

## Wave of Prayer for Mothers' Union

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

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

**6-8 April:** Cueibet in South Sudan; Gahini in Rwanda; Wusasa C Ibadan in Nigeria and Christchurch in New Zealand

**G-11 April:** Nord Kivu in DR Congo; Kigali in Rwanda; Kiteto C Kubwa in Nigeria; Perth in Australia and Kuranagala in Sri Lanka

**13-15 April:** Yiol in South Sudan; Ruvuma in Tanzania; Nike C Benin in Nigeria; Canberra C 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 C Ross in All Ireland and Eastern Himalayas in India

**20-22 April:** Kinshasa in DR Congo; Victoria Nyanza in Tanzania; Ahoada C 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

**27-2G April:** Port Sudan in Sudan; Muhabura in Uganda; Niger Delta West C 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; Guyana C Suriname in Guyana and York in England.

## Midday Prayers for April 2025

**Theme for April: Love Blooms**

### Monday- God's Goodness

*'God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.'* Genesis 1.31

*'In short, everything owes its existence to the love of God'* Julian of Norwich

God our Creator, who laid the foundations of the earth and stretched out the heavens as a tent cloth; how glorious is your name in all the world. Give us grace to wonder at your gift, to treasure the earth and to work for its protection and renewal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*'A Time for Creation'*

What one thing can you pray for that will make a difference to God's creation where you live?

### Tuesday: Growing in faith

*'I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.'* Galatians 2. 20

*'Our good God, opens the eye of our understanding so that we might see, sometimes more, sometimes less, according to the ability God gives us to receive it.'* Julian of Norwich

Almighty God, may I seek you in good times and difficult and learn to trust you more everyday. May you increase, and I decrease, as I learn to become more like you. In Jesus holy and powerful name. Amen

What one thing can you pray for that will make a difference your faith in God?

## **Wednesday: Growing Together, Growing Stronger**

*'Come follow me, Jesus said'* Matthew 4.19

Mary Sumner was supported by her husband who said, 'Just share your heart – God will do the rest'.

Almighty God, we boldly pray to grow membership of the Mothers' Union.

Faithful and loving God, who called Mary Sumner to strive for the renewal of family life: give us the gift of your Holy Spirit, that through word, prayer and deed, your family may be strengthened and your people served; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen.

*Collect for Mary Sumner Day.*

What one person could you pray for that you would like to see join Mothers' Union?

## **Thursday: Growing in Holiness**

*'Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.'* Exodus 3. 5

Take a deep breath, in and out. Ground your feet on the floor, for it is holy ground, and you are holy.

We pray, most holy God the ground of our beseeching, who through you servant Julian revealed the wonders of your love: grant that as we are created in your nature and restored by your grace, our wills may be made with yours that we may come to see you face to face and gaze on you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Collect for Julian of Norwich Day*

What one person could you pray for today that could be brought closer to God?

## **Friday: Growing in God's love**

*'Love never fails.'* 1 Corinthians 13.8

Julian of Norwich reassures each one of us that we are loved by God unconditionally.

In her writings, we hear Christ telling us, just as he told her: "I love you and you love me, and our love shall never be separated in two" (58:13-14.307).

Almighty God, we thank you that you are a loving, gracious God. Thank you that you've offered us forgiveness and the gift of new life in you. Thank you that your love is perfect, it never fails, and that nothing can separate us from your love. We pray that our lives would be filled and overflowing with the power of your love so we can make a difference in this world. Amen

What one person could you pray for today that needs to feel God's love at this time?

## **Saturday: Growing in God's Grace**

*'Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.'* 2 Peter 3.18

God's grace makes possible a godly life, that we are to grow in that grace. Grace is applied freely to us through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Growth is possible even when life is faced with hardships.

Almighty God, who showed Julian of Norwich that, 'It was necessary that there should be sin; but in that, all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.' Help us to grow in grace and love throughout all our life. Amen.

What one person could you pray for today that needs to know, 'all shall be well?'

## **Blessing Prayer**

Lord, may your warmth and light nurture our relationships.

May each encounter be filled with beauty and growth.

May our interactions with the world around us be fruitful. And may Christ be our encouragement, our strength and our joy.

Amen.