

# Prayer Diary

January – June 2024



# President's Letter

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year!

When I was a child, I would hear older people say “where has the time gone?” or “the year has flown past” and I could not quite understand what they meant but of course, now it is clear, while I might not have sped up the times around me have.

So, here we are at another new year and I wish you and those you love every blessing as we start a fresh new year under our Living Lord. It is exciting. I have been reading Lamentations and the verses from 3:22-24 seem to fit the season.

‘Because of the Lord’s great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.’ I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; therefore, I will wait for him.”



After the busyness of the end of year, of Christmas Celebrations, of church, family and friends it is good to be reminded that the bedrock of our service, through Mothers Union Sydney, is our ever-faithful Father. We long to bring families to Jesus and we seek His wisdom and rely on His faithfulness as we move into 2024. With our habit of daily prayer, I trust that you will be encouraged as we pray together.

Give thanks and praise for new opportunities for us as his people and for Mothers Union Sydney knowing that God's plans and purposes are perfect.

Blessings as we pray through this diary,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenda". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large loop at the end of the name.



# How to Use This Diary

Mothers Union Sydney is a ministry that is Christ-centred and prayer-based. Partner with us as we bring before the Lord the needs of the Mothers Union community both locally and globally.

## Daily Noon Prayers

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### Core Prayers – Mothers Union Prayer

Start (or end) each time of intercession with the Mothers Union Prayer, setting our hearts and minds on God and His work before focusing on individual needs. (The Marriage & Life, and Mission prayers may also be added) *pp3-5*

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### Core Prayers – Midday Prayers

Pray a form of Midday Prayers. *pp3-4* During these, refer to these two parts: Prayer Points by Date and Wave of Prayer.

**Prayer Points for the Next Prayer Diary:  
July – December 2024**

Submit by: Monday April 15, 2024



*You will be sent a request to send in prayer points in the new format by email on Friday April 5.*

# Core Prayers

## Mothers Union Prayer

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who gave marriage to be a source of blessing, we thank you for family life, with all its joys and sorrows. May we know your presence and peace in our homes. Fill them with your love and use them to your glory. Bless all who are married and every parent and child. Pour out upon us your Holy Spirit that we may truly love and serve you. Bless the members of the Mothers Union throughout the world, unite us in prayer and worship, in love and service that, strengthened by your grace, we may seek to do your will through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Midday Prayers — Form 1

We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of your Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, our heavenly Father, we ask you to bless the work of the Mothers Union throughout the world, and especially for each diocese for which we pray today [*refer to Prayer Points by Date and Wave of Prayer: January p21, February p35, March p45, April p63, May p77, June p92*].

Bless our members in their lives and in their homes that they, being strengthened in love to you and to each other, may serve you faithfully, to your glory: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed Saviour, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms. Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake. Amen.

O Saviour of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us; save us and help us we beseech you O Lord. Amen.

## Midday Prayers — Form 2

Jesus, Lord of life, by the power of your word and through the actions of love, call us to be your disciples.

Give us strength to be different, to stand up for justice and peace and be signs of your reconciling love for all.

God of grace, enable your servants to carry out your mission on earth through the work of Mothers Union worldwide. Today we pray for the people and work of *[refer to Prayer Points by Date and Wave of Prayer: January p21, February p35, March p45, April p63, May p77, June p92]*.

We pray for all members. May you be with them in every part of their lives, encouraging and leading them, sheltering and strengthening them so they may work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Faithful and loving God, who called Mary Sumner to work for the renewal of family life; inspire us to follow her example and respond to your call to new adventures, new possibilities and new visions for the work of Mothers Union around the world. May we always see the world through the eyes of Christ, speak to those we meet with the words of Christ, and take with us on our journey the peace of Christ. Amen.

## Mothers Union Prayer (alternative version)

Loving Lord, we thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world. Bless the work of the Mothers Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life. Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **A Prayer for Marriage and Family Life**

Heavenly Father, we thank you that you ordained marriage and family life, modelled on the relationship of Christ and his Church. We grieve as we see marriage devalued in the life of our nation. Please draw our people back to yourself and your word.

Grant that young people will be prepared to live in purity and that they will commit themselves to one another through public promises.

Grant that they will show each other the love which endures.

Grant that parents will nurture their children in all godliness and that children will honour parents. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon husbands, wives and children so that they know love and security.

Grant that we, and our whole community, will strengthen and support marriage and family life, to the good of our people and the glory of your name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **A Prayer for Mission 2023**

Our Heavenly Father, fill our lives with the fruit of your Spirit so that we may walk in joyful obedience, share your love by word and deed, and see Christ honoured in every community as Lord and Saviour. Amen.

# January

## Prayer Points By Date

### Monday, January 1

**NEW YEAR'S DAY** — We give thanks Heavenly Father, that you have brought us to this new year. Grant us opportunities to serve you and promote Christ's teaching on marriage and family life to your honour and glory so that marriages and families may know you and your love for them.

### Tuesday, January 2

**St John's, Keiraville** — 2023 has been a year of many changes at Keiraville. May God help us to focus on Him and the way He would have us serve Him in this new year ahead.

**St Faith's, Narrabeen** — Pray for this small group of faithful group of members as they feel quite isolated and miss meeting together. May they know God's loving care for them and his peace and comfort.

### Wednesday, January 3

**St Thomas', Enfield** — Loving Lord, we thank you that you have brought us safely to this New Year. As we prepare for what lies ahead, we pray that you would give us the wisdom and humility to continue to be guided by your Word. As we strive to understand your will for our lives, help us to keep our footsteps firm and focused, ever seeking to love and trust you more, In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Figtree Anglican** — Thank you dear Lord for the refreshment of holidays. We pray for the safety of all travelling at this time and thank you for those filling in on rosters. We ask for fruit from our outreach to young people at the Annual Ignite Camp 15-21/1 that church and non-church kids will grow in their knowledge of Jesus.

### Thursday, January 4

**St James', Berala** — Give thanks for the homework club and holiday kids clubs in 2023. Please pray for children to return in 2024.

**St Jude's, Bowral** — We ask for God's protection of families and our members during the summer school holidays. We also give thanks for the year ahead and ask that hearts are prepared to hear God's word and that members are encouraged by one another throughout the year.

**St Andrew's, Cronulla** — Pray for the ongoing building works at our church that they will conclude in a timely fashion, that the builders will be safe and that people will be able to access the church during the busy summer months in Cronulla.

**Christ Church, Peakhurst/Mortdale** — Almighty God, we pray for the many people who have moved into our area from overseas. May our churches be welcoming and may they find true peace in knowing Jesus.

### Friday, January 5

**St Paul's, Carlingford** — How thankful Lord that we have come to another year closer to your coming, may our lamps be burning brightly for you, and help us to speak your name boldly to bring others into your saving grace. Amen.

**Sydney Children's Hospital, Westmead, Chaplains, Lisa Boyd** — Please pray for families from regional areas who find themselves in hospital for extended periods. Pray that chaplains would support them well in the midst of great stress and in the absence of friends and family.

### Saturday, January 6

**Sudanese at Blacktown** — Gracious Lord we give you thanks the Sudanese group continues to meet at Blacktown. May our time

together be helpful not only in reading the Bible in English but in strengthening the understanding of God's word.

**Wendy Mayer, Immediate Past President and Treasurer** — Pray for attention to detail and clear thinking for Wendy as she prepares the annual accounts for the Auditor.

### Sunday, January 7

**Mrs Cailey Raffel, Patron** — Please pray for the Archbishop's formal and informal involvement at CMS Summer School (NSW & ACT, Jan 6-11) and for Summer Under the Son (CMS Victoria, Jan 18-20) where he will give four talks on Psalms. Pray for Cailey and the Anglicare Cross Cultural Services team preparing for the diocese-wide training day for volunteers in church-based English ministries Feb 2.

**Glenda McSorley, Diocesan President** — With humble praise and thanks, I ask for faithfulness and wisdom as I lead Mothers Union Sydney into a new year. Give me discernment to recognize not my desires but God's will for our organisation. I give thanks for the privilege of serving our Loving Lord in this way.

### Monday, January 8

**PRAY FOR YOUR MINISTER AND FAMILY** — Name ..... Father, we pray for our rector and staff, for good health, strength and wisdom as they minister to the diverse groups of parishioners. Pray that work and family life will enable our ministers to find time for relaxation and rest in the Lord.

**PRAY FOR ALL PARISHES THAT HAVE MOTHERS UNION MEMBERS** — We pray for our communities, for those who suffer hardship, are lonely and excluded, that Mothers Union members within their parishes will pray for them and reach out with a helping hand where possible.

### Tuesday, January 9

**St Alban's, Corrimal** — As we begin the new year, we praise God for the holidays and times together with family and friends. We pray for young families as they begin the busyness of the school year.

**St Alban's, Epping** — As we begin this new year we pray that it will be a time of refreshment for us all. As members of Mothers Union may

we find new projects in our community to show the love of Jesus to those struggling with different aspects of their lives.

**St Stephen's, Normanhurst** — Always in January we uphold summer camps and beach missions and CMS Summer School 6-12 at Katoomba and give thanks for those who serve and those who are able to attend.

**St Mark's, Pennant Hills** — As we start the New Year let us pray for peace in the world, that all wars will cease and we will have an understanding of one another's needs.

**St John's, Sutherland/Gymea** — We give thanks for the many blessings given to us in the past year. We pray that the summer holidays will be a time of rest and relaxation for busy families.

### Wednesday, January 10

**St John's, Camden** — Heavenly Father we thank you that we can come together for Christian fellowship. Please bless each of our Mothers Union members. We pray for Rev Matt Stedmann, our ministry team, office manager, and pastoral care staff as we commence 2024. May newcomers to our church receive a warm welcome and in time a sense of belonging. We give thanks for the inspiring quest speakers we enjoyed last year and ask that you bless each one.

**Jannali Anglican** — At the beginning of a New Year, we thank God for his guidance and blessings experienced during 2023, and pray for our planning of the year's meetings, and for opportunities to serve him.

**St Stephen's, Mittagong** — Thank you Lord for this time of rest and refreshment. We ask for your encouragement as we pray for opportunities to serve you enthusiastically in this new year.

### Thursday, January 11

**St Philip's Caringbah** — Heavenly Father, As we begin the New Year, we give you thanks and praise for the year past, for the many blessings you bestowed on us and our Christmas services. Thank you that we can praise your name without fear. May we continue to know your presence in 2024.

## Friday, January 12

**Mothers Union Sydney Life Vice President, Jan Livingstone OAM** — Thank God for our members across our Diocese. May each of us be bold in our witness by word and deed.

**Rev David Misztal, Wentworthville (Mothers Union Worker Grant)** — Praise God for the opportunity to partner with Mothers Union and the provision of the Mothers Union Grant. This has generated much encouragement and excitement in our church. Pray for additional funds to be raised.

## Saturday, January 13

**Marilyn Wilkinson, Diocesan Secretary** — As a new year commences, may we be blessed with peace in your world, Lord. We pray for the end to wars and other hostilities, abuse in all its forms, homelessness, poverty, and broken families. May we be encouraged to support those affected by showing them your love for us.

## Sunday, January 14

**Rev Marge Mills Chaplain, Prayer and Spirituality** — Heavenly Father, we commit this new year to you. May we all aim to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness in 2024. Help us to read the Bible regularly, grounding ourselves and our plans in the truth of your Word.

**Rev Scott Lovell, The Oaks (Mothers Union Worker Grant)** — Pray for unity among the ministry staff team as we work together to grow disciples of Jesus. We give thanks for the grant from Mothers Union Sydney.

## Monday, January 15

**Life Member of Council, Pam Goodhew** — Continue to pray for Pam's health. Give thanks for the audio version of Mia Mia on CDs.

**Archdeacon for Women's Ministry, Kara Hartley** — Give thanks for the women beginning in new ministry roles in 2024.

## Tuesday, January 16

**Mothers Union Sydney February Seminar** — Gracious Lord pray for the seminar next month 'It takes a village — Stronger together in the family of God.' May those who attend in person and online be

encouraged in how they serve you. Give wisdom to our speakers. Pray too for the planning committee as they coordinate the final details and the cathedral staff as they support us.

**Hospital Visiting** — Give praise and thanks that slowly, hospital visiting is getting underway. We thank you for the work of the Chaplains, hospital staff in allowing us to return. We pray for MORE VOLUNTEERS to be able to visit during visiting hours so that families can be reached with the gospel, a kind word and welcoming gift.

### Wednesday, January 17

**St John's, Dee Why** — Pray that we may reach out to parishioners to tell them about the work of Mothers Union and encourage them to consider joining us.

**St John's, Moss Vale** — We do pray for our link missionaries going to Madagascar, the Friend family. May they trust God in all things, day by day, as they adjust to the culture, as He has called them to serve in this land. May Mothers Union there be a great encouragement to them.

