

**Wave Of Prayer
In the Dioceses of
Blackburn, Free State, Ibadan North
Nsukka, Sekondi, Shyogwe
11-15 February 2011**

Faithful Relationship



Scenes
from
Shyogwe



As we meet together, in a moment of quiet let us remember God's presence with us. *[Short pause]*

Lord God, we commit this time to you and pray that we will know your presence with us; that you will cleanse us from our sins; that we will hear and receive your word and that we will lift up your name, not only with our lips but in our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: Great is thy faithfulness

St John reminds us that we all fall short of God's standards:

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:8-9)*

So let us confess our failings, confident of God's forgiveness. *[Pause]*

When we have been lacking in our faithfulness to you:

Lord, have mercy

When we have been less than faithful in our attitude to our families:

Christ, have mercy

When we have been tempted to indulge in gossip:

Lord, have mercy

May almighty God forgive us our sins and keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

We reflect on God's faithfulness in the words of Psalm 89.

My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord:
with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness
throughout all generations.

**I will declare that your love is established for ever;
you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens.**

For you said: 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

**“Your seed will I establish for ever
and build up your throne for all generations.”**

The heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,
and your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones;

**For who among the clouds can be compared to the Lord?
Who is like the Lord among the host of heaven?**

A God feared in the council of the holy ones,
great and terrible above all those round about him.

**Who is like you, Lord God of hosts?
Mighty Lord, your faithfulness is all around you.**

Psalm 89:1-8

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Reading: Philippians 2:1-11



Faithful God, help us to reflect your faithfulness in our relationships
with our family members; with our friends;
with our work colleagues.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord of the Church, help us to be faithful to the church in our place:
faithful to other members of our congregation;
faithful in our responsibilities;
faithful in our witness.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Hymn: Father I place into your hands



Intercessions

Let us pray for all in positions of leadership in the Mothers' Union:
for our World-wide President, Rosemary Kempshall;
for our Chief Executive, Reg Bailey;

for all Unit Leaders and Co-ordinators;
for the staff of Mary Sumner House.

Protect them and enable them in the work you have called them to do.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the Province of York and for President, Lynne Tembey.
May she know God's strength in all her work in this part of the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who serve in the Dioceses of the UK and Ireland and
especially in the Diocese of Blackburn:

for President, Beverley Lacock; for Secretary, Parnal Rothwell;

for Treasurer, Marion Barlow; for Chaplain Fr Tony Bartlett;

for Deputy Presidents; for Unit Co-ordinators and section leaders;

for Deanery Presiding Members; for all Branch Leaders and
committee members.

[Pause]

May God grant them grace and skill in all their work.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.



Let us pray for our members around the world, especially those whose
lives are marred by poverty, malnutrition, disease and illiteracy. May
God sustain them in their difficulties and may we be faithful in prayer
and practical help. Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our members in the Diocese of
Free State in Southern Africa.



The aim of the MU in this Diocese is to develop
prayer and spirituality growth in families; to study and
reflect on family life and marriage and its place in
society; to resource the membership to take the practical
action to improve conditions for families, both nationally and
in the communities in which they live.

We pray for Diocesan President Dorothy Reit;
for Field Worker Galekhobi Matito Lechoano;
for Diocesan Bishop Patrick Glover and
his wife, Kirsty.



Matito Lechoano

We pray for for all involved in the projects to help
HIV/AIDS patients;
for Iphahamiseng Centre, providing soap to an
orphanage;
for the After Care Programme and the Social Development programme
helping children;
for the food and clothing banks.

[Pause]

May God bless members in their work as they seek to improve the
quality of life for people in need in their Diocese.

Lord, in your mercy

hear us, Lord.

Let us pray for our members in the Diocese of **Ibadan North**, Nigeria:

for Bishop Okubadejo;
for Diocesan President, Juliet Okubadejo;
for Field Worker Comfort Olalowo.
for the training workshops on woman in prayer;
for advice offered on coping with adolescents;
for the work with parents of those to be married;
for the work on marriage and parenting;
for the visiting of sick and elderly people;
for the students' hostel funded by Mothers' Union;
for the Mobile Health Clinic for rural women, providing treatment
and advice.



[Pause]

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quality of life for people in need in their Diocese.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our members in the Diocese of **Nsukka**, Nigeria



Stability in marriage is encouraged, as is the involvement of young women in the service of God, but the fact that membership of the MU is limited to women married in the church has affected membership, as many men are traditionalists, preferring polygamous marriage.

Mothers' Union in the Diocese are concerned with spiritual and physical well being of it's members. Although there are many problems related to Tribal differences the Christians in Nigeria simply ask that we pray for them.

We pray for Bishop Ilonuba; for Diocesan President Rosaline Ilonuba; for field worker Jane Ogbonna.

Let us pray for the tireless campaign to improve the rights of women and prevent the exploitation of children for the work in women's refuges, hospices, hospitals and prisons.

[Pause]

May God bless members in their work as they seek to improve the quality of life for people in need in their Diocese.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our members in the Diocese of **Sekondi**, Ghana:
for Diocesan President Elizabeth Cann;
for field worker Anna Anderson;
for Bishop Okoli.



We pray for all involved in their work, including:
the school run by MU;
the worker's travel to villages;
the marriage counselling by the Diocesan President;
the training and workshops on various topics;
the Nursery;
the adult literacy classes.

[Pause]

May God bless them in their work as they seek to improve the quality of life for people in need in their Diocese.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our members in the Diocese of **Shyogwe**, Rwanda.



Although it is now more than fifteen years since the genocide, Rwanda still faces some of the consequences of the atrocity. These are primarily peace and reconciliation issues as a result of land fragmentation, poverty and bitterness.

Regions in the Southern Province where Shyogwe Diocese is located have been hit by prolonged drought every year causing crop failure and water shortage that has led to chronic famine in the community.

We pray for Bishop Kalimba; for Diocesan President, Perpetue Kalimba; for field worker Canon Angelique Uwumuremyi (also acting President in Perpetue's absence).

Let us give thanks for improvements in standard of living that have been achieved; for the training sessions on leadership, savings and credit, literacy courses, knitting and embroidery, discipleship, integral mission, the supporting role of the spouse and marital relations.

Let us pray for:

success in efforts to promote of family health, both physical and spiritual;
the continuing fight against HIV/AIDS and malaria;

for improvement in crops and better understanding of market prices;

that the difficulties caused by new regulations in the sale of rice will be overcome.

[Pause]

May God bless members in their work as they seek to improve the quality of life for people in need in their Diocese.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

United with our members throughout the world we pray together

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.

Hymn: Lord, for the years

Blessing:

May God give us strength to be faithful in all of our relationships; may we know his guidance as we serve him through the work of the Mothers' Union in our Diocese and may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us now and always.

All: Amen.

