

Let us pray for the Diocese of Adelaide

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We give thanks for:

- The continuing blessings that we receive each year.
- The faithful example of MU members who have died this year, remembering especially the work and witness of Audrey Rayner in this Diocese.
- The support of Archbishop and Lindy Driver, and for the ‘Birthing Kits’ that some of our members have helped to package for Lindy to take to Sudan.

We pray for

- Our President Beth, our Chaplain Piers, and our Diocesan Executive as they seek to serve the needs of our members and the wider community in new and relevant ways.
- The work of Mothers’ Union members in their Branches and as Diocesan and Lone Members.
- Those who visit the housebound and those in Hospital.
- Those who support/work at Helen Mayo House in looking after children, and those who knit cot blankets to give to the mothers of those children.
- The Projects we are supporting: the St. John’s Youth Services NEXT STEP Program, and those via the MU Australia and Mary Sumner House Funds.

Let us pray for the Province of South Australia

We pray for:

- Our sisters and brothers in the Dioceses of The Murray and Willochra, asking you to provide them with Bishops-Pastors after your own heart.
- Your guidance and empowerment of the Mothers’ Union Provincial Council.
- Your guidance, empowerment and protection of all who will be affected by the proposed Carbon Tax and associated Legislation, in particular:
 - How to pray and how to react,
 - Time, resources and changes in approval mechanisms and other constraints for families, communities, firms, industries, governments, and service and aid agencies to adapt to the changed financial, legislative and living environments.

Let us pray for aid agencies and aid programmes in general

Lord, we pray for your empowerment, guidance and protection of aid agencies and programmes, noting recent reports that aid programmes are not as effective as they should be.

Mothers’ Union Diocese of Adelaide

Christian Care for Families

Wave of Prayer 1st – 5th Sept 2011

PRAYER OF PEACE

In light defeating darkness
In wisdom conquering foolishness
In trust overcoming fearfulness
Jesus Lives.

In strength coming to weakness
In health rescuing from sickness
In hope saving from despair
Jesus Lives.

In love victorious over hatred
In forgiveness dispelling anger
In glory dispersing drabness
Jesus Lives.

In joy growing from sorrow
In life rising from death
In God giving the victory
JESUS LIVES!

Let us pray for the Diocese of The Murray

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We give thanks for

- Our MU branches providing banners for Parish of Togara In PNG.
- The 80th Birthday celebrations of Murray Bridge MU In June 2011.
- The welcome rains which will mean excellent seasons for our primary producers.
- The special effort of several members of St. Hilary's MU at Morphett Vale in provision of items for "Minya Porla" crèche at Murray Bridge.
- The faithful witness of members who travel long distances to attend meetings and celebrations.

We pray for

- Their Chaplain, Bp. Stuart Smith, his wife, Judith and Church family as they await the selection of a new Bishop.
- All the people who have faced natural disasters in Queensland, Victoria Western Australia, NSW, New Zealand and Japan, as they rebuild their lives.
- Their Christian Support Workers in schools and colleges.
- Couples preparing for marriage.
- President Cheryl and Executive Council and especially for a replacement for Doreen Rushbrook who has been tireless in her role in Publications.
- The gathering at Goolwa in September.
- The success of the 'Promotion Pack' to be placed in the community.

Let us pray for the Diocese of Willochra

We give thanks for

- Bishop Garry's great contribution to MU and to our 'Little tribe with its big vision' for the past 10 years. His care and oversight of us all has been exemplary and we thank God for his time with us. Bless him as he undertakes work in the Diocese of Ballarat.
- Elizabeth Harris and the valuable work she does as President, Mia-Mia Editor and organiser of Paint a Rainbow as well as Provincial President.
- Most wonderful 50th Anniversary of "Camp Willochra" and its future use for all.
- Seasonal weather which has enabled farmers to plant their crops in adequate time for a potentially good harvest.