**Toongabbie Anglican** — As we commence this New Year we pray that each member of our group will be enthusiastic with the new program and seek to invite other ladies to join us.

### Thursday, January 18

**St Andrew's, Lane Cove** — We give praise and thanks for the new year, for opportunities, for the example of faithfulness shared as we gather in fellowship.

**Ann Cunningham, Marriage and Family Resources** — Pray for each of the families who have been to a parenting seminar or course in 2023 that the information will be a blessing to them as they intentionally use it.

### Friday, January 19

**Mothers Union Sydney Executive** — Gracious Lord, as we commence a new year we pray for the Executive. Give them wisdom in decision making and we particular pray for Glenda as she chairs the Executive.

**Prue Feather, Court Coordinator** — Dear God we ask that we may be a light to those who work and appear in the Courts.

### **Saturday, January 20**

**Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Chaplain, Katherine Hilton** — Pray for the new Anglican Chaplain at RPAH who will be starting in mid-January 2024. Pray that they will get on with other staff and have wisdom and listen well in their new position.

**Elizabeth Lowe, Vice President Wollongong Region and Southern Highlands** — As we begin a new year, I would remind you of Psalm 145:1 'I will extol Thee, my God and King, and bless Thy name for ever and ever.' As I rejoice with the Psalmist, I would ask you to pray for the members of the Executive of Mothers Union Sydney, that they may have rest in this month of January, and be able to rejoice in God's goodness to all who call upon Him in faith, for empowerment in His service.

### **Sunday, January 21**

**Christine Jensen, OAM, Members' Coordinator** — Heavenly Father, we give thanks that you are in charge of all things including our lives and Mothers Union throughout the world. As this new year begins please continue to guide us so we can please you in all we do.

**Ruth Cunningham, Linda Wheeler and Suzanne Coleman: Office Secretaries, and Mothers Union Office and Shop Ministry** — Loving Father God, thank you for a time of rest and renewal after the Christmas celebration period. Thank you for the time we have to enjoy family and friends. With the change in routine, may we not neglect spending time and drawing close with you Lord. May the launch of the new 'Shopify' Online Shop be a success.

### **Tuesday, January 23**

**Special Oversea Project 2022-2024, The School of the Good Shepherd, Lebanon** — Give praise and thanks for the partnership we have had with Anglican Aid in supporting the School of the Good Shepherd. We continue to pray for the Syrian and Iraqi refugee children that their lives will be shaped by knowing you.

**Dapto Anglican** — Gracious Lord, as this new year begins thank you for safe travels over the holiday break. May we grow in our knowledge of you through our Bible studies this year. We are blessed to have the freedom to meet together. We give praise for this. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Wednesday, January 24

**Holy Trinity, Wentworth Falls** — We will gather at Mary's home this morning for morning tea to share a time of fellowship and talk about the program for the year.

**Janet Austin, Vice President Northern Region** — A new year has begun. Father, help us to trust you wholeheartedly. Show us the opportunities you want us to take up and the people you want us to serve in our families, our churches and our communities. Help us to "fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith". (Hebrews 12:2)

### Thursday, January 25

**St Mark's, West Wollongong** — We pray for those in places of war or unrest and ask for the Lord's strength and power to uphold them. Thank you Lord for rest and refreshment for our members during this month. Please guide us this year as we seek to walk in the steps of Jesus.

**Mowll Village Group** — We thank you Lord for the beauty of creation and our freedom that we enjoy in our country. Please guide us all in our care of this precious environment.

### Friday, January 26

**Nungalinya Bible College** — Pray for the new, large group of Indigenous teachers who will begin working at College this year.

**Juliette Smith Vice President Southern Region** — Dear Heavenly Father, as we begin a new year let us be thankful for the year past and commit the year ahead to your purposes. We thank you for the opportunities ahead to share the good news of Jesus especially through families. Help us to use our time well and consider how we can further your kingdom.

## Saturday, January 27

**Mothers Union Dioceses in NSW, Armidale** — Give thanks for the 2 branches of the Armidale Diocese — Inverell (3rd Friday monthly) and Armidale (2nd Thursday monthly) — as they meet around God's word and serve in Jesus' name in their communities. Please pray for new leaders for the Diocesan executive as some finish up their terms. Give thanks for decades of clear gospel preaching in this region and ask the Lord of the Harvest for much fruit!

**Kimberly Rispin, Community Relation Officer** — Give praise and thanks to God for opportunities to connect with families as we begin a new year. I pray for those who visit our shop and office and for the technical backup that supports the online store.

## Sunday, January 28

**Robin Ray, AMUA President** — Pray for Robin as she guides AMUA moving forward and serves Mothers Union members around Australia.

**Australian Defence Forces Chaplaincy** — Father, we pray for those training in the Defence Forces Chaplaincy. We pray for their families as they are often away from home. Give them stability and calmness as they face constant moves.

## Monday, January 29

**St Andrew's Cathedral** — Please pray that volunteers and staff would continue to greet the many, varied visitors to our cathedral with loving Christian hospitality and take every opportunity to commend the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Mothers Union Sydney Life Vice President, June Hickey** — Give thanks for June's longstanding service to Mothers Union in a wide variety of areas. Pray that God will continue to open doors for her to serve him,

## Tuesday, January 30

**Luanne Mills, Overseas and Northern Outreach** — We pray for Anglican Mothers Union Australia project in cooperation with the Anglican Overseas Aid. The Overseas Target Fund currently providing Church and Community Disaster Relief in Tonga and Fiji. This project

comes to an end in March. Lord Jesus we give thanks that the money provided by Mothers Union subscriptions has been able to help this work and young people have been trained to help their communities in times of disaster. We pray that the people trained will be a blessing upon their communities and many more people will now be supported when troubled times come. Amen.

**Rev Anne Kennedy AMUA Past President** — Recently I saw an awful television program on women and girls in Afghanistan. Remember to pray for them, and for all females who are oppressed around the world.

### Wednesday, January 31

**Marriage and Family Life** — Gracious Lord, we pray for families in our churches. May people be faithful to their marriage promises and may we care for all in our church family for those single, married, for children, teenagers, young adults and those widowed. May we care for each other as the body of Christ wherever we are.

**Mothers Union in Myanmar** — Almighty God, we pray for our ongoing link with Mothers Union in the Yangon Diocese. Protect them in the challenging political situation and pray that they will remain steadfast in their faith.



# Wave of Prayer

On Mondays pray for the work of Mothers Union Worldwide focusing on the area the Holy Spirit brings to your attention.

## **1-3 January**

The Worldwide President, Central Trustee board and all Mothers' Union trustees and staff throughout the world

## **5-7 January**

Swaziland in Swaziland, Ruaha in Tanzania, Aguata in Nigeria, Lagos Mainland in Nigeria, Norwich in England, Chotanagpur in India

## **8-10 January**

Lesotho in Lesotho, Kibungo in Rwanda, Etche in Nigeria, Ogbomoso in Nigeria, West Yorkshire and The Dales in England, Hanuato'o in Solomon Islands

## **12-14 January**

Mauritius in Mauritius, Kericho in Kenya, Katsina in Nigeria, Kumasi in Ghana, Winchester in England, Nandyal in India

## **15-17 January**

Seychelles in Seychelles, Bukedi in Uganda, Enugu in Nigeria, Birmingham in England, Marathwada in India

## **19-21 January**

St Mark the Evangelist in South Africa, Butare in Rwanda, Okigwe-South in Nigeria, Gambia in Gambia, British Columbia in Canada, Rajasthan in India

## 22-24 January

Egypt in Egypt, Gasabo in Rwanda, Otukpo in Nigeria, On the Coast in Nigeria, Bathurst in Australia, Nasik in India

## 26-28 January

False Bay in South Africa, Shinyanga in Tanzania, Umuahia in Nigeria, Ijebu South West in Nigeria, Bath and Wells in England, Vellore in India

## 29-31 January

Masvingo in Zimbabwe, Kibondo in Tanzania, Nebbi in Uganda, Bida in Nigeria, Llandaff in Wales, Kanyakumari in India



# February

## Prayer Points By Date

### Thursday, February 1

**St James', Berala** — We give thanks for the many young families with children in the parish and pray to be able to be relevant across the different ages.

**St Jude's, Bowral** — Give thanks for our Commencement Service being held during our meeting time and the support of our minister Rev Gavin Perkins. Pray that it's a time of celebration for the year ahead and that the committee will have wisdom and guidance as they encourage the members.

**St Andrew's, Cronulla** — Pray for the children attending the five primary schools in our parish, that their parents will decide to let them attend Christian SRE classes as this may be their only opportunity to hear about Jesus. Thank God for the volunteer teachers who take these classes in our local schools, especially our member Jackie, who co-ordinates Primary SRE in Cronulla and Kurnell. Please pray that there will be sufficient teachers to cover all classes.

**Christ Church Peakhurst/Mortdale** — Gracious God, we pray for all people suffering from war especially for those living in the Ukraine. Give wisdom to governments of the world as they try to find a way of peace.

## Friday, February 2

**St Paul's, Carlingford** — Dear Lord, sometimes we are fearful of what lies ahead of us. May our faith never fail and that our assurance of your grace and love is always with us each and every day.

**Glenda McSorley, Diocesan President** — With praise and thanks, I lift up before our Heavenly Father, the Executive as we work together. Help us to be brave, help up to be bold and to stand firm on the foundation of Mary Sumner's vision of supporting families through sharing Christ's love. I pray for the small part we can play in bring the saving love of Jesus to families.

## Saturday, February 3

**Sudanese at Blacktown** — Pray for Wendy, Helen, Georgie and Christine as they meet to pray and share the Bible in English with our South Sudanese members. Pray that members will attend regularly and grow in their understanding of God's Word.

**Hospital Visiting** — Give praise and thanks for shared gifts. Thank you, Lord, for all our members and friends who provide handmade gifts and help package and bundle them for hospital visiting. Please raise up those who can continue to make beautiful gifts into the future.

## Sunday, February 4

**Rev Marge Mills Chaplain, Prayer and Spirituality** — Lord God, please bless all children, teachers and staff as they settle into the school year. Please be with Christians who can share the love of Jesus in their educational settings; may they know you are with them always.

## Monday, February 5

**PRAY FOR YOUR MINISTER AND FAMILY** — Name ..... Father, we pray for our rector and staff, for good health, strength and wisdom as they minister to the diverse groups of parishioners. Pray that work and family life will enable our ministers to find time for relaxation and rest in the Lord.

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## Tuesday, February 6

**St John's, Keiraville** — The new school year has begun. We especially pray for God's wisdom and strength for teachers as they seek to teach, train and care for our children and young people.

**St Faith's, Narrabeen** — In these challenging times we give thanks for our church family and the way they care for us. Please join us in praying for the many people in the Northern Beaches that they would come to a true understanding of Jesus.

## Wednesday, February 7

**St Thomas', Enfield** — Almighty God, we thank you for the work of Mothers Union, for the many hands and hearts supporting parents and families in Australia and around the world. We pray that you will continue to bless all those who contribute to this important work. Give them courage and clarity as they graciously and powerfully share your Word, so that families who do not know you will put their trust in you, In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Figtree Anglican** — We thank you Heavenly Father for the opportunity of a fresh start in our many Life Groups and Outreach programs for Term One. We ask for wisdom for our rector, Robin and the Ministry Team and Parish Council that gospel work will reach out into the large community around us.

## Thursday, February 8

**St Philip's, Caringbah** — Father, we thank you for the holiday season that many were able to enjoy. Please be with us now as we settle back into our meetings and Bible Studies and the children return to school. Please keep the children safe as they travel to and from school.

**Kimberly Rispin, Community Relation Officer** — Give praise and thanks to God for opportunities to connect with families through the February Seminar. I pray for the last-minute details and the technical logistics which support this ministry activity.

## Friday, February 9

**Mrs Cailey Raffel, Patron** — Pray for all the services marking the commencement of the new year, including the Prefects at Anglican

Schools' Service which includes a Q&A time with the Archbishop. Pray for the women and men being ordained as Deacons on February 17, and for their families.

**Wendy Mayer, Immediate Past President and Treasurer** — Pray that Wendy will use her time well and be encouraging as she contacts Branches in the Western Area.

### Saturday, February 10

**Ann Cunningham, Marriage and Family Resources** — Give thanks that more churches are becoming aware of the courses we offer. Please pray that the interest will result in courses being run.

**Elizabeth Parker, AMUA Australia Vice President** — I'd value your prayers that in my role as AMUA Vice President with special responsibility for parenting programs that I might be helpful in resourcing and inspiring Diocesan Mothers Union groups to take this up and that Mothers Union in North West Australia will know how to reach families and provide helpful input into the significant social problems we see around us.

