: Montreal in Canada and the Windward Islands in St Lucia, Grenada, St Vincent & The Grenadines
- 9-11 El Obeid in Sudan; Butere in Kenya; Nnewi in Nigeria; London in England and the Province of the USA
- 13–15 Toliara in Madagascar; Mbale in Uganda; Zaria & Ndokwa in Nigeria, Rochester in England and Chhattisgarh in India
- 16–18 Lake Malawi in Malawi; Byumba Rwanda; Jalingo in Nigeria; St Edmundsbury & Ipswich in England and Lucknow in India
- **20–22** Gitega in Burundi; Murag'a South and Mbeere in Kenya; Enugu North in Nigeria; Polynesia in Tonga and Jaffna in India
- 23–25 George in South Africa; Bungoma in Kenya; Western Tanganyika in Tanzania; Ideato in Nigeria; Sodor & Man in Isle of Man and Toronto in Canada
- 27-29 Northern Zambia in Zambia; Mpwapwa in Tanzania; Gusau & Osun in Nigeria; Sydney in Australia and Rayalaseema in India
- **30–31** Boga in DR Congo; Manicaland in Zimbabwe; Tanga in Tanzania; Ogoni in Nigeria; Carlisle in England and Melbourne in Australia

Final Blessing

May Christ be revealed in wonderful ways. May our eyes be opened to see this blessing and our faith lifted up in joy. Amen

Dorothy McRae-McMahon

July 2019 Midday Prayers:

Listen, observe, act – in step with God Vision for the future

Monday: Vision for the future

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. *Chronicles*16:10-11

Jesus Christ, Holy Lord,we seek your face with gladness that our lives may brightly reflect your love to those you have called us to serve.

Inspire us with your vision for the part of your world that you have called us to serve.

As we fix our gaze on Christ may we shine ever more brightly with the outworking of your love in the plans you inspire us to follow.

Jesus Christ, Holy Lord, reveal your vision for the future that our lives may brightly reflect your love. May we be a beacon of hope to those you call us to serve. Amen

Tuesday: Vision of righteousness

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you. Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,who walk in the light of your presence, Lord. *Psalm 89:14-15*

O God, our Heavenly Father, give us a vision of our world as your love would make it:

a world where the weak are protected and none go hungry or poor;

a world where the benefits of civilised life are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;

a world where different races, nations and cultures live in tolerance and mutual respect,

a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love;

and give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

St Martin-in-the-Fields' Prayer for the World

Wednesday: United in vision

Let us run with determination the race that lies before us. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end. *Hebrews* 12:1-2

Lord of all, unite us in our shared vision to make a difference in the world you have called us to serve.

God of history and eternity, open our eyes and our hearts to see your plans for our future.

Help us to work together as one with far-reaching vision and commitment to your will.

Together let us fix our eyes on Jesus, on whom our faith depends for all that lies ahead.

God, unite us as people of vision; may vision inspire us to worship and spur us to action.Amen

Thursday: Envisioning others

One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. *Psalm 145:4*

God of every generation, fill us with faith for the future. Help us to commend your mighty acts and inspire others with farreaching vision.

We thank you, Lord, for those who came before us, and spurred us on to acts of love. For those who have encouraged us to strive to make vision reality.

We pray that in our turn we too will play our part in envisioning those who are following on ,to continue to share the love of Christ and to build God's Kingdom on earth.

God, unite us as people of vision; may vision inspire us to worship and spur us to action. Amen

Friday: Renewed vision

If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves. But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed. *Proverbs 29:18 (The Message)*

Merciful God, refresh us by the power of your Spirit. Flood the eyes of our hearts with light and renew our fading vision.

God of mercy and compassion, weave your dream for the world into the fabric of our lives.

Remove the scales from our eyes and lift the indifference from our hearts, so that we may see your vision – a new reign of justice and compassion that will transform the earth.

Transform our lives, so that we may accomplish your purpose. <u>www.followingjesus.org</u>

God, unite us as people of vision; may vision inspire us to worship and spur us to action. Amen

Saturday: Global vision

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples. *Psalm 96:3*

All-seeing God, lift our gaze beyond the superficial; flood the eyes of our hearts with light and expand our global vision.

Amazing God, your world is vast and wide, and we are only a very small part of it. Yet our world, however small, expands to fill our whole horizon and enclose us within it to keep us contained and comfortable.

Open our eyes to larger visions and to the way that all our lives interconnect in a world which appears to grow smaller by the minute. We are all your family, wherever we are. ©Marjorie Dobson

God, make us people of vision; may vision inspire us to worship and spur us to action. Amen