Let us pray for the Diocese of Tarime in Tanzania

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We pray for

- The Mothers' Union, Secretary Rose Kimaro and Mothers Union Members there, and The Bishop of Tarime, Dr Mwita Akiri, as he nurtures this new Diocese.
- Fulfilment of Bishop Akiri's vision, when using Isaiah 60:1, he charged Mothers' Union Parish Leaders to arise and shine both in the church and in the communities by exemplary life that glorifies the Lord, by
 - Sharing the good news of Christ with others round them
 - Starting income generating projects that would enable them to earn more money thus improving their lives.
- Fulfilment of Bishop Akiri's promise to work hard to support women's initiatives aimed at enabling women in Kuria society to play a greater role in community life, acquiring greater social and economic freedom.
- Church buildings for Bunchari and Bugumbe parishes where two clans made peace with each other after having some of the worst violent clan clashes experienced in Tarime in recent years.

Let us pray for the Diocese of Wakefield

We pray for

- President Monica Dodds, Chaplain Rev Angela Dick and all Mothers' Union Members in the Diocese of Wakefield.
- The AFIA (Away from it all Holidays) Scheme whereby the Mothers' Union provides holidays and short breaks for families under stress.
- The Mothers' Union work with the Chaplaincy Team and Huddersfield University, providing the "Grub on No Grant" recipe booklet and emergency food for the Chaplaincy staff to distribute.
- Work with the Chaplaincy Team in the Flockton Women's prison, running parenting courses for inmates and support for friends and families visiting inmates.
- The work of the Mothers' Union team of qualified facilitators who provide parenting training to community and other groups.

Let us pray for all of the Yorkshire Dioceses

We pray for your guidance of these Dioceses, the Mothers' Union, and other stakeholders, as they think through the Church of England's Dioceses Commission Proposal that the four Yorkshire Dioceses of Bradford, Ripon & Leeds, Sheffield and Wakefield and their boundaries with the Diocese of York be restructured.

Let us pray for the Diocese of Soroti in Uganda

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We give thanks for

- The wells dug by “Global Care”, a small Christian Aid organisation, which does aid work in Africa.

We pray for

- The Mothers’ Union Leader, Florence and Members there.
- Recovery from the very heavy rains and high winds which severely damaged or destroyed many houses and structures in Soroti in March.
- Recovery from the effects of the outbreak of foot and mouth disease in several villages, and of the resulting ban imposed on movement of livestock and sale of livestock products.
- The Mothers’ Union Nursery and Day Care Centre.

Let us pray for the Diocese of Tamale in Ghana

Explanation: The “Queen Mothers” referred to in the prayers which follow are the traditional indigenous women chiefs in Ghana.

We give thanks and pray for

- Mothers’ Union Leaders, Rita and Morna and Members there.
- Fulfilment of the “Queen Mothers” commitment to lead their communities in peace in order to attract more investors and enable smooth implementation of the government’s development policies and programmes, so as to,
 - “Bridge the development gap between the North and the South”, and
 - “Serve as engines for reconciliation, peace and unity among the people up north”.
- Fulfilment of the Queen Mothers’ desire to ensure that child and maternal mortality, rural urban migration, female genital mutilation, teenage pregnancy, forced marriage, child delinquency and among others, become a thing of the past, and implementation of their plans for achieving this.
- Your protection of the Queen Mothers as they challenge ways of thinking and living.
- The Anglican Diocesan Development and Relief Organization micro-loan program, which is enabling women to borrow a small amount of money to set up a business to sell goods to villagers; then to use the profit to buy animals to feed their children and to send their children to school, and eventually to university.

Prayer for the Diocese of Willochra continued

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- The introduction of “How to’ days and the newly formed Anna Group. For the first meeting at Clare and for Marion McCall’s interesting and amusing input.
- The ‘best ever Lady Day’ Service held in the Cathedral at Pt. Pirie.
- The availability of funds for Safe Ministry Training and refresher courses for women Deacons in NT; for travel, Parenting Programme, indigenous Marriage program and for Books in North Queensland.
- The contribution from the National Disaster Fund and from Independent, Geoff Brock to assist those who lost home and/or possessions in the Stockport flood.
- The goodwill that exists between all members and the times that we are able to come together from this vast Diocese.
- The Publication Dept. which has been particularly active this year thanks to Helen.