### Sunday, February 11

**Janet Austin, Vice President Northern Region** — We pray for Mothers Union branches as they begin meeting together, that Members will find encouragement, support and spiritual care through these gatherings. We give thanks to God that the work of Mothers Union in Sydney and across the world is undergirded by members' faithful, daily prayer. We pray for Mothers Union members involved in the Courts' ministry, hospital visiting and the Town Hall shop and office.

**Ruth Cunningham, Linda Wheeler and Suzanne Coleman: Office Secretaries, and Mothers Union Office and Shop Ministry** — Thank you God for the blessing and encouragement of each of our members who phone, visit, volunteer and generously give to the shop and office. It is a privilege to spend time with them, as they so willingly share their time, gifts and love in service to you. May we be mindful of always showing our appreciation to them. Pray God will grant us wisdom and discernment when speaking to the public who come into the shop about Jesus.

## Monday, February 12

**Marilyn Wilkinson, Diocesan Secretary** — Father God, as we look to you for guidance, we ask that you greatly bless our teachers, in all forms of institutions — schools, universities, colleges, refugee centres, hospitals and jails. May you give them wisdom and understanding plus shine your light in their hearts and in the hearts of their students also.

**Mothers Union Sydney Life Vice President, Jan Harrison OAM** — Pray for Mothers Union Sydney volunteers at the Children's Court. May they be a witness to parents anxious for the court outcomes for their children.

## Tuesday, February 13

**St Alban's, Corrimal** — We give thanks that our church has joined with St Michael's Wollongong. It has been a great blessing and we give thanks for many new friendships made and shared ministries.

**St Alban's, Epping** — Thank you for all those showing love as they work in the family courts serving tea and coffee to those waiting for their hearing, and all doing hospital visiting in the maternity wards of our public and private hospitals. Thank you too for all who lovingly knit and sew to supply the gifts given in hospital visiting.

**St Stephen's, Normanhurst** — We are thankful to be fellowshiping together as we share the service of Holy Communion. Pray that we would reach out to other members of the church. 'Forth in your Name we go, our daily labour to pursue, Thee only Thee resolved to know, in all we think or say or do.'

**St Mark's, Pennant Hills** — We pray that the lives we live as believers will encourage others to investigate Jesus and His promises especially as we approach Easter.

**St John's, Sutherland/Gymea** — As we gather for our first meeting in 2024 we ask that the Lord will guide us in the year ahead remembering he is our strength and refuge.

## Wednesday, February 14

**St John's, Camden** — We give thanks for the fellowship shared between our Mothers Union group and pray that we enjoy and continue to learn

through our Bible studies this year. We give thanks for the generosity of those who contribute to the gift baskets — may each basket deliver with it the warmth that we hope is felt by each recipient.

**Jannali Anglican** — Today is our first meeting of the year — “Getting Together Again”. We look forward to fellowship and worship together, and catching up after the break.

**St Stephen’s, Mittagong** — Thank you for the support and encouragement of our clergy. May the service of the Lord’s Supper today strengthen our resolve to serve you with all the gifts and opportunities you give us.

### Thursday, February 15

**St Andrew’s, Lane Cove** — We give praise and thanks that, as we gather around your word and through prayer, we have unity in you. Be with us, lead and guide us as we begin our program for 2024.

**Western Region** — Pray for members at Wentworth Falls, Toongabbie and Carlingford as they meet in their branches. May their time together be encouraging as they pray, listen to God’s word and share their faith with one another.

### Friday, February 16

**Mothers Union Sydney Executive** — Pray as Executive meets today that the Lord will bless their time together and grant them wisdom in decision making.

**Prince of Wales Hospital Chaplains, with Sydney Children’s Hospital Chaplains, Bronwyn Kyngdon** — We give thanks for our Chaplaincy volunteers who remain consistent in their visits and faithful in their ministry. Pray for Rev Dale Blaikie and myself, Rev Bronwyn Kyngdon as we work together to cover the 4 hospitals on site. We have a great working relationship, but sometimes it is hard to know how best to focus our time and visiting. Pray for God’s wisdom and grace to us in this.

### Saturday, February 17

**Luanne Mills, Overseas and Northern Outreach** — Heavenly Father we pray for all the refugees that are seeking homes in Australia. We ask that they be welcomed and supported by members of the Mothers

Union in whichever dioceses they find themselves. We pray for open hearts and open arms that through us they may know your love. Amen

### Sunday, February 18

**Elizabeth Lowe, Vice President Wollongong Region and Southern Highlands** — As the Branches resume their meetings may they reflect on v3 of Psalm 145, 'Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.' May they be joyful as they anticipate renewed opportunities to serve the Lord through Mothers Union. We also value your prayers for those who serve on the Area Committee, under the leadership of our Area President, Luanne Mills, as they plan for our Area Day and special events, which bring the Branches together.

**Ministry to Cross Cultural Women, Margie** — Pray that women opposing us in the community would be silenced, ignored and would come to know Jesus themselves.

### Monday, February 19

**Mothers Union Sydney Life Vice President, Helen Cooney** — Heavenly Father, we pray for the opportunities that arise as we meet in our branches in the coming year that it will encourage us to expand our ministry and outreach, bringing friendship, fellowship and further opportunities to grow our Mothers Union ministry.

**Dillwynia Women's Prison Chaplain, Louise Groot** — Pray for continued opportunities for the Gospel to be shared among inmates and staff and for those in the faith, may they grow and serve Him among their peers.

### Tuesday, February 20

**Christine Jensen, OAM, Members' Coordinator** — Gracious Heavenly Father, we thank you for the privilege of connecting with many women through the February Seminar. We pray that this year's seminar on Friday 'It takes a village — Stronger together in the family of God' will encourage those attending in person and online to consider how they can be built up in their local church.

**Liverpool Hospital, Chaplain** — Rosemary Dickens — Please pray for the chaplaincy work at Liverpool Hospital, particularly with the

women and children. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide me in what I say and do.

### Wednesday, February 21

**St John's, Dee Why** — As we begin our Lenten journey may we focus on Christ's saving death and reflect on what it means in our daily lives.

**St John's, Moss Vale** — As we gather together for a Lord's Supper service, may we and our pastor be renewed in our trust of God's power to do more than we can imagine, in our hearts, and those of our community, nation, and across His world.

**Toongabbie Anglican** — We commence the year with Holy Communion thanking God for the support of our Ministry Team. As we implement the program we pray that our gatherings will be effective in helping us grow in knowledge and depth of insight so that our lives will reflect God's love and compassion to the people around us.

### Thursday, February 22

**St Mark's West Wollongong** — Praise our Lord Jesus who gave His life that we might be reconciled to God our Father and have eternal life. As we share together in The Lord's Supper to begin our year of service, we give you thanks Lord, for the encouragement of our new Senior Minister, Alex Zunica.

**Online and Diocesan Members** — Gracious Lord, we pray for Online and Diocesan members who are not able to meet in person. Pray that the membership committee will be able to encourage network groups across Sydney so they can have fellowship with one another.

### Friday, February 23

**February Seminar** — 'IT TAKES A VILLAGE' — Stronger together in the family of God.' Gracious Lord, we pray for our speakers that you will uphold them as they speak today. We pray for the organisation, for Ann Cunningham as she leads the seminar, for the catering and for those attending in person or online that they will be challenged as they listen to God's word and are encouraged in their family life.

## Saturday, February 24

**Rev Scott Lovell, The Oaks (Mothers Union Worker Grant)** — Please pray that all the mums, carers and children attending our Junior Jivers group will come to faith in Jesus.

**Life Member of Council, Sandra Hugo** — Thank you Father for all the doors that have been opened for Mothers Union in the past year and we pray that you will continue to give vision to all the leaders in branches and on our Executive so that many more doors will be open and your word understood through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Sunday, February 25

**Juliette Smith Vice President Southern Region** — May this be our prayer from Ephesians 1:17-19 "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe." May we as Mothers Union shine the light of Jesus in a world that needs to know Jesus.

**Marilyn Robey, AMUA Australia Treasurer** — Pray for Marilyn as she oversees the finances of AMUA.

## Monday, February 26

**Archdeacon for Women's Ministry, Kara Hartley** — Pray for Jenny Salt and I as we seek to meet with women individually and encourage them in their ministry contexts.

**Mothers Union Dioceses in NSW, Diocese of Bathurst** — Please pray for Bishop Mark Calder and his wife Susan as together they encourage the Diocese and particularly ministry families. Pray too for the several vacant parishes that God will raise up ministers to lead and care for the people in western NSW.

## Tuesday, February 27

**Dapto Anglican** — Loving Lord, as school returns and the busyness of life and the cost of living causes families stress may our awareness of those who are fragile be lifted up in prayer and supported. May

parents allow their children to go to scripture classes and Sunday School. We are thankful for those who continue to serve in both scripture classes and Sunday school. Amen.

**Prue Feather, Court Coordinator** — Dear God please provide more people keen to volunteer in this ministry.

### Wednesday, February 28

**Holy Trinity, Wentworth Falls** — Give thanks that last Friday, we were able to gather in the church together with others from the Upper Mountains, to share in the Seminar online.

**Simone Boswell, Area Coordinator Wollongong region** — Thank you Gracious Father for your great love for us. Thank you for our faithful Mothers Union groups meeting regularly in the Illawarra to encourage each other and to study your Word. From the rising of the sun to its going down, may your name be praised.

### Thursday, February 29

**Mowll Village Group** — We pray for Julia Williams as she comes to speak to us about The School of the Good Shepherd. May we be generous in our giving to this special project.

**Rev David Misztal, Wentworthville (Mothers Union Worker Grant)** — Pray for the people of Hindu background who are living in Wentworthville. Pray they would know the hope that Jesus brings.

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### 2-4 February

Matlosane in South Africa, Mumias in Kenya, Eha-Amufu in Nigeria, Ballarat in Australia, Niagara in Canada, North Kerala in India

## 5-7 February

Botswana in Botswana, Marsabit in Kenya, Idah in Nigeria, Jebba in Nigeria, Salisbury in England, Andaman and Nicobar Islands in India

## 9-11 February

Lainya in South Sudan, Ankole in Uganda, Abuja in Nigeria, Lagos-West in Nigeria, Lichfield in England, Karnataka North in India

## 12-14 February

Matana in Burundi, South Ankole in Uganda, Morogoro in Tanzania, Ohaji/Egbema in Nigeria, New Westminster in Canada, Dornakal in South India

## 16-18 February

Bentiu in South Sudan, Bunyoro Kitara in Uganda, Okigwe-North in Nigeria, Omu-Aran in Nigeria, Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh in All Ireland, Krishna-Godavari in India

## 19-21 February

Free State in South Africa, Bondo in Kenya, Ogbia in Nigeria, Offa in Nigeria, Swansea and Brecon in Wales, Argentina in Argentina

## 23-25 February

Wau in South Sudan, Kigeme in Rwanda, Bauchi in Nigeria, St David's in Wales, Mandalay in Myanmar.

## 26-28 February

Mundri in South Sudan, Madi and West Nile in Uganda, Isikwuato in Nigeria, Chichester in England, Seoul in South Korea

# March

## Prayer Points By Date

### Friday, March 1

**St Paul's, Carlingford** — Lord, we pray for all preparing to take Easter services later this month may they speak truthfully and faithfully of your death and resurrection, and for people to respond to this almighty love that you have for us.

**Glenda McSorley, Diocesan President** — With praise and thanks, I lift up to the Lord the Festival Service and AGM. Lord, I thank you for your amazing provision to us through the years. Help us to be good stewards of our time and resources. Be with us as we enjoy worship and fellowship together as we look forward, ever forward.

### Saturday, March 2

**Sudanese at Blacktown** — Pray for all our members that they will encourage each other and share with others their faith. Pray for their family members here in Australia and in South Sudan that they will not turn away from their faith.

**Luanne Mills, Area President, Southern Highlands** — Lord Jesus Christ we pray that in these post covid times when many of us are struggling with our own finances and physical or mental health that we continue to fix our eyes on you from where our help will always come. Give us peace for today and know one day all will be made perfect in you. Amen.

### Sunday, March 3

**Archdeacon for Women's Ministry, Kara Hartley** — Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will continue to raise up women to serve in his church. As we come to Easter pray for the many opportunities to proclaim Jesus in schools and children's ministry where many women will be running special easter events.

**Mrs Cailey Raffel, Patron** — Please pray for survivors of abuse, and for those who care for them to attend the Hope and Healing service on March 7. Ask that the Lord would use this time of lament, prayer, reflection and apology given by the Archbishop to bring healing and hope in Jesus. Pray for the five day National Bishops' Meeting this month and especially that our archbishop would be faithful, courageous and full of grace.

