

December 2019 Wave of Prayer

Lord, we pray for Mothers' Union worldwide on:-
6, 13, 20, 27, 31 and Dioceses as follows:-

- 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; South West Tanganyika in Tanzania; Aba & Irele-Ese Odo in Nigeria; Coventry in England and Cuttack in India
- 7 – 9** Namibia; Mount Kenya South in Kenya; Northern Izon & 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
- 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
- 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
- 28-30** All involved with the responsibility of caring for and supporting family life

Final Blessing

May the blessings of Advent fill us with joy as we journey to meet the Christ-child in step with our risen Lord. Amen

December 2019: Midday Prayers Listen, observe, act—in step with God In step with God through Advent

Monday: In step with God through Advent

Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour. *Psalm 25:4-5*

To you O Lord we bring our lives troubled, broken or at ease a sacrificial offering for you to use.

Take away our selfishness and teach us to love as you loved. Take away our sense of pride and show us the meaning of humility. Take away our blindness and show us the world through your eyes. Take away our greed and teach us how to give as you gave.

Show us your ways teach us your paths that we might walk with you more closely. Our hand in your hand our feet in your footsteps from the baby in a stable to eternity. Amen. ©John Birch

Tuesday: Prepare the way of the Lord

In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed.

Prepare the way of the Lord: Make his paths straight, bringing honour to his name.

Prepare the way of the Lord: With courage and kindness, honesty and hope.

Prepare the way of the Lord: With a smile, a helping hand, and a listening ear.

Prepare the way of the Lord: With words of vision and encouragement, challenge and direction.

Prepare the way of the Lord: With acts of compassion, and generous hearts.

Prepare the way of the Lord: For the young, the old, and all in between.

Prepare the way of the Lord: Make his paths straight, bringing honour to his name. ©Dave Hopwood/engageworship.org

Wednesday: Listen, observe, act through Advent

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*

Awaken our souls; open our hearts that we may be ready to greet the advent of the Morning Star, our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we journey to meet the promised one, open our eyes to see the wonders of your appearing; open our ears to hear the angelic song of salvation. open the way for us to bring dawning of hope in lives of despair. as we share your love with a world in need of a Saviour.

The Lord is mighty to save; his love endures forever. Together we proclaim the advent of Christ. Amen

Thursday: Rejoicing in God through Advent

I'm bursting with God-news; I'm dancing the song of my Saviour God. *Luke 1:46-47 (The Message)*

Good news! God is in our midst, ready to renew us with holy love!

Rejoice in the Lord, always! Again we say rejoice!

Good news! Good news!
The peace of the Lord will dwell in our hearts!

**We lift up our hearts in thanksgiving.
Thanks be to God!**

Move us, Joyful God, take our hands and lead us in your dance of creation.

When we are uncertain, guard our hearts with your peace.

When our steps falter,
surround us with the strength of your Spirit.

**Guide us, Dancing God,
until we move and sing with the joy of your salvation. In the name of Emmanuel, God with Us, we pray.
Amen**

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Friday: Following the light through Advent

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. *Isaiah 9:2*

God of light and life, illumine our journey through Advent as we walk in step with you to meet the newborn Christ.

Gracious God, we joyfully await the dawning of your Light, Jesus Christ. May his glorious radiance pierce through the gloom of uncertainty. May the light of his Word shatter the darkness of injustice. May the warmth of his love melt the winter of selfishness.

God of light and life, transform us into a people of light, as we walk in step with you through Advent to guide others to the newborn Christ. Amen

Saturday: In step with God through Advent

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*

As we lead the way to the Prince of Peace may our pace be set by our perfect guide; neither running ahead nor lagging behind, but always in step with God.

For those who seek a Saviour
we lead them to the stable
to the one who was born
to bring freedom
forgiveness
liberty

For those who seek assurance
we lead them to the Light
to the one who opens eyes
to understanding
God's word
truth

**For those who seek forgiveness
we lead them to a grace
beyond comprehension
to wholeness
healing
peace. Amen**

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