We pray for

- Bishop Garry as he prepares to take up his position as Bishop of Ballarat. May he find a welcoming community there and be of valuable assistance to them in their spiritual lives, inspiring love for each other. May he know the same love for him that he has known in Willochra.
- Mothers’ Union members in their Branches working with the theme “Communication Creating Community” that it may be inspirational to all who participate.
- The Australian Executive under the leadership of Libbie Crossman, and for Rosemary Kempshall, The Worldwide President, that God will be with them in the important decisions they need to make.
- All those who have faced incredible trauma in their countries from earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, fires, loss of loved ones and great political upheavals. Particularly we pray for our MU members who have been affected with the consequences of these natural disasters.
- The families of Willochran Mothers’ Union members who have died this past year that they may know the love God has for all and that the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

- Rev. Catherine Holt, their Chaplain and for all the Clergy in their Diocese as they uphold the values of the Mothers' Union. For those ordained into the local Ministry and for all who study to further their commitment to their calling.
- For their Mothers' Union Executive that it may work for the good of its members and strive to show God's love to all in the way they live their lives.

Let us pray for the Diocese of Karamoja in Uganda

We give thanks and pray for

- Mothers' Union Leaders, Esther and Emma, and Members there.
- The launch of the Ng'Karimajong Bible in April this year, "to enable the people of Karamoja to receive the word of God in their mother tongue and use it as a foundation stone to build their society", and for the ongoing work of the Bible Society of Uganda.
- Fulfilment of the State Minister for Disaster Preparedness Musa Ecweru's vision and prayer at the Karimajong's Bible's launch, that, "Karamoja is that of a blessed land that receives rain in season, where people eat and are full; and where the fruits of the land, the womb and increase of the cattle are all blessed."
- The provision of boreholes by the Uganda Red Cross, so that people will not have to walk kilometres to get good water.
- The Uganda Red Cross's forward thinking which revealed the threat of impending food shortages, and then the implementation of a comprehensive plan and education program to counter that threat.
- The World Food Organization 6 billion Education Project recently announced for Karamoja to improve literacy, and the UNICEF program to help families increase their income so their children can remain in school instead of going to Kampala and becoming beggars.
- The "**S**kills **E**mpowerment for **A**lternative **L**ivelihood" Project, **SEAL**, funded by the European Union, which gives Karamoja youth trainees the opportunity to gain problem solving and social skills to enhance their potential to generate income.

We give thanks for

- The Church Missionary Society's vision and dedication in establishing the Kumi Hospital in 1929 as a leprosarium, and for the many achievements of that hospital over the years.
- The vision and commitment of the UK Farmers Overseas Action Group, FOAG, in its assistance to Kumi Hospital and many other projects in Africa.
- The dedication of the Kumi Hospital Parish in its effort to minister the word of God.

We pray for

- Mothers' Union Leaders, Phyllis and Jane and Members there.
- Financial support for the Kumi Hospital at these particularly challenging times and for the leaders and staff of that hospital.
- Your ongoing empowerment of the Farmers Overseas Action Group in its endeavours undertaken in Your Name, particularly in view of the financial difficulties currently faced by the UK.
- Your empowerment of the Kumi Hospital Parish to deal with its pressing problems:
 - Wide spread poverty among the Christian community rendering them unable to support the church activities adequately.
 - Lack of income generating activities both for the Church and the Christians to support the church and the general wellbeing of the Christians.
 - Poor facilitation of church workers in terms of transport. In most cases they cover long distances on bicycle or on foot.
 - Unfinished permanent church structures in Oseera C/U and Kachaboi C/U which need completion and the renovation of the Parish Priest's house.
 - Rampant HIV / AIDS among the Christians which is robbing the church of its followers.
 - Lack of training opportunities (Scholarships) for the church workers to undergo further training in theology and other church related programs.