

Issues around health, marriage, parenting, poverty and all that impacts on family life are tackled by members.

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## **KARNATATA/ INDIA**

In one of the most populous countries in the world there have been great leaps of development but rural areas still suffer extreme poverty. The cities draw people in with promise of change and the Mothers' Union works hard in both areas to increase eco development. The problem of human trafficking is highlighted by members who also raise awareness of gender based violence, health issues, marriage guidance and vocational skills.

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## **PRAYER**

Lord help us to recognise the needs of the community, no matter where in the world. Today we pray especially for our link partners as they too pray for us. Our work will always reflect your love, help us to listen to all that's needed then take action as Your servants.

Call us Lord, though silence or chatter, help us to hear.

Open our eyes Lord, though tears let us see the truth.

Be in our hearts Lord, giving us the passion to take action.

## **1 Peter 3:8**

Finally all of you, be like minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.



Wave of  
Prayer

The wave of prayer is a continuous expression of our commitment in prayer to each other, which runs throughout the year and encompasses all the places in which we are represented.

At this time we join our link partners becoming closer together through prayer.

## **1 John 4:12**

No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

## **POEM**

We are many, God's great diversity

### **Yet we are one in Christ**

Different faces; Different races

### **Yet we are one in Christ**

Butchers, bakers, Website makers,  
bankers, tailors, teachers, sailors

### **Yet we are one in Christ**

Fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers,  
single, married, broken, carried

### **Yet we are one in Christ**

The happy, the clappy,  
the barely out of nappies,  
the ancient, the modern,  
the famous, the forgotten,

### **Yet we are one in Christ**

Some hopeful, some hopeless,  
Some cope well, some cope less,  
some sure and some doubt,  
some whisper, some shout,

### **Yet we are one in Christ**

Those with abundance, those with  
need, those who are generous or  
wrestle with greed

### **Yet we are one in Christ**

Elbows, tummies, knees and noses,  
kidneys, femurs, teeth, toeses,  
some unmentionable, some protected,  
some accepted, some rejected,

### **Yet we are one in Christ**

A broken body, torn apart,  
mars God's image, breaks God's heart  
and yet our Father knows how the end  
will be when all his kids sing in  
harmony,  
the bride will dazzle, her branches  
bloom so add your voice to hymn the  
tune

### **That we are one in Christ**

(Sam Hargreves)

Lord thank you for bringing us together  
as we know, together we are stronger,  
allowing us to achieve more, change  
more, touch more lives making them  
better and showing your love for all.

### **JOHN 17:23**

I in them and you in me , so that they  
may be brought to complete unity. The  
world will know that you sent me and  
have loved them even as you have  
loved me.

## **LICHFIELD/ENGLAND**

Here we continue to change,  
progressing with new projects, sharing  
our knowledge, skills and determination  
to bring real change to lives of those in  
need around us. The children's Prayer  
cards success show how families are  
welcoming; help put prayer back into  
their families lives.

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## **ANKOLE/ UGANDA**

Community mobilization, project Eagle,  
working at the heart of family life.  
Helping individuals to break free from  
dependency, developing skills to solve  
their own problems. We've seen a  
reduction in domestic violence as  
Mothers' Union works to raise  
awareness, marriage guidance and  
counselling.

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## **LAINYA/ SOUTH SUDAN**

One of the youngest countries in the  
world, we work in this civil war  
devastated area providing much more  
than the emergency relief so  
desperately needed. Looking towards a  
future Mother's Union brings hope with  
long term plans for families. With peace  
holding there has to be reconciliation  
talks and alongside these we help by  
teaching literacy and financial skills.

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## **LAGOS WEST and ABUJU/ NIGERIA**

Our involvement with other charities  
and agencies ensures communities are  
mobilised to improve not only their  
circumstances but work together to  
change the future positivity for women.