

**January 2020 Wave of Prayer
Lord, we pray for Mothers' Union
worldwide on 4. 11. 18. 25.
And Dioceses as follows:-**

- 1 – 3 All Mothers' Union trustees and staff throughout the world**
- 5 – 7** Swaziland; Ruaha in Tanzania; Aguata & Lagos Mainland in Nigeria; Norwich in England and Chotanagpur in India
- 8 – 10** Lesotho; Kibungo in Rwanda; Etche & Ogbomoso in Nigeria; Leeds in England and Hanuato in Solomon Islands
- 12 – 14** Mauritius; Kericho in Kenya; Katsina in Nigeria; Kumasi in Ghana; Winchester in England and Nandyal in India
- 15 – 17** Seychelles; Bukedi in Uganda; Enugu in Nigeria; Birmingham in England and Marathwada in India
- 19 – 21** St Mark the Evangelist in South Africa; Butare in Rwanda; Okigwe-South in Nigeria; Gambia; British Columbia in Canada and Rajasthan in India
- 22 – 24** Egypt; Gasabo in Rwanda; Otukpo & On the Coast in Nigeria; Bathurst in Australia and Nasik in India
- 26 – 28** False Bay in South Africa; Shinyanga in Tanzania; Umuahia & Ijebu South West in Nigeria; Bath & Wells in England and Vellore in India
- 29 – 31** Masvingo in Zimbabwe; Kibondo in Tanzania; Nebbi in Uganda; Bida in Nigeria; Llandaff in Wales and Kanyakumari in India

Final Blessing

**May the God of hope fill us with joy and peace as we trust in him, that we may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen**

January 2020: Midday Prayers

Building hope and confidence

Monday: Building hope and confidence

Hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Romans 5:5

Living God, we thank you that we can put our hands in yours, and walk where you will lead us, confident that, though all else may fail, you will not, though heaven and earth pass away, your words will endure forever.

So we come in faith, with joyful hearts and in glad thanksgiving, to offer our worship, and to dedicate our lives once more to your service.

You have given us hope, and hope does not disappoint us.

**Receive our praise,
in the name of Christ.**

Amen

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Tuesday: Foundations of faith

Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

Matthew 7:24-25

Merciful Lord, forgive us when we shun the security of your eternal promises and build our hope and confidence on the shifting sands of this world, only to call out for rescue when the storms of life overwhelm and our lives crumble and fail.

**Faithful God,
we praise you for your steadfast love and the truth of your eternal word; the rock on which to build our lives in steadfast hope and confidence.
Amen**

Wednesday: Building hope and confidence together

We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)

Loving Lord, we thank you for each other:
for the joy of walking together
as partners in service and purpose
as we press onwards in step with God.

We will walk in hope and confidence,
trusting each other, loving each other -
and together we will build the hope and confidence
of families and communities everywhere -
always reaching forward as God's hands and feet
and reflecting a life filled with purpose and meaning,
grace and love, peace and joy.
Sheran Harper

Loving Lord, we thank you
that we are united in hope and confidence
as we walk together to serve your world.
Amen

Thursday: Building hope and confidence in others

Those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.
Isaiah 40:31

Lord give us the means
to build hope and confidence
in those whose strength is
sapped by the demands of life.

Lord give us the means
to build hope and confidence
in those who are wearied by
the relentlessness of the everyday.

Lord give us the means
to build hope and confidence
in those who are weak from
the effort of making ends meet.

May our hope and confidence in God
be the means by which we reach out
to those whose present lives are bleak
to help them build a positive future.
Amen

Friday: Sure and steadfast hope

We who have fled to God for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls.
It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary.
Hebrews 6:18-19 (NLT)

Faithful God, help us to anchor our lives on you that we may place our confidence in your unfailing word and build hope that endures in those you call us to serve.

Give us grace us to build
confidence and hope
in those we seek to serve;
that they may turn to you
and find a place of safety.

**God of sure and steadfast hope
we look to the future with confidence
as we continue to walk in step with you.
Amen**

Saturday: Hope and confidence in God

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing [through the experience of your faith] that by the power of the Holy Spirit you will abound in hope *and* overflow with confidence in his promises.
Romans 15:13 (AMP)

**Our hope and confidence is in you,
our loving Father:**

You have opened the door of heaven
through your plan of salvation.

**Our hope and confidence is in you,
our saviour, Jesus Christ:**

You have paved the way for us to know
joyous relationship with God.

**Our hope and confidence is in you,
our counsellor, Holy Spirit:**

You have shined a light for us to see
the love of the Father and Son.

**Thanks be to God, for our
eternal confidence and the hope in which
we glory. Amen**