

Let us pray for parents/guardians and pupils who are joining different levels of the educational ladder this year as the school year begins in most Africa countries. Times are hard, family incomes are reduced and so too their ability to meet the school fees and other school provisions.

Let us pray for God's provision and for governments to live up to their social responsibility of providing easy and equitable access to education for all across all countries.

Prayer Bulletin from CAPA (Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa)

Teach us, good Lord, to serve You without counting the cost.

Saturday: A Flourishing World

Opening words - Oh Lord, just as the lives of men and women in the Bible were transformed as they experienced Your living presence, so may we be changed as we encounter You a fresh today.

Psalm 96:1,3-4*

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise.

MU Wave of Prayer ...

Nature serves as a symbol of human life itself. It serves to remind us of baptism and all that follows, in the still lakes and tumbling waterfalls.

It serves to remind us of reaching out and never giving up, as the salmon leaps against the tide with determination and faith.

In the coming of spring we recognise new life, new birth, a sign of God's enduring faithfulness and forgiveness.

Teach us to learn from your wonderful works. Amen.

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Wave of Prayer for Mothers' Union

Final Prayer

**Jesus, brightness of your Father,
guide every event in our lives
for your highest purpose
and for our good,
until we arrive in your house,
and stand before your throne;
you live and reign, now and forever. Amen**

The Church of England Book of Common Prayer

Midday Prayers 2024: Transformation – Now! February: Works of Transformation

Please also refer to the Prayer Diary for the Wave of Prayer across the world and for prayers on each monthly theme, contributed by members worldwide.

Monday: Discipleship that Transforms

Opening words – Oh Lord, just as the lives of men and women in the Bible were transformed as they experienced Your living presence, so may we be changed as we encounter You afresh today.

Psalm 63:1-5 You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Your love is better than life. I will praise you as long as I live, and, in your name, I will lift up my hands.

Generous, loving God, you have provided all the resources for works of transformation which create a sustainable future. Help us to use your provision well to effectively serve our communities, wherever we live in your world.

Lord, You know us better than we know ourselves. Meet with us and show us how to follow your direction and purpose. Give us, we pray, the understanding, resources and power to effect transformation.

MU Wave of Prayer ...

**With gratitude and hope
we celebrate the goodness of God. Amen**

Tuesday: Watch and Pray

Opening Words - Oh Lord, just as the lives of men and women in the Bible were transformed as they experienced Your living presence, so may we be changed as we encounter You a fresh today.

Psalm 68:3-4, 19, 35

May the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful. Sing to God, sing in praise of his name. Praise be to the Lord, to God our Saviour, who daily bears our burdens; who gives power and strength to his people.

God of love, unconditional love, powerful love, redeeming love. May your love overflow minute by minute, bringing wholeness, wisdom and strength.

You are grace, amazing grace, everlasting grace abundant grace. May Your grace seep into every facet of our lives as we seek to know you and make you know.

You are hope, living hope, breathing hope, soaring hope. We ask for your hope to grow in us as we seek to be light and salt to those around us.

MU Wave of Prayer ...

God of love, grace and hope we give you thanks and praise that you are the God of transformation.

Wednesday: Worldwide Membership

Opening Words - Oh Lord, just as the lives of men and women in the Bible were transformed as they experienced Your living presence, so may we be changed as we encounter You a fresh today.

Hebrews 10:19–25

Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ... and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

Loving Lord, we look back with gratitude on all that has been achieved thus far in the name of Mothers' Union worldwide. As we look to the future, we pray that we may always act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God. Amen

Loving Lord, we pray for members and branches across the world that each of us would know how much you love us. Give us the confidence to put our faith into action that we would see transformation now. We stand in faith to believe that in every situation, You hear us, You are with us and You will make a way where there seems to be no way.

Mothers' Union Worldwide ...

Mary Sumner's Prayer

All this day, O Lord,
let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;
and every life I touch,
do thou by thy spirit quicken,
whether through the word I speak,
the prayer I breathe, or the life I live.
Amen

Thursday: Peace Makers

Opening Words - Oh Lord, just as the lives of men and women in the Bible were transformed as they experienced Your living presence, so may we be changed as we encounter You a fresh today.

1 Peter 2:4–5, 9 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

We stand in prayer for the peace of the nations in our world – nations that have been embroiled in needless conflicts and wars at various levels.

We pray that the peace of the Lord will flow down like rivers from the mountains to engulf all our communities where wars, conflicts and strife of all forms are experienced.

We pray for the Churches in conflict zones and pray that the Holy Spirit will convince warlords and war mongers to reconsider their motivations for resorting to armed conflict and instead seek for the peace of the nations.

CAPA Prayer Bulletin

MU Wave of Prayer ...

God of justice and of peace, help us to be peace makers in our communities.

Friday: Intergenerational Learning

Opening words - Oh Lord, just as the lives of men and women in the Bible were transformed as they experienced Your living presence, so may we be changed as we encounter You a fresh today.

Psalm 89:1-2 (NLT)

I will sing of the LORD's unfailing love forever!
Young and old will hear of your faithfulness. Your unfailing love will last forever. Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens.

MU Wave of Prayer ...

I think of a woman I know who is an educator, that could be a mum, a teacher or a vicar to name but a few. I think of her in her position of leadership and influence, with all the pressures and stresses that entails. I pray for her now that she will experience the peace of God and wisdom of an open heaven.