### Monday, March 4

**PRAY FOR YOUR MINISTER AND FAMILY** — Name ..... Father, we pray for our rector and staff, for good health, strength and wisdom as they minister to the diverse groups of parishioners. Pray that work and family life will enable our ministers to find time for relaxation and rest in the Lord.

**PRAY FOR ALL PARISHES THAT HAVE Mothers Union MEMBERS** — We pray for our communities, for those who suffer hardship, are lonely and excluded, that Mothers Union members within their parishes will pray for them and reach out with a helping hand where possible.

### Tuesday, March 5

**St John's, Keiraville** — The university academic year begins and overseas students are arriving to study at the University of Wollongong. May our church be a welcoming and caring place where Jesus is shared in words and action.

**St Faith's, Narrabeen** — We pray Lord, that you will sustain members in these times of uncertain health and may they know your comfort and peace.

## Wednesday, March 6

**St Thomas', Enfield** — God of Heaven, as Easter approaches, we give you thanks and praise for the faith we have in your Son Jesus Christ, the one who lived, died and was raised again, so that we might have new life with you. We praise you for His perfect sacrifice and obedience to your will, and we pray for your guidance and support as we continue to worship you in Spirit and in truth. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Figtree Anglican** — We thank you Lord for those who laid the gospel foundation at Figtree Church and for the faithfulness of those who continue to serve in the many weekly ministries that take Scripture into local schools, cook and clean up for Manna House Thursday nights and lead and support our Life Groups.

## Thursday, March 7

**St James', Berala** — Please join us as we pray for our rector Mike and the student ministers as he prepares them for full time Christian ministry.

**St Jude's, Bowral** — Thank you for the servant hearts and commitment of our Mothers Union members. Help us as a branch to encourage one another and show our appreciation for each other as we serve in many different ways.

**St Andrew's, Cronulla** — As we meet together for the first time in 2024, pray that our program for the year will meet the needs of our members and also pray that more families and children will join our church.

**Christ Church, Peakhurst/Mortdale** — Praise God for the Easter blessing of his love and mercy through the sacrifice and resurrection of his Son. May our lives be a reflection of his grace.

## Friday, March 8

**Hospital Visiting** — Give praise and thanks for our hospitals. We pray for every situation especially when things don't go to plan. We particularly pray for the Chaplains as they care for those parents and families who suffer bereavement. We ask that the families might find comfort and peace at such a sad time.

**Ann Cunningham, Marriage and Family Resources** — Pray that the conversations with two churches in regards to potentially partnering with us to become course facilitators will bring fruition.

### Saturday, March 9

**Nungalinya Bible College** — Pray for the two new courses beginning this year: 'Children/Youth Ministry' and 'Making Disciples', both with an outreach focus.

**Elizabeth Lowe, Vice President Wollongong Region and Southern Highlands** — Easter is a very special time for the Church family. Psalm 145:5 reminds us of the glorious work of God, none more glorious than Easter. 'On the glorious splendour of Thy majesty, and on Thy wondrous works, I will meditate.' As He has taken away our sin, let us purify ourselves, as He is pure. 1 John 3:3

### Sunday, March 10

**Luanne Mills, Overseas and Northern Outreach** — Heavenly Father we give thanks for the support of Mothers Union members throughout the world that their generosity provides humanitarian aid, food, shelter, clothing and water and whatever else we can provide to meet their needs with the resources available to us. May we hold lightly and give freely of that which you have given us. Amen.

**Refugees** — We bring before you Heavenly Father, the many peoples who have had to leave their homeland due to war or persecution. May they find peace and security here in Australia as they struggle to cope with speaking English but above all may they find peace with you through Jesus.

### Monday, March 11

**Rev Marge Mills Chaplain, Prayer and Spirituality** — Father God, as Christians worldwide prepare to focus especially on the sacrificial death of Jesus for us, and his resurrection in power, may we look for ways to present the good news of Jesus our Saviour through our Mothers Union branches, churches, and relationships with family and friends.

## Tuesday, March 12

**St Alban's, Corrimal** — Help us Lord at this Easter time to encourage our family and friends who don't have a relationship with Jesus. Help us to earnestly pray for their salvation.

**St Alban's, Epping** — God of all creation, we who have come from every land, give thanks for Australia and the original inhabitants of this land. We thank you for the earth that feeds us and the shores that embrace us, the freedom which we share and enjoy, our diversity and our harmony as we live together.

**St Stephen's, Normanhurst** — May we rejoice in serving our Risen Lord Jesus. May we be ambassadors for Christ in prayer for our broken world and shine as lights in the darkness. We have a Gospel to proclaim, Jesus is Lord over all the earth.

**St Mark's, Pennant Hills** — We pray that the lives we live as believers will encourage others to investigate Jesus and His promises especially as we approach Easter.

**St John's, Sutherland/Gymea** — We give thanks for those who have the opportunity to faithfully teach SRE in our local schools each week, praying they will bring many children to know the love and saving grace of our heavenly Father.

## Wednesday, March 13

**St John's, Camden** — Lord, we give many thanks for the committed and faithful leaders of our youth groups which meet each week and we ask for your blessings on them and their charges — for GFS, Meteors, Kids Time, creche and all youth gatherings at St John's. May they all enjoy the special time of Easter.

**Jannali Anglican** — Heavenly Father, we pray for all members serving at the Family Courts. Help them to show Jesus' love and kindness to all they meet, and may their presence be a source of comfort to those in distress. Amen.

**St Stephen's, Mittagong** — Thank you Lord for our fellowship. May our care for each other give us courage as we, knowing we are your

workmanship, seek to do the good works you have prepared in advance for us to do.

### Thursday, March 14

**St Philip's, Caringbah** — Living He loved us

Dying He saved us

Buried He carried our sins far away

Rising He justified, Freely forever

One day He's coming, O Glorious day.

Thank you Heavenly Father for sending your Son.

**Rev David Misztal, Wentworthville (Mothers Union Worker Grant)**

— Praise God for the many Hindu families that come to Playtime, English, Knitting, as well as being in the church hall for karate. Pray God's people would continue to build relationships with these families and share Jesus with them throughout the year through different events, activities and casual encounters.

### Friday, March 15

**Mothers Union Sydney Executive** — Pray for Glenda as she leads the Executive as they endeavour to reach out to families. May the Lord grant them wisdom in their decisions.

**Mothers Union Sydney Life Vice President, June Hickey** — Thank God for the wisdom June provides for Mothers Union finances in her position as Assistant Treasurer. We are particularly thankful for her support of our treasurer, Wendy.

### Saturday, March 16

**Ruth Cunningham, Linda Wheeler and Suzanne Coleman: Office Secretaries, and Mothers Union Office and Shop Ministry** — Thank you Lord for the hope and assurance we have because of your love in sending your only Son who took the punishment we deserved so that all who believe may rejoice in eternal life with Him. May we reach out to others as witnesses of Christ's love and compassion to all. Praise the Lord that God can use all the different gifts that Ruth, Linda and Suzanne have for his glory.

**Sydney Children's Hospital, Westmead, Chaplains, Lisa Boyd** — Please pray for staff in acute care areas who look after families experiencing shock, trauma and grief. Pray that God would guard their hearts, and that he would provide adequate opportunities for them to debrief, including with chaplains.

### **Sunday, March 17**

**Janet Austin, Vice President Northern Region** — As we move through the season of Lent, may we take time to reflect on the meaning of the Cross and its significance for all humanity. "O Saviour of the world, by your Cross and precious blood you have redeemed us; save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord". Amen.

**Christine Jensen, AMUA Australia Prayer and Spirituality** — Pray that Christine will continue to encourage members across Australia in their walk with the Lord through the weekly Thought for the Week and Reflections through Mia Mia and Facebook.

### **Monday, March 18**

**Life Member of Council, Pam Goodhew** — Pam would value our prayers as she manages her daily tasks effectively in spite of her loss of vision.

**Wendy Mabey, AMUA Overseas and Northern Outreach** — I would pray that members would support me and the Overseas and Northern Outreach department by deepening their prayer and loving action commitment to the mission of Mothers Union.

### **Tuesday, March 19**

**Wendy Mayer, Immediate Past President and Treasurer** — Pray that Wendy will be able to explain the accounts clearly at the AGM, giving members an understandable picture of how we are using the financial resources God has provided for us.

**Rev Scott Lovell, The Oaks (Mothers Union Worker Grant)** — For unity among the ministry staff team as we work together to grow disciples of Jesus.

### Wednesday, March 20

**St John's, Dee Why** — Pray for opportunities to witness to the wider community as we approach Holy Week and Easter. May our Mothers Union members be an active part of this witness.

**St John's, Moss Vale** — We ask our Father God to grow our vision of how He works through prayer to bring families to faith, and grow them in love and service of Him, to each other, and to those they meet each day.

**Toongabbie Anglican** — We pray for all those who teach SRE in our local schools. We pray and give thanks for the many young people from the local High School who attend the Friday night Youth Group and for Isaac, our Youth Pastor and the team who lead and teach them.

### Thursday, March 21

**St Andrew's, Lane Cove** — As we look at the first of the Bible studies, we give praise and thanks for the freedom to meet, to read and study God's word and for the encouragement we share. We praise you that Christ Jesus and prayer are the foundations of our ministry.

**Mothers Union Sydney Life Vice President, Jan Livingstone OAM** — Lord guide us as we seek to encourage people in their particular circumstances. Give us listening ears, wisdom and compassion.

### Friday, March 22

**Festival Service and AGM** — Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the opportunity to gather together to meet you in fellowship with one another as we gather around your Word. We give thanks for the blessings of this past year and pray for wisdom in the year ahead. We ask too as we meet for the AGM we will make good decisions that will bring honour to your name.

**Kimberly Rispin, Community Relation Officer** — Give praise and thanks for opportunities to present the membership video. I pray that people might be moved not just to watch but to respond and join us.

### **Saturday, March 23**

**St Andrew's Cathedral** — Ask the God, who is love, to bind our staff team, including its newer members, together in love and loyalty to one another in Christ.

**Marilyn Wilkinson, Diocesan Secretary** — A beautiful quote from my favourite — God's Little Devotional Book for Women — "It is good to remember that the tea kettle, although up to its neck in hot water, continues to sing." And so should we sing the praises of our Lord and Saviour, even when it seems there is no reason to do so. He has offered us the hope of eternity. ("God's Little Devotional Book for Women" 1996 Honor Books.)

### **Sunday, March 24**

**Christine Jensen, OAM, Members' Coordinator** — Gracious Lord, we pray for those who attended the seminar last month. Please pray that they will join us as we promote Christ's teaching on marriage and family life.

**Marriage and Family Life** — Gracious Lord, we pray for marriages in our extended families and the community. We especially pray for those struggling, grant them patience and understanding.

### **Monday, March 25**

**Juliette Smith Vice President Southern Region** — Dear Heavenly Father, keep moulding us to be women like the woman in Proverbs 31:26 "She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue." May our eyes be fixed on Jesus as we live our life to bring Him glory. Particularly, as we head into the Easter season may the world know He is Risen.

**Sue Milwright, AMUA Australia Secretary** — We should hope and pray that the visit from Sheran Harper is very successful. Please pray that members across Australia will be encouraged and for the preparations for her visit.

### **Tuesday, March 26**

**Dapto Anglican** — Father God, we lift to you our church leaders, office staff and our missionaries. May our commitment to prayer for them

continue to encourage and bless them. May they find time to have moments of relaxation and be refreshed in their walk with you. Amen.

**Mothers Union Dioceses in NSW, Canberra/Goulburn** — Pray for our diocesan treasurer, Trish Stoddard and her husband Richard, as they have travelled to the UK to assist family. Pray also for our Executive members as we take on extra duties until next February. Pray for our Patron, Dr Monica Short and our Bishop, Mark and for the Anglican Church in the diocese.

### Wednesday, March 27

**Holy Trinity, Wentworth Falls** — Today one of our members will lead us in the first of the Mothers Union Bible studies. We pray that this will be a great time of learning and sharing around God's word.

**Luanne Mills, Area President, Southern Highlands** — Lord Jesus Christ we pray that in these post covid times when many of us are struggling with our own finances, physical or mental health may we continue to fix our eyes on you from where our help will always come. Give us peace for today and know one day all will be made perfect in you. Amen.

### Thursday, March 28

**St Mark's, West Wollongong** — Dear Lord please guide all parents, care givers and youth leaders as they support our young people and seek to model godly behaviour. Thank you for Simone Boswell as she speaks on "Christ's Wisdom in the use of electronic devices".

**Mowll Village Group** — As we contemplate Jesus celebrating the Passover and Last Supper with his disciples, may we remember the sacrifice He made in dying so that our sins may be forgiven and we receive eternal life.

