

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 224

Our prayers this week are provided by the Mothers' Union, focusing on the many people and situations they work with, as they pursue their aim: to maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service; promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children; and help those whose family life has met with adversity.

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Sunday 4th August: *The Mothers' Union prayer:*

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

Monday 5th: *(Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642)*

Lord, help us to love our neighbours, that this may lead those struggling with life's demands to experience hope this summer; to help create change for good, and prompt us to pray where resources are lacking.

Lord, move us to generosity. Lead us to take the next step we need to enable hope to grow into reality. Amen

Tuesday 6th: *(The Transfiguration of Our Lord)*

Heavenly Father, today we pray for refugees around the world, lifting to you all those who are displaced and seeking sanctuary. We pray for the countless individuals and families who have been forced to flee their homes due to violence, persecution and hardships. Grant them strength and courage on their journey and lead them to places of safety and peace. May your love and compassion surround them, providing comfort in their time of need. Inspire us to extend hospitality and support, embodying the love of Christ in our actions and words.

We also pray for leaders and nations across the world, that they may be guided by wisdom and compassion in their policies and actions. Amen

Wednesday 7th: *(John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymn Writer, 1866)*

Lord of justice and mercy, draw us close to those who hurt. Let us reach out our hands in your name, to share the sorrow and lessen the pain.

Lord of justice and mercy, lengthen our stride to march for good. Clothe our feet with your living Word to trample the words of unrighteousness

Lord of justice and mercy, knit us together as the body of Christ, that we may speak out with one accord for the Kingdom of God to prevail. Amen

Thursday 8th: *(Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221)*

Gracious God, we thank you for giving us strength, perseverance and comfort throughout our lives. We pray that you continue to nurture us and help us grow in our faith and service to others; bless all around the world. Amen

Colossians 1: 3-4: We always thank God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ and of the love you have for all God's people.

Friday 9th: *(Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921) Mary Sumner's personal 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 words I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen

Saturday 10th: *(Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258)*

Ephesians 6:18 And pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

In moments of quiet let's pray for:

Our family members.

Our Church family.

Our friends.

Those we meet today.

Those who are suffering.

Families in need.

The lonely.

The voiceless.