

September 2019 Wave of Prayer

Lord, we pray for Mothers' Union worldwide. on 6. 13. 20. 27. and the dioceses as follows -

- 1-2** Harare in Zimbabwe; Machakos in Kenya; Ogori-Magongo & Ekiti in Nigeria; Southwark/England. Phulbani in India
- 3-5** Khartoum in Sudan; Dar es Salaam in Tanzania; Bari & Ilesa in Nigeria; Gloucester in England, Dugapur in India
- 7-9** Pacong in South Sudan; Southern Nyanza in Kenya; Kutigi & Ijesha North in Nigeria; Bristol in England and Karnataka Central in India
- 10-12** Pretoria in South Africa; North Mbale in Uganda; Oke-Osun in Nigeria; Exeter in England and Barbados
- 14-16** Mthatha in South Africa; Namirembe in Uganda; Pankshin & Sabongid Ora in Nigeria; Dublin & Glendalough in All Ireland and Central Solomons in Solomon Islands
- 17-19** Buye in Burundi; Sebei in Uganda; Abakaliki & Ekiti-Oke in Nigeria; Southwell & Nottingham in England and Belize
- 21-23** Rumbek in South Sudan; Soroti in Uganda; Aba Ngwa North & Oyo in Nigeria; Peterborough in England and North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba
- 24-26** Makamba in Burundi; North Karamoja in Uganda; Lokoja & Sapele in Nigeria; Truro in England and Tirunelveli in India
- 28-30** Katanga in DR Congo; Rwenzori in Uganda; Mbaise & Egba in Nigeria; Meath & Kildare in All Ireland and Tiruchirappalli Thanjavur in India

Final Blessing

May the Spirit of God tend us. May the seed of Jesus grow within us, strong and true. May God the Father bring our fruit to maturity. And may the love of God multiply, forty, sixty, one hundred fold, through all we do. Amen

September 2019: Midday Prayers Listen, observe, act – in step with God Fruitfulness

Monday: Fruitfulness of harvest

May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. *Psalm 67:5-6*

Lord of the harvest, bountiful giver, we celebrate your goodness with thankful hearts.

One crop, one fruit, one seed, one flower, one creature, one race. If all creation was one of each kind, we would overflow with gratitude and praise. Yet, Lord, we are blessed by your lavish abundance; we marvel at nature's diversity.

Lord of the harvest, we give you thanks for nature's rich variety. Lord of the harvest, we praise you for creation's wondrous array.

Lord of the harvest, bountiful giver, we celebrate your goodness with thankful hearts. Amen

Tuesday: Fruitfulness in Christ

No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. *John 15:4-5*

God of harvest, gardener supreme you place us at the centre, feed us, equip us and, having provided for us, look to a different harvest, a fruitfulness of lives in service to you and others. God of harvest, feed us, prune us, harvest us, that our lives might bring glory to you.

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**Loving Lord,
plant us and keep us in Christ
that our lives may produce
a fruitful harvest.
Amen**

Wednesday: Fruit of the Spirit

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness gentleness and self-control.

Holy Spirit, we open our lives to your presence. Work deeply within that we may produce the fruit of your Spirit.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy and peace. Father we know that our world needs love and harmony.

The fruit of the Spirit is patience, kindness and goodness. Father we know that our world is starved of compassion and fellowship.

The fruit of the Spirit is faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Father we know that our world is short of truth and justice.
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Loving Lord, fill us with your Spirit that we may bear eternal fruit, for the growth of your Kingdom and the glory of Christ. Amen

Thursday: Sharing fruitfulness

They share freely and give generously to those in need. Their good deeds will be remembered forever. *Psalms 112:9*

Lord of the harvest, we rejoice in the bounty of your world; we thank you for the rich harvests it produces.

As we do so, we remember those who do not have enough, the thousands who are daily dying of hunger. We pray for those who have more than they require, for ourselves and our churches.

Show us what needs to be done, and how to share the world's harvest more fairly. Teach us to value people more than things.

Above all, help us to set our hearts on your kingdom of love and justice, and to seek to do your will here on earth, as servants of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Friday: Fruit of righteousness

Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. *Philippians 1:10-11*

Loving Lord, we draw close to you. Plant your love within us that our lives may yield the fruit of righteousness.

Lead us, loving Father, to fertile places; to cultivate a harvest of faith.

Teach us, gracious Saviour, to nestle close to you; that the Holy Spirit may produce fruit in us.

Grow us, heavenly Gardener, into those who have spiritual food to share with the world.

Loving Lord, we draw close to you. Nurture us with your goodness that our lives may yield the fruit of righteousness. Amen

Saturday: Fruitfulness of creation

The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. *Genesis 1:12*

Almighty God, We thank you for the fruits of your creation; the rich variety and plenty of harvest.

Once more you have blessed us, we give to you our thanks.

We thank you that you allow us to work with you, nurturing the fruitfulness of your creation. Help us to recognise the responsibility that involves, and so to be faithful stewards of all you have given.

So may our lives as well as our words offer to you our joyful praise and heartfelt worship.

Once more you have blessed us, and we give to you our thanks, in the name of Christ. Amen. *Nick Fawcett; ©1998*