### Friday, March 29

**GOOD FRIDAY** — 'Almighty Father, look graciously on your people for which the Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever,' Amen.

### **Saturday, March 30**

**Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Chaplain** — Please pray that Mothers Union visitors will start well in 2024 and continue to be welcomed by hospital staff.

**Prue Feather, Court Coordinator** — Dear God please strengthen and give wisdom to the parents of the children appearing in the children's courts.

### **Sunday, March 31**

**EASTER DAY** — 'Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

'Almighty God, you have conquered death through your dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant us by your grace to set our minds on things above, so that by your continual help our whole life may be transformed, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in everlasting glory.' Amen.



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Bujumbura in Burundi, Maseno South in Kenya, Ihiala in Nigeria, Cameroon in Cameroon, Calgary in Canada, Ysabel in Solomon Islands

## 9-11 March

Awerial in South Sudan, Mityana in Uganda, Uyo in Nigeria, Ajayi Crowther in Nigeria, Rupert's Land in Canada, Patna in India

## 12-14 March

Port Elizabeth in South Africa, West Ankole in Uganda, Nomadic Mission in Nigeria, Ekiti-Kwara in Nigeria, Worcester in England, Episcopal Church of the Philippines in Philippines

## 16-18 March

Kajo-Keji in South Sudan, Tarime in Tanzania, Dutse in Nigeria, Akoko-Edo in Nigeria, Canterbury in England

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Antsiranana in Madagascar, Busoga in Uganda, Yola in Nigeria, Oke-Ogun in Nigeria, Algoma in Canada, Jabalpur in India

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Rokon in South Sudan, Kampala in Uganda, Kaduna in Nigeria, Koforidua in Ghana, Brisbane in Australia, Peru in Peru

# April

## Prayer Points By Date

### Monday, April 1

**PRAY FOR YOUR MINISTER AND FAMILY** — Name ..... Father, we pray for our rector and staff, for good health, strength and wisdom as they minister to the diverse groups of parishioners. Pray that work and family life will enable our ministers to find time for relaxation and rest in the Lord.

**PRAY FOR ALL PARISHES THAT HAVE MOTHERS UNION MEMBERS** — We pray for our communities, for those who suffer hardship, are lonely and excluded, that Mothers Union members within their parishes will pray for them and reach out with a helping hand where possible.

### Tuesday, April 2

**St John's, Keiraville** — We pray for the many families attending our morning church services. We give thanks for all the children attending our Sunday School and 'Thrive' youth group together with all our helpers and teachers. May the Bible be taught faithfully and truthfully in a fun and engaging way for all age groups.

**St Faith's, Narrabeen** — We pray Lord, that you will uphold Sandra Burgess the leader of the Narrabeen branch, as she reaches out to members.

### Wednesday, April 3

**St Thomas', Enfield** — Heavenly Father, in a world that is in turmoil we pray for peace, for the many facing persecution and oppression,

for refugees, families and especially the children, separated by war, famine and disease. We pray that you will extend your love and compassion to all who suffer in this broken world and be their beacon of hope and forgiveness. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Figtree Anglican** — We give you praise Lord God for the Easter Services last week and for the people who came together as families to celebrate with our church family. We thank you for the teams who provided the music and the children's programs that blessings will continue to flow from the gospel that was share.

### Thursday, April 4

**St James', Berala** — We give thanks for additional classroom space on site and pray that they will be used for programs which will introduce more people to Jesus.

**St Jude's, Bowral** — Thank God for the Bible Society and its many projects. We ask that as we hear from Sam Collins that we will grow in our understanding of this ministry and will be strengthened and encouraged to share the Good News within our community.

**St Andrew's, Cronulla** — Please pray that visitors to our church at Easter will respond to hearing about the amazing love of Jesus and that they will return if they are local residents.

**Christ Church, Peakhurst/Mortdale** — Heavenly Father, we ask you to help our neighbours' need of safe and affordable housing and for the many families in danger of home foreclosure and mourning the loss of their homes. Give our Government wisdom to build more affordable housing.

### Friday, April 5

**St Paul's, Carlingford** — Lord, even in this broken and divided world your church is growing and souls are searching. Please strengthen the Bible translators as they bring your word to these people in their own language.

### Saturday, April 6

**Sudanese at Blacktown** — Give thanks for the Sudanese women who have been attending and for their openness in sharing their experiences with us. Praise God for his mercy and kindness.

**Wendy Mayer, Immediate Past President and Treasurer** — Pray that Mothers Union Sydney members will take opportunities to share their faith this Easter with those close to them and others God brings across their paths. Pray that they will trust God to give them the words to say.

### Sunday, April 7

**Janet Austin, Vice President Northern Region** — Christ is risen! Alleluia! May we celebrate Easter with joy and thanksgiving! We pray that the Easter Services in our churches will have had an impact on our local communities. We pray that the good news of Jesus' resurrection will go out into all the world!

**Prue Feather, Court Coordinator** — Dear God thank you for the support staff in the Children's court and the rapport they have with the kids.

### Monday, April 8

**Glenda McSorley, Diocesan President** — With praise and thanks, I lift up before you those who contribute to the day to day running of our ministries. For staff in the shop/office and online store; Ruth, Linda and Suzanne and our volunteers. Give them welcoming hearts as they serve and encouragement as they connect with the public. Keep them physically and spiritually safe.

**Mrs Cailey Raffel, Patron** — Pray for the opportunities the Archbishop had to speak of Jesus' death and resurrection at Easter services. Pray for the students that Cailey teaches at the Cathedral (currently from over 10 countries) to better understand the significance of Good Friday and Easter and come to put their trust in our risen Saviour too.

### Tuesday, April 9

**St Alban's, Corrimal** — We thank God that our small group of Mothers Union members continues to meet, share God's word and uphold the work of Mothers Union in prayer. We give thanks for a new member.

**St Alban's, Epping** — We pray that our community of faith will be welcoming and that we may sustain each other in our faith and service, through acts of kindness, compassion, generosity and love.

**St Stephen's, Normanhurst** — We give thanks we have had opportunity to reflect on the Easter message and share what is happening in our walk with Jesus. Pray we reflect that Jesus is Risen. He is Risen Indeed.

**St Mark's, Pennant Hills** — May the lives we live be a blessing to those we meet daily in our walk of faith.

**St John's, Sutherland/GyMEA** — We pray that our church will be welcoming to new families and ask for wisdom and patience for parents and grandparents as they grow their children in the love and knowledge of Jesus.

### Wednesday, April 10

**St John's, Camden** — Heavenly Father we pray for the teachers within our community — that they will be refreshed over the coming school holidays leaving behind their daily school timetables for a short period. May families also enjoy a break from school routine whilst staying safe on our roads.

**Jannali Anglican** — Lord God, as we reflect on the recent Eastertide, may we be encouraged and enabled to serve you as willing servants, following the example of our Lord Jesus. Amen.

**St Stephen's, Mittagong** — Guide us today as we seek to learn more about grief and the ways we can respond to those experiencing the loss of loved ones. Give to those grieving your comfort and may they recognise you as their comforter.

### Thursday, April 11

**St Philip's Caringbah** — Thank you Lord for the blessings we shared at Easter. May we never forget the sacrifice Jesus made for us to bring us back into a right relationship with You. As we begin a new school term, please be with our S.R.E. teachers as they go each week into our local schools to tell the children of Jesus' love.

**Mothers Union Dioceses in NSW, Grafton** — My concern and prayer for our diocesan Mothers Union is that members will be invigorated and find opportunities for new projects however small and to become more involved in their communities.

## Friday, April 12

**Ministry to Cross Cultural Women, Margie** — Pray that the many women who are engaging with the Scriptures will come to understand and meet Jesus.

**Rev Scott Lovell, The Oaks (Mothers Union Worker Grant)** — Pray that newcomers to our church will find meaningful connection with people and their Heavenly Father.

## Saturday, April 13

**Elizabeth Lowe, Vice President Wollongong Region and Southern Highlands** — We value your prayers for the four Branches when we gather for our Area Day, and on other special occasions when we are able to invite family and friends. We are grateful for many who support our aims and objectives, and who contribute financially to the special projects of Mothers Union, both here and overseas. We give thanks for the Service of Thanksgiving for 120 years of Mothers Union in Bowral Branch- held in 2023. We rejoice that Mittagong and Moss Vale Branches are also celebrating 127 years of Mothers Union in their branches this year.

## Sunday, April 14

**Prince of Wales Hospital Chaplains, with Sydney Children's Hospital Chaplain, Bronwyn Kyngdon** — Give thanks for the completion of the new Acute Services Building for Prince of Wales Adult Hospital and the moving of wards safely into their brand new wards, which are very nice, much larger and brighter than the old wards. Pray for the wider Chaplaincy Department that we will work together well, particularly as we start to see Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation which came into law from the end of November 2023.

## Monday, April 15

**Luanne Mills, Overseas and Northern Outreach** — Father we pray for Nungalinga College, for the staff, students and volunteers. We ask you to bless the work they do as it goes out into the community and is fruitful. We give thanks especially for the retired volunteers that come in the dry season to help and ask that they in turn are blessed by being here. Amen.

**Rev David Misztal, Wentworthville (Mothers Union Worker Grant) —** Pray for David, our senior minister as he pastors and leads. Pray for Steve our Youth minister as he leads our youth and ministers across cultures. Pray they would be Christ-like and shepherd God's people well, and lead in mission.

## Tuesday, April 16

**Archdeacon for Women's Ministry, Kara Hartley —** Give thanks for the connect groups. These groups are made up of women who are serving near one another. The aim is for them to meet once a term and consider how to collaborate in the mission of the gospel.

**Simone Boswell, Area Coordinator Wollongong region —** We praise you Lord Jesus for your faithfulness to Mothers Union in the Wollongong region. We ask that you would continue to sustain our members as they reach out to others in the community, through care packages, visiting, encouraging words and prayer.

## Wednesday, April 17

**St John's, Dee Why —** Pray for a deepening of our faith as we focus on the Mothers' Union Bible Studies.

**St John's, Moss Vale —** Gracious Lord, we pray your Spirit works in our hearts to use us for your purpose in our world, and prepares us for eternal joy in your Presence.

**Toongabbie Anglican —** Thank you Heavenly Father for the series of Bible Studies that have been prepared for us. We ask your blessing and guidance on those who are leading us through these studies. May our hearts and minds be open to your Word.

## Thursday, April 18

**St Andrew's, Lane Cove —** We pray for families in our church as they seek to bring their children up under God. We pray that the parents might be equipped to stand firm against outside interests.

**Marilyn Wilkinson, Diocesan Secretary —** Time spent reflecting on the death of our Saviour, Jesus Christ gives us great hope in a fallen world. Paul described himself as "the worst of sinners" in his pursuit of denying

Jesus; however God had other plans. In his letters to the various churches, Paul demands that we follow Jesus only as we try to navigate our way in the world. Be aware that Satan is always in our midst, so we must deny him any opportunity to invade our lives or of those whom we love.

### Friday, April 19

**Mothers Union Sydney Executive** — Gracious Lord may the Executive have the wisdom they need to guide Mothers Union into the future.

**Ann Cunningham, Marriage and Family Resources** — Pray that those non Christian families who have attended the course will see that God is the author of families and be interested to find out more.

### Saturday, April 20

**Rev Marge Mills Chaplain, Prayer and Spirituality** — Father in heaven, please watch over families and individuals travelling on holidays this month. May people be in awe of your creation as they explore, and be drawn to acknowledge you as Creator and Sustainer of all.

**Dillwynia Women's Prison Chaplain, Louise Groot** — Praise God for the partnership in the ministry with Prison Fellowship and Kairos. Give thanks for their willingness to serve, the love they have for the inmates and encouragement they are to Chaplaincy. May God raise up more workers for the harvest.

### Sunday, April 21

**Luanne Mills, Area President, Southern Highlands** — Heavenly Father we give thanks for the Southern Highlands branches and the faithful members who live and work to your glory. We ask you to bless their fundraising activities that support Mothers Union Sydney projects. We ask for strength as they express your love to others as they visit the hospitals and neighbours. May they in turn feel your love upon them as they give to others. Amen.

### Monday, April 22

**Mothers Union Sydney Life Vice President, Helen Cooney** — Almighty God, we ask that in the year ahead, we may be godly examples of Christian women both in our marriage relationships and in the care and love we exhibit in our homes and church community.

**Christine Brain, AMUA Australia Mia Mia Editor** — Give thanks for all those who contribute to the publication of Mia Mia — those who write articles, the designer, printer and distributors. Please pray that God would guide me in selecting articles so that Mia Mia readers will be encouraged in their faith and discipleship, strengthened in their promotion of marriage and parenting God's way and that Mia Mia will be an effective tool for promoting the work of AMUA.

