

Final Blessing Prayer

God of love, in silence and in speaking we worship You. You are the very breath of our lives; You are the promise of renewal; You are the offer of forgiveness; You are the flame of inspiration; You are the wind of challenging change. Renew, forgive, inspire and challenge us, and fit us for Your service: in Jesus' name.

Amen

Wave of Prayer

1 April: Toamasina in Madagascar; Mukono in Uganda; Ikwerre & Ife East in Nigeria; Down & Dromore in All Ireland and Delhi in India.

2-4 April: Umzimvubo in South Africa; Lweru in Tanzania; On the Niger in Nigeria; Cape Coast in Ghana; Ontario in Canada and Limerick & Killaloe in All Ireland.

5-8 April: Cueibet in South Sudan; Gahini in Rwanda; Wusasa & Ibadan in Nigeria and Christchurch in New Zealand.

9-11 April: Nord Kivu in DR Congo; Kigali in Rwanda; Kiteto & Kubwa in Nigeria; Perth in Australia and Kuranagala in Sri Lanka.

13-15 April: Yirol in South Sudan; Ruvuma in Tanzania; Nike & Benin in Nigeria; Canberra & Goulburn in Australia and Dogura in Papua New Guinea.

16-18 April: Kindu in DR Congo; Mount Kenya West in Kenya; Egbu in Nigeria; Te Pihopatanga O Aotearoa in New Zealand; Cork, Cloyne & Ross in All Ireland and Eastern Himalayas in India.

20-22 April: Kinshasa in DR Congo; Victoria Nyanza in Tanzania; Ahoada & Warri in Nigeria; Oxford in England and Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea

23-25 April: Kisangani in DR Congo; Kagera in Tanzania; Awka in Nigeria; Sunyani in Ghana; Manchester in England and Popondota in Papua New Guinea.

27-29 April: Port Sudan in Sudan; Muhabura in Uganda; Niger Delta West & Yewa in Nigeria; The Northern Territory in Australia and Chennai in India.

30 April: Aru in DR Congo; Kigezi in Uganda; Ikeduru in Nigeria; Ho in Ghana; York in England and Suriname in Guyana.

MOTHERS' UNION MIDDAY PRAYERS FOR APRIL 2026

Theme - The Measure of Love

Reflection for – The measure of Love
(reflection from the Prayer Diary 2026)

Eastertide reminds us of the expense of God's endeavour to enfold us in gifts of love and invite a response. The cross and empty grave shape the final chapter in the salvation story – a story of tragedy and triumph, and one which endures to eternity. It is a love that does not count the cost. It is a love which will not let us go. As Christians and as MU members, we are called to reflect God's love in prayer and action. May the joy of Easter warm us, and radiate from us, as we journey through our days.

Faith, Hope and Love abide and the greatest of these is love. 1 Cor 13.13

Monday - Journeying on in love. Love never wearies.

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3.14

Lord Jesus, in the quietness of the garden as night fell, you prayed for a different end; you prayed for courage to face the pain; you prayed for those you love. In the quietness of the garden, as dawn broke, you spoke to Mary Magdalene.

Help us to face what we fear, to bear the sharp pain of anxiety for ourselves and for those we love. Touch us with the love of understanding. Encourage us with your quiet calm voice. Bless us with the hope of life to come.

The Lord is risen – He is risen indeed

Gracious God For your love for us
Open to doubts Encouraging questions
Making us vulnerable yet also available
for you.

We give you thanks.

Tuesday - Family love. Love is kind

"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." – 1 John 4:8

Lord Jesus, your life amongst us showed your love for those in need, those who were lost, the outcast, the infirm, and those who trusted you. Even on the cross, you gazed with love upon your mother and your friend and entrusted them to each other's care. Like a mother binding our wounds and wiping our tears, assure us of your love. As we journey together as a Mothers' Union family, help us to be motherly to one another.

Gracious God, for your love for us,
Gentle as a shower, Wiping our tears,
Binding our wounds Healing our pain,
We give you thanks

Wednesday - Love for Creation. Love never ends

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. John 1:1-4

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Revelation 22.13

Adam (Hebrew for first man) came from Adama (the earth). We are made from the environment in which we live and move and have our being.

Lord Jesus, you were there when the world came to be. You are the Life of the world and the Light of all people... the beginning and the end. Raise us up to honour, love and care for all that you created – so that all nations and all people can thrive together.

Gracious God, For your love for us,
Mercifully steadfast Creatively alive
Calling us to you Raising us to action
We give you thanks

Thursday - Loving service

Love is not self-seeking

Jesus said: 'This is my commandment – that you Love one another as I have loved you' John 13.34

Lord Jesus, you washed the feet of your disciples: the sign of faithful, loving service. Help us to serve our sisters and brothers in

their need, with willingness, kindness and care. Open our eyes to the hidden needs in our own neighbourhoods and across the world. Guide the leaders of our nations to offer hope and help to one another in need, seeking service above power.

Gracious God For your love for us
Faithfully caring Selflessly serving
Urging us on To love one another,
We give you thanks

Friday - Forgiving love. Love keeps no record of wrongs

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Luke 23.34

Lord Jesus, as we see the pain and suffering in the world – the injustices and greed – the abuse and lives cut short, the conflicts between nations and neighbours, the fear and betrayal - we see the sharpness of the thorns and the weight of the cross you carry. Lord Jesus, forgive us for we know not what we do.

Gracious God,
For your love for us
Through pain and ridicule
Giving your all
Forgiving and welcoming
Calling us home
We give you thanks

Saturday - Waiting in love

Love is patient

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40.31

Lord Jesus, in the silence of the tomb, wrapped in linen cloths of love and tears, you gave your all that we might see the new dawn beyond the grave. Help us to wait with you in times of stillness, ready to awake with you in joy.

Gracious God, For your love for us
Sure as the dawn Like the first morning
Transforming our darkness
Revealing your truth.
We give you thanks.