### Tuesday, April 23

**Dapto Anglican** — Heavenly Father, thank you for Jesus at this most special time of the year. May so many more people have come to understand the true meaning of Easter. We pray for those who walk in the darkness. Lord, so many young people have mental health problems. Our youth need to walk with you without fear. Thank you that you can help them.

**Life Member of Council, Sandra Hugo** — We pray Lord that you will give wisdom to our leaders so that enough accommodation will be available for all within Australia and that people will have the means to buy all their physical needs and that the work of Mothers Union, churches and Anglicare will also lead to those in need knowing of your love and care for them.

### Wednesday, April 24

**Holy Trinity, Wentworth Falls** — We thank God for our shared salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ and our hope of heaven. May we continue to encourage one another to walk in paths of righteousness and so live to his glory.

**Mothers Union Sydney Life Vice President, Jan Harrison OAM** — Help us not to be ashamed to say when asked what Mothers Union stands for, what it does and even mention the shop and where it is.

### Thursday, April 25

**St Mark's, West Wollongong** — We thank you Lord for the many men and women from Australia and New Zealand who fought for our freedom. We pray that we will be able to support the homeless and displaced peoples of the world by our prayers and actions.

**Mowll Village Group** — We pray for all our Armed Services and their chaplains. May they always know of your protection and strength as they serve God and our country.

### Friday, April 26

**Kimberly Rispin, Community Relation Officer** — Give praise and thanks to God for our online communications. I pray that we might be effective in how we present our story to those who do not know us.

**Kristi Day, AMUA Australia Promotion and Development** — Pray for Kristi as she oversees the development of the new AMUA website.

### Saturday, April 27

**Ruth Cunningham, Linda Wheeler and Suzanne Coleman: Office Secretaries, and Mothers Union Office and Shop Ministry** — Sovereign ruler, we give you thanks for your faithful promise to be with us always. May we always rely on you, thankful that all we do is in His strength and love and always be seeking ways to bring Him glory. Thank you Lord that you provided a way of saving financial funds to help provide for the increase in the shop's rent this year, and that an agreement with Colliers could occur.

**Liverpool Hospital, Chaplain** — Rosemary Dickens — Pray that as the mothers of new babies receive the Mothers Union gifts and cards their hearts will be open to receive God's Word and God's love.

### Sunday, April 28

**Juliette Smith Vice President Southern Region** — Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for the different seasons in our life. We pray for where you have placed us and the relationships that we can shine your light into. We pray for your Word that has been read and preached that it may bear fruit. May we encourage each other as we learn together. Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

### Monday, April 29

**Christine Jensen, OAM, Members' Coordinator** — Heavenly Father, we long to see Mothers Union continue into the future but struggle at times to find the most effective way considering modern lifestyle with

its busyness as well the often opposition to Christianity. Help us to press on, to be creative in reaching out and inviting people to join us.

**Homeless** — Father, our hearts go out to many in our city who are homeless and have nowhere to lay their head. We long for them to know you and find true rest in knowing your love and care for them. We pray for St John's Darlinghurst, St Philip's Church Hill and the Cathedral as they reach out to these lonely people.

### Tuesday, April 30

**Hospital Visiting** — Give praise and thanks for those who have led this ministry in their branches over the years. We lift up before you the need for a person to Coordinate Hospital Visiting in Sydney Diocese. We ask that you might bring to us someone who can look at ways to not just sustain but to grow this ministry into the future.

**Defence Force Chaplaincy** — Gracious Lord we pray for Bishop Grant Dibden as he leads the Defence Force chaplains and encourages them in preaching your Word and in caring for the needs of the chaplains and their families.

## Wave of Prayer

On Mondays pray for the work of Mothers Union Worldwide focusing on the area the Holy Spirit brings to your attention.

### 30 March - 1 April

Toamasina in Madagascar, Mukono in Uganda, Ikwerre in Nigeria, Ife East in Nigeria, Down and Dromore in All Ireland, Delhi in India

### 2-4 April

Umzimvubu in South Africa, Lweru in Tanzania, On the Niger in Nigeria, Cape Coast in Ghana, Limerick and Killaloe in All Ireland

### **6-8 April**

Cueibet in South Sudan, Gahini in Rwanda, Wusasa in Nigeria, Ibadan in Nigeria, Christchurch in New Zealand

### **9-11 April**

Nord Kivu in DR Congo, Kigali in Rwanda, Kiteto in Tanzania, Kubwa in Nigeria, Perth in Australia, Kuranagala in Sri Lanka

### **13-15 April**

Yirol in South Sudan, Ruvuma in Tanzania, Nike in Nigeria, Benin in Nigeria, Canberra and Goulburn in Australia, 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 and Ross, All Ireland, Eastern Himalayas in India

### **20-22 April**

Kinshasa in DR Congo, Victoria Nyanza in Tanzania, Ahoada in Nigeria, Warri in Nigeria, Oxford in England, Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea

### **23-25 April**

Kisangani in DR Congo, Kagerain Tanzania, Awka in Nigeria, Sunyani in Ghana, Manchester in England, Popondota in Papua New Guinea

### **27-29 April**

Port Sudan in Sudan, Muhabura in Uganda, Niger Delta West in Nigeria, Yewa in Nigeria, The Northern Territory in Australia, Madras in India

### **30 April - 2 May**

Aru in DR Congo, Kigezi in Uganda, Ikeduru in Nigeria, Ho in Ghana, York in England, Guyana and Suriname in Guyana

# May

## Prayer Points By Date

**Visit of Sheran Harper** — Our World Wide President Sheran Harper will be coming to Australia in May 2024. she will visit Perth 13th May, 18th May in Brisbane and Australian Council in Sydney 20th-22nd May. Wednesday 22nd May will be open day with Sheran. It will be held at the Retreat Centre at St Joseph's Baulkham Hills — 33 Barina Downs Rd, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153

### Wednesday, May 1

**St Thomas', Enfield** — Sovereign Lord, we give you thanks and praise for the life of your church here at St. Thomas' Enfield. We thank you for the friendship and fellowship that we share together and for the many activities and opportunities we have to share your Word and give thanks for your many blessings. Help us to strengthen our faith and enrich our lives through generosity, kindness and service to others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Figtree Anglican** — We pray Heavenly Father that the celebration of Mothers Day on May 12 will remind us of the commitment of Mothers Union to build and encourage family relationships and encourage marriages in our church through words, actions and prayer.

### Thursday, May 2

**St James', Berala** -We pray for those who are leading kids church groups and for the parents of our young families as they teach their children about living as Jesus would want us to.

**St Jude's, Bowral** — We give thanks for the opportunity to freely meet together and hear from our Lay Minister, Sarah Bull. May this be a time of learning as we hear about her role and ministry. We also thank God for Sarah's support towards our Mothers Union branch and its objectives.

**St Andrew's, Cronulla** — Pray for the local high school scripture teacher and for the Board who oversees this important outreach. Pray that many children will attend these classes and also join local church youth groups.

**Christ Church, Peakhurst/Mortdale** — Give thanks for the work of Mothers Union Executive and all the branch leaders. Give them wisdom in leading and guiding us as we meet.

### Friday, May 3

**St Paul's, Carlingford** — Lord, help us to care for one another as a family and to show our love and commitment to one another and to you by serving each other's needs. Enable us to do this by your Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Area Days 2024** — Pray for the planning of Area Days for this year. Give thanks for the opportunity to gather in our regions.

**Glenda McSorley, Diocesan President** — With praise and thanks, I pray for wisdom as I prepare for meetings, talks and gatherings. Help me to find time to prepare well, to not be swayed by worldly influences and distracted but to stand firm in God's word and prayer. Instil in me an understanding of your priorities for both me and Mother Union Sydney.

### Saturday, May 4

**Sudanese at Blacktown** — Give thanks for the fellowship and care our Sudanese share with each other. Pray for their children who often struggle living in two cultures and those who have wandered away from following Jesus.

**Elizabeth Lowe, Vice President Wollongong Region and Southern Highlands** — When we read the prayer of Mary Sumner, and repeat the purpose of Mothers Union in our meetings, we create for ourselves the godly habits that assist in the ongoing reforming of our Christian character. As we desire these changes in our lives, may they be a

witness to our families of our Christian faith, and our desire to bring God's love and joy, into all our family life.

### Sunday, May 5

**Mrs Cailey Raffel, Patron** — Please pray for a safe and enjoyable holiday that will refresh and renew, so that the Archbishop and Cailey will return ready for the good works God has prepared for them.

**Janet Austin, Vice President Northern Region** — We praise and thank you, Lord, for mothers and grandmothers as we celebrate Mother's Day this month. Thank you for all we have learnt from the many godly women we have known and for the generous love, care and support they have shown us. Lord. Help us to show your love to our families and friends.

### Monday, May 6

**PRAY FOR YOUR MINISTER AND FAMILY** — Name ..... Father, we pray for our rector and staff, for good health, strength and wisdom as they minister to the diverse groups of parishioners. Pray that work and family life will enable our ministers to find time for relaxation and rest in the Lord.

### PRAY FOR ALL PARISHES THAT HAVE MOTHERS UNION MEMBERS

— We pray for our communities, for those who suffer hardship, are lonely and excluded, that Mothers Union members within their parishes will pray for them and reach out with a helping hand where possible.

### Tuesday, May 7

**St John's, Keiraville** — 21st century parenting is tough. We especially pray for Mums, Dads and grandparents as they seek to model the Christian life to the children in their loving care.

**St Faith's, Narrabeen** — Give thanks for the faithfulness, prayer and commitment to the ministry of Mothers Union. Pray that they will know your continued love for them and that their prayers are deeply valued.

### Wednesday, May 8

**St John's, Camden** — We thank you for and pray for our Mothers Union Sydney Executive and all staff and for the health of each one.

We thank you Lord for their commitment to service as individuals and as a team. We give thanks for Ann Cunningham and her parenting courses. May those who pass by the Mothers Union shop be drawn to the shop's offerings and to the Market Day stalls.

**Jannali Anglican** — We give you thanks for all who serve as chaplains in hospitals, schools, prisons, the armed forces, and many other places. We pray you will give them the right words to comfort and encourage those in distress they meet, and that your Holy Spirit will be present in these conversations. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**St Stephen's, Mittagong** — Thank you Lord for the fellowship we enjoy across the four branches in our Area. May this Area Day teach and equip us to serve one another and reach those, who as yet, don't know you.

### Thursday, May 9

**St Philip's, Caringbah** — Lord, as we gather together sharing our praise and prayers, we know that you hear us and will answer our prayers as is best for us. We thank you.

**Archdeacon for Women's Ministry, Kara Hartley** — Pray for the opportunities for gospel proclamation through Mother's Day. Pray that all women will find their identity first and foremost in Christ. Pray for the women serving in our churches and organisations — that this will be true for them as well.

### Friday, May 10

**Juliette Smith Vice President Southern Region** — Heavenly Father, we thank you for Mothers Union and the army of prayer warriors across our whole world. May each member find joy in knowing the love of God, grace in our Lord Jesus Christ and fellowship in the Holy Spirit. We pray particularly for those in countries where it is not easy to worship and follow Jesus. We pray for their protection and their courage.

**Wendy Mayer, Immediate Past President and Treasurer** — Give thanks for the Mothers Union members in the Western Area, for their faithfulness and commitment to meeting together. May they know the joy of supporting each other and the work of Mothers Union throughout the world.

### Saturday, May 11

**Marilyn Wilkinson, Diocesan Secretary** — “Look outwards and be distressed; look inwards and be depressed; look to Jesus and be at rest”. What another wonderful devotional comment. It is sometimes hard to explain to non-believers, especially those who may be in your family, but such a calming comment if we are surrounded by illness, hurtful words, and difficult situations. Thank you Father for taking us through these times. Amen. (“God’s Little Devotional Book for Women” 1996 Honor Books.)

**Rev Scott Lovell, The Oaks (Mothers Union Worker Grant)** — Pray for positive relationships with our local school Principals and fruitful SRE classes.

### Sunday, May 12

**MOTHER’S DAY** — Give thanks for all mothers whether our own mothers or those special women in our lives who have supported and encouraged us. We pray for those who are mourning the loss of their mothers and are alone today. We especially pray for those women struggling with infertility. May they know the Lord’s comfort as he upholds them in their sadness.

### Monday, May 13

**Hospital Visiting** — Give praise and thanks for the Hospital Visiting publications: ‘Prayers for little children’, ‘Welcome to Baby’ and Luke’s Gospel. We pray that your Holy Spirit will cause new parents to consider Jesus at this joyous time and that the cards and Gospel might be used mightily for your Kingdom.

**Elaine Longford AMUA Vice President** — Pray for Elaine in her role as Vice President with responsibility for prevention of Domestic Abuse.

### Tuesday, May 14

**St Alban’s, Corrimal** — Heavenly Father, help us to reach out to those in need in our church and community, helping in whatever way we can.

**St Alban’s, Epping** — We pray for those suffering from family violence, broken relationships and for women and children caught up in these

situations in their lives in their homes and suffer because of it. Bring peace in these situations and may they know the love of Jesus.

**St Stephen's, Normanhurst** — Pray for our special speaker at this meeting. May we have courage to ask folk who don't generally come to Mothers Union. 'How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear. It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds and drives away his fear.'

**St Mark's, Pennant Hills** — We pray for our Rector, Craig and staff that their personal walk with the Lord remains strong as they balance work and family life.

**St John's, Sutherland/Gymea** — May we continue to walk closely with our Lord, praying and encouraging each other through fellowship each month as we study his word, growing in understanding and applying this knowledge in our lives.

### Wednesday, May 15

**St John's, Dee Why** — Pray for our members and their families, especially those who are struggling because of health issues. May we continue to find our hope in Christ who strengthens us.

**St John's, Moss Vale** — Father, we pray for our groups and the worldwide Mothers Union that all we do would be would bring glory to your Name. May people see your love in us, and hunger to experience it themselves.

**Toongabbie Anglican** — We pray for the young families in our church and those in our community who attend ToonieKids@Play each week and for the mums and other helpers who care for the children. May they grow in their understanding of Jesus and be encouraged by the warm fellowship they receive and enjoy.

### Thursday, May 16

**St Andrew's, Lane Cove** — We praise you Lord and particularly lift up before those who struggle as parents of teenagers. Help parents to be loving, encouraging and able to share and show their children how to live and grow under God.

**Kimberly Rispin, Community Relation Officer** — Give praise and thanks to God for opportunities to connect with families through the Families Equip Parenting course and the single session courses. Pray that I might discern the best way to support Ann and those who attend with good quality media support.

### Friday, May 17

**Mothers Union Sydney Executive** — Almighty God, we thank you for the generosity of the bequests we have received. Help us during these challenging financial times to be wise stewards and use these gifts to your glory.

**Rev Marge Mills Chaplain, Prayer and Spirituality** — Lord God, please be with all Christian parents, grandparents and godparents and enable them to keep serving you in whatever roles and ministries they have at their stage of life. May they be praying for and encouraging children to know Jesus' love and care and readiness to answer prayer.

### Saturday, May 18

**Sydney Children's Hospital, Westmead, Chaplains, Lisa Boyd** — Give thanks for the opportunity to do a chaplaincy presentation for the Hospital Ethics Discussion group. Please pray that this would lead to a better understanding of the role of spiritual care within holistic patient care.

**Prue Feather, Court Coordinator** — Dear God thank you for the opportunity to serve those who find themselves in court. Thank you that what we do is seen as valuable by the court staff.

### Sunday, May 19

**Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Chaplain** — Please pray that Chaplaincy staff get on well. Pray for godly, gifted and faithful volunteers.

**Luanne Mills, Overseas and Northern Outreach** — Heavenly Father we give thanks for the generosity of our members who willingly support our overseas projects. We thank you for their time, their skills and ingenuity in their fund raising. We pray they continue to do so with joy and hope and knowledge that what we do for the least of these we do for you Lord and ask you will bless all our efforts. Amen.

### Monday, May 20

**Ann Cunningham, Marriage and Family Resources** — Pray that those churches that have held courses will continue to reach out to those around them who have been to courses.

**Rev David Misztal, Wentworthville (Mothers Union Worker Grant)** — Pray for the hearts of God's people in Wenty Anglican to grow for the lost, to be prayerful, and to be equipped to share Christ with others, and be energetic for outreach.

### Tuesday, May 21

**Anglican Aid** — Give thanks for our partnership with the Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid and the many projects it supports as well as providing relief in times of crises. Let us continue to pray for the School of the Good Shepherd as it cares for the Syrian and Iraqi refugee children. May we have generous hearts as we embark on our new project.

### Wednesday, May 22

**Open Day to meet Sheran Harper at St Joseph's Retreat Centre, Baulkham Hills** — We give thanks for Sheran Harper's visit to Australia and her time in Sydney. May it be a precious time of fellowship as she shares with us the wider ministry of Mothers Union across the world.

**Holy Trinity, Wentworth Falls** — Pray that we will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord's will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding so that we walk in a manner worthy of him and so be fully pleasing to him.

### Thursday, May 23

**St Mark's, West Wollongong** — We praise and thank you Lord, that your Holy Spirit is available to lead and guide each of us as we seek to support families in our parish and beyond. We pray for those who will share with us on a Panel as we discuss "We are more than conquerors".

**Mothers Union Dioceses in NSW, Newcastle** — Loving Lord, bless the members in Newcastle Diocese as they seek to do the good works you have prepared for them to walk in.

### Friday, May 24

**Life Members of Council, Pam Goodhew** — Pray that Pam will continue to maintain a life of prayer and intercession.

**Christine Jensen, OAM, Members' Coordinator** — Heavenly Father we give thanks for the faithfulness in prayer of our Diocesan members. Strengthen them each day to press on in serving you.

### Saturday, May 25

**Wendy Mabey, AMUA Overseas and Northern Outreach** — I would pray that members would support me and the Overseas and Northern Outreach department by deepening their prayer and loving action commitment to the mission of Mothers Union.

### Sunday, May 26

**Ruth Cunningham, Linda Wheeler and Suzanne Coleman: Office Secretaries, and Mothers Union Office and Shop Ministry** — Almighty God, may you give us energy and enthusiasm to serve you and all who come into the shop. Continue to uphold the ministry of Mothers Union and the shop through our prayers. Praise God that we have the opportunity to connect with the public to tell them about Mothers Union.

**Mothers Union Sydney Life Vice President, June Hickey** — Pray that God will bring blessing to June's family through her different areas of service to the Lord.

### Monday, May 27

**Nungalinga Bible College** — Pray that we will remain one in love as servant leaders with our eyes fixed on Jesus.

**St Andrew's Cathedral** — We are thankful that the Lord Jesus welcomed the little children. Please pray for perseverance as we seek to do the same, such that ministry to children might grow.

### Tuesday, May 28

**Dapto Anglican** — Lord, we are thankful for the times of rich fellowship we share and we ask that all mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers, special aunties and treasured friends have been showered with abundant

outpouring of love this Mothers Day. Make us mindful of anyone who would be alone. Thank you for the blessing of children in our lives. Amen.

**Mothers Union Sydney Life Vice President, Jan Livingstone OAM** — Even as we age, we ask that we might be godly with enthusiasm and with servant hearts as we share the gospel through the ministries of Mothers Union.

### Wednesday, May 29

**Chaplains** — Our Father in heaven, we pray for all chaplains in prisons, hospitals, schools, retirement villages, the armed forces, aid agencies and organisations. Strengthen them daily, give them wisdom and discernment and the right words to say whatever the occasion that confronts them. May their ministry be an outpouring of Christ's love in action and of his comforting presence.

### Thursday, May 30

**Mowll Village Group** — Lord we pray for attentive hearts and minds as we meet to study your word today. Help us to reflect what we have learnt as we live in the Mowll Village community.

### Friday, May 31

**Families in our Churches** — We pray for families in our churches as they make decisions in family life. Help them to seek to put the Lord first in spite of the pressures of society.

**Mother Union in Myanmar** — Gracious Heavenly Father, we pray for our sister Marilyn and members in Myanmar coping under a difficult political situation. May they rest in you and know that in all things you are their sovereign Lord.

# Wave of Prayer

On Mondays pray for the work of Mothers Union Worldwide focusing on the area the Holy Spirit brings to your attention.

## 30 April - 2 May

Aru in DR Congo, Kigezi in Uganda, Ikeduru in Nigeria, Ho in Ghana, York in England, Guyana and Suriname in Guyana

## 4-6 May

Uppershire in Malawi, Maralal Missionary Area in Kenya, Makurdi in Nigeria, Ifo in Nigeria, Tuam, Killala and Achonry in all Ireland, Mumbai in India

## 7-9 May

Torit in South Sudan, Meru in Kenya, Ikwuango in Nigeria, Sekondi in Ghana, The Arctic in Canada

## 11-13 May

Twic East in South Sudan, Rorya in Tanzania, Owerri in Nigeria, Uqhelli in Nigeria, Gippsland in Australia, Cashel and Ossory in All Ireland

## 14-16 May

Maridi in South Sudan, Kirinyaga in Kenya, Zaki-Biam in Nigeria, Ijesa North-East in Nigeria, Waikato and Taranakai in New Zealand

## 18-20 May

Grahamstown in South Africa, Masasi in Tanzania, Afikpo in Nigeria, Wiawso in Ghana, Chester in England, Northern Argentina in Argentina

## 21-23 May

Christ the King in South Africa, East Rwenzori in Uganda, Gombe in Nigeria, New Busa in Nigeria, Bunbury in Australia

### **25-27 May**

Bor in South Sudan, Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Oru in Nigeria, Oleh in Nigeria, Rockhampton in Australia, Agra in India

### **28-30 May**

Angola in Angola, North Ankole in Uganda, Okene in Nigeria, Ibadan-South in Nigeria, Aberdeen and Orkney in Scotland, Karnataka South in India



# June

## Prayer Points By Date

### Saturday, June 1

**Sudanese at Blacktown** — Give thanks for the opportunity to meet together each month with singing, prayer, Bible teaching and a meal together. What a privilege to share these precious times.

**Mrs Cailey Raffel, Patron** — Pray for the Archbishop and me as we visit different parishes each month. Ask that the Lord would bring encouragement through the preaching of his Word and as stories of new and growing faith are shared.

### Sunday, June 2

**Glenda McSorley, Diocesan President** — With praise and thanks, I lift up to the Lord ALL our members. We thank you for their prayers, their shared gifts, their example shown and, in this transition time, their faithfulness to the wide ministry of Mothers Union Sydney. I thank you for their support of ideas to take us into the future in new ways.

**Luanne Mills, Overseas and Northern Outreach** — Heavenly Father we pray today for the Mothers Union in Myanmar. We ask for protection from violence and ask that their work reaching out into their communities continues. They face so many challenges Lord and we ask that you give them fresh courage each day. Give them hope for the future Lord and strength for today. Amen.

### Monday, June 3

**PRAY FOR YOUR MINISTER AND FAMILY** — Name ..... Father, we pray for our rector and staff, for good health, strength and wisdom as they minister to the diverse groups of parishioners. Pray that work and family life will enable our ministers to find time for relaxation and rest in the Lord.

### **PRAY FOR ALL PARISHES THAT HAVE MOTHERS UNION MEMBERS** —

We pray for our communities, for those who suffer hardship, are lonely and excluded, that Mothers Union members within their parishes will pray for them and reach out with a helping hand where possible.

### Tuesday, June 4

**St John's, Keiraville** — Winter is here. May our hearts not grow cold to serving our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who gave everything for us.

**St Faith's, Narrabeen** — Pray that the Lord will uphold the small group at Narrabeen as they pray together.

### Wednesday, June 5

**MARKET DAY STALL** — Pray that the Market Day Stall will raise funds towards our Mothers Union workers at The Oaks and Wentworthville.

**St Thomas', Enfield** — God Most High, we praise you for your majesty, your power and your authority, and for sharing our experiences of life. We bring before you all those who have been called to serve in the mission field in Australia and overseas. As they leave their homes and families to share the gospel with strangers, please be with them, guide and defend them and reassure them of your unfailing love and protection, In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Figtree Anglican** — As winter sets in may we be conscious of the frail and elderly members across the Parish who follow Services on-line at home, thankful for the Pastoral Care Team and their ministry. We are thankful for many Bible study groups meeting on Zoom.

### Thursday, June 6

**St James', Berala** — We give thanks for the service of faithful women through the years at Berala and pray for those who are older and

housebound as well as for those involved in our ESL and community pantry ministries.

**St Jude's, Bowral** — Pray for our members as we meet to hear from the Mothers Union Chaplain Rev Marge Mills on 'Understanding Grief'. As this touches the hearts of so many we ask that Jesus' love and compassion will be felt by all.

**St Andrew's, Cronulla** — Give thanks for our older members and pray for their health during the winter months. Also pray that all our members will continue to be encouraged through prayer and by hearing the speakers and using the Mothers Union Bible Studies at our meetings.

**Christ Church, Peakhurst/Mortdale** — Heavenly Father, we know everything is in your sovereign control. We pray for people arriving from other countries that they will settle well and find our churches welcoming.

### Friday, June 7

**St Paul's, Carlingford** — We thank you Lord for Mothers Union, please give us strength to serve, and joy in serving and we pray that each member throughout the world will use their gifts, by your grace and goodness to bring honour and glory to your name. Amen.

**Life Member of Council, Sandra Hugo** — Thank you Lord for all the care for the aged in Australia and we pray that you will guide and help all who are involved in the aged care area so that the services available are effective and those who exploit the system will be exposed.

### Saturday, June 8

**Elizabeth Lowe, Vice President Wollongong Region and Southern Highlands** — In these colder months we pray for good health for our members, and also for those who are no longer able to join our meetings. Please pray for members as they seek to visit and to keep contact with these ladies, and members from their congregations. May their "Care Packages" be a source of comfort and encouragement. We value your continued prayers for the opportunity to visit in the Maternity Unit of Bowral Hospital, and also the recommencing of Court Work in Moss Vale Court.

## Sunday, June 9

**Rev David Misztal, Wentworthville (Mothers Union Worker Grant)** — Pray for Wenty Anglican Church to know how big the love of Christ is for us, seek to share stories of Jesus with people in our community, and look for opportunities to share the difference Jesus makes in our lives.

**Wendy Mayer, Immediate Past President and Treasurer** — Give thanks that God has provided the resources for Mothers Union Sydney to support others financially and prayerfully. Pray that we will be generous and wise as we use those resources.

## Monday, June 10

**Marriage and Family Life** — Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of marriage and pray for marriages in our churches that you give couples wisdom, patience, steadfastness and commitment to the promises they have made. Give those who are parents wisdom in parenting in all the ups and downs of family life and pray they teach their children to follow you as they read your word together.

## Tuesday, June 11

**St Alban's, Corrimal** — We ask your blessing Lord on all who lead and serve in our weekly services, home groups and gatherings.

**St Alban's, Epping** — As winter starts Lord we particularly think of all those who are homeless, cold, hungry and lonely. May we be generous in our giving to agencies who feed, clothe and care for them at all times but particularly in the winter season. Be with the agencies as they do everything that is humanly possible to keep the homeless safe and help them in any way they can.

**St Stephen's, Normanhurst** — Bible Study 2 is our aim for this month. We give thanks Lord, for all the time spent and energy to compile these studies. We are truly grateful.

**St Mark's, Pennant Hills** — We pray that the lives we live as believers will encourage others to investigate Jesus and His promises.

**St John's, Sutherland/GyMEA** — We give thanks for the commitment of our members involved in Court Support at Sutherland. We ask for

wisdom for magistrates, prosecutors and legal aid representatives so that outcomes will be just.

### Wednesday, June 12

**St John's, Camden** — We give thanks Lord for Mothers Union Workers assigned to assist two Sydney parishes — may they be reaching out with your word. We give thanks for our Southern Highland Area branches for their friendship and gatherings and for the sharing of their experiences to assist those of not such longstanding membership.

**Jannali Anglican** — We pray for grandparents and godparents as they interact with the children in their families. May they be able to share the stories of Jesus and God's love for them, and may these children benefit from the wisdom and caring they can draw on. Amen.

**St Stephen's, Mittagong** — Lord, as we seek to share Christ's love by encouraging, strengthening and supporting marriage and family life, give us wisdom and energy as we share the gospel with young people and families.

### Thursday, June 13

**St Philip's, Caringbah** — Lord, we give you thanks and praise for our ministry team, for their commitment and teaching of your word. Help us to be diligent in bringing family and friends to church to hear your word.

**Ann Cunningham, Marriage and Family Resources** — Pray that the conversations with two schools for courses will be fruitful in blessing lots of families and promoting the value of Mothers Union.

### Friday, June 14

**Archdeacon for Women's Ministry, Kara Hartley** — Pray for the women's regional conferences that will be run this month. Pray the women will be encouraged in gathering together and hearing from one another about the various ministries they are involved in.

**Ministry to Cross Cultural Women, Margie** — May God bring more people to join our team, be trained in 'M' ministry, and work alongside us.

## Saturday, June 15

**Mothers Union Sydney Life Vice President, Helen Cooney** — We pray we will find time for prayer that will increase trust and sharing between Mothers Union members, and will help us to develop an understanding of the way forward for Mothers Union in the diocese and the world.

**Rev Scott Lovell, The Oaks (Mothers Union Worker Grant)** — Please pray for the strengthening of marriages within the church to the glory of God.

## Sunday, June 16

**Kimberly Rispin, Community Relation Officer** — Give praise and thanks to God for designers, editors and others who work with us sharing their gifts and skills. Help us as we seek to produce quality media which supports and informs our existing members and reaches a new future membership group.

**Hospital Visiting** — We thank you for open doors at Bowral Hospital, at Liverpool, at RPA, at RNSH, at NORWEST Private, at the SAN and Hornsby. We pray for all volunteers and our need for more to join us. We continue to pray for relationships with Chaplains and staff and for opportunities for Mothers Union Sydney to share Christ's love within our communities.

## Monday, June 17

**Rev Marge Mills Chaplain, Prayer and Spirituality** — Please be with all carers and those being cared for, young or old or any age. Grant them wisdom, love, patience, forbearance, strength and grace to express Jesus' love for all people. May your Spirit uphold and empower them.

**Mothers Union Sydney Life Vice President, Jan Harrison OAM** — Please pray for those in Hospital that they will be helped by the chaplain.

## Tuesday, June 18

**Marilyn Wilkinson, Diocesan Secretary** — Father God, as we come into our winter, with less sunlight hours and perhaps less connection with friends and family, please keep us safe from illness or loneliness. We know we are not alone with you as our Father and we ask that you go before us as we comfort others who may be struggling. Keep us ever mindful that you are the Light of this world.

**Liverpool Hospital, Chaplain — Rosemary Dickens** — Pray for the mothers who have problem pregnancies and those who have their babies in the Neonatal ICU. May they be trusting in the Lord and drawing strength from Him.

### Wednesday, June 19

**St John's, Dee Why** — Today we particularly pray for Mothers' Union members living amidst persecution and poverty throughout the world. May the witness of Christians living in challenging circumstances bring new people to faith in Christ.

**St John's, Moss Vale** — Forgive us Father for our failure to love you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. We praise you that you are renewing us day by day and will bring to completion the good work you began in us.

**Toongabbie Anglican** — We remember today our members who are in aged care facilities who may be lonely, suffering the results of a stroke or dementia or just old age. May they be conscious of the Lord's loving presence. We pray for the staff that they will be kind and gentle with them and for the clergy and Mothers Union members who visit regularly taking the promise of Eternal Life.

### Thursday, June 20

**St Andrew's, Lane Cove** — As we mark 89 years of Mothers Union at Lane Cove, we give praise and thanks for those who have contributed to the wide ministry here and beyond through the years. We give praise and thanks for their witness, for their willingness show and share the love of Christ.

**Simone Boswell, Area Coordinator Wollongong region** — 'Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our Strength and our Redeemer.' Thank you Lord for our Wollongong Mothers Union ladies and the faithful encouragement they are to so many. Please remind them every day of the great hope they have in you.

### Friday, June 21

**Mothers Union Sydney Executive** — Pray for the Executive as they meet together today. May they have the energy they need and

wisdom in decision making. Help them to know how to move Mothers Union forward.

**Prue Feather, Court Coordinator** — Dear Lord we pray that conversations with those we serve will bring comfort to them and bring glory to you.

### Saturday, June 22

**Juliette Smith Vice President Southern Region** — Praying that God will enable us to always remember Him. In the dark days of winter may God be our refuge and strength Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." May we be able to encourage one another as we meet and help us to be aware of those in need.

### Sunday, June 23

**All Branch Officers and Speakers** — Heavenly Father we thank you for all those who lead and coordinate our branches. May they be encouraged as they serve you. We pray too, for those who speak, sharing your Word that your Spirit will move our hearts in obedience to you.

**Prince of Wales Hospital Chaplains, with Sydney Children's Hospital Chaplains, Bronwyn Kyngdon** — Pray for Rev Dale Blaikie and myself Rev Bronwyn Kyngdon as we walk the delicate line of upholding our theology of God's Sovereignty in life and death while offering pastoral care to those contemplating taking Voluntary Assisted Dying.

### Monday, June 24

**Janet Austin, Vice President Northern Region** — Winter brings hardship to many families "living on the edge". We pray for the many people experiencing cost-of-living pressures and insecure housing and who could easily become homeless. Father, we pray that governments at all levels will make good decisions about affordable housing and that Christians will support aid agencies like Anglicare so that they can continue to provide practical support and help.

### Tuesday, June 25

**Dapto Anglican** — Merciful God, this season make us vigilant in our care of older members. We are in awe of your awesome creation.

Father we give thanks for the food that nourishes our bodies and for the Bible that nourishes our hearts and minds.

**Christine Jensen, OAM, Members' Coordinator** — We thank you Lord for the many contacts we have made through the February Seminars and the Christian parenting Facebook page and the parenting courses. Please help us to know the best way to regularly communicate with them and encourage them in their walk with you.

### Wednesday, June 26

**Holy Trinity, Wentworth Falls** — Pray that we will continue to rejoice in our hope of heaven and seek to live in a way that honours our God and Saviour. May we constantly encourage one another in this hope, especially as we meet together.

**Mothers Union Dioceses in NSW, Riverina** — As there are low congregation and clergy numbers over very large distances and some of our clergy travel up to 200 km to minister to small but devoted groups and to conduct services each week pray for our Bishop as he cares for the Diocese and that people will not be discouraged.

### Thursday, June 27

**St Mark's, West Wollongong** — Thank you Lord that we can share today with Mothers Union members from parishes in the Illawarra. May the message today encourage us to press on in His strength.

**Mowll Village Group** — Heavenly Father we pray for our elderly village residents and especially those in residential care that they will keep well during this winter season.

### Friday, June 28

**Ruth Cunningham, Linda Wheeler and Suzanne Coleman: Office Secretaries, and Mothers Union Office and Shop Ministry** — Blessed Saviour, we give you thanks for the opportunities we have to glorify God here in the centre of Sydney city. May we be wise to see the opportunities presented and bold to follow them. Pray that when people come into the shop to look that they will feel your presence and your love for them.

**Susan Skowronski, AMUA Australia Social Issues and Action** — Pray for Susan as she brings before members across Australia the needs of the homeless and the difficulty in housing.

### Saturday, June 29

**Homeless** — Pray for the Rough Edges program at St John's Darlinghurst as they provide food and at times shelter for those living on the streets. May they be reminded that they have a heavenly home through Jesus.

**Rob Kennedy, AMUA Australia Publications Manager** — Give thanks for Rob providing Mothers Union resources for members across Australia.

### Sunday, June 30

**Dillwynia Women's Prison Chaplain, Louise Groot** — Please pray for the employment of Corrective Services NSW Chaplaincy Coordinator. May God grant wisdom to the interview panel and may the new person settle well into the role.

**Luanne Mills, Area President, Southern Highlands** — Father in Heaven we ask for good health and comfort as we put the summer behind us and face the shorter days of Autumn. May we use the time spent in outrhomes industriously creating gifts to share or sell that we can continue to spread love and joy. Lord bless our crafts that by such gifts people may come to know you. Amen.

## Wave of Prayer

On Mondays pray for the work of Mothers Union Worldwide focusing on the area the Holy Spirit brings to your attention.

### 1-3 June

Johannesburg in South Africa, Kumi in Uganda, Nsukka in Nigeria, Idoani in Nigeria, Derby in England, Madhya Kerala in India

**4-6 June**

Ibba in South Sudan, Maseno North in Kenya, Isiala-Ngwa in Nigeria, Ondo in Nigeria, Fredericton in Canada, Amritsar in India

**8-10 June**

Yambio in South Sudan, Garissa in Kenya, Mbamili in Nigeria, Hereford in England, Willochra in Australia, Thailand in Thailand

**11-13 June**

Mahajanga in Madagascar, Mara in Tanzania, West Buganda in Uganda, Kwoi in Nigeria, Newcastle in Australia, East Kerala in India

**15-17 June**

Bukavu in DR Congo, Nyahururu in Kenya, Gboko in Nigeria, Portsmouth in England, New Guinea Islands in Papua New Guinea

**18-20 June**

Rejaf in South Sudan, Military Episcopate in Kenya, Doko in Nigeria, Owo in Nigeria, Chelmsford in England, Jamaica and The Cayman in Jamaica and The Cayman

**22-24 June**

Rumonge in Burundi, Tabora in Tanzania, Kabba in Nigeria, Bukuru in Nigeria, St Albans in England, Nagpur in India

**25-27 June**

Table Bay in South Africa, Rift Valley in Tanzania, Evo in Nigeria, Ijebu in Nigeria, Adelaide in Australia, Taejon in South Korea

**29 June -1 July**

Eastern Zambia in Zambia, Mombasa in Kenya, Gwagwalada in Nigeria, Ekiti-West in Nigeria, Leicester in England, Temotu in Solomon Islands

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