



## LAGOS WEST, NIGERIA

Lagos West was created in 1999 out of Lagos Diocese. Mothers' Union members visit prisons, hospitals, orphanages and widows. Members also help children whose parents cannot afford to keep them in school.

### **Psalm 48: 1**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

**LEADER:** Loving Lord, who is indeed greatly to be praised. In praising your name may we also reach out to those in need, sharing your love and goodness and building relationships.

**ALL: Lord, hear our cries and guide our actions.**

## LICHFIELD, England

We are striving to reach out in our local communities helping those in need and showing how our faith moves us to action. All ages have very specific needs, leading our work to be diverse.

Prayer continues to support and guide us as we knit, write cards, buy toiletries, make tea, fill bags, raise money and share fellowship. The Mothers Union may seem to be out of touch but that's only because we ourselves struggle to shout about our work. What we do should be proudly told to all.

### **PSALM 145: 8 & 9**

The Lord is gracious and compassionate; slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

**LEADER:** Loving Lord you encompass the whole world, as a global family help us to reflect your love within and around our communities. Open our eyes, open our hearts, open our arms and open our mouths, all to aid the needy.

**ALL: Lord, hear our cries and guide our actions. As we serve you praising your name. Amen.**

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.

Let us say together:

### **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.**

**Amen**

### **ANKOLE : Uganda**

Mother's Union members are active through the Eagle project, mobilizing church members and being advocates for local communities. The changes in lives are direct and dramatic, overcoming problems that seem insurmountable. Road and bridge building allows all to access health and educational services. Seeing faith in action along with God's love brings more members to each congregation.

### **Psalm 136 : 1 & 3**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of Gods, his love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of Lords, his love endures forever.

**LEADER:** Our loving Lord holds us all in his

heart. In our hearts let us hold our members around the world who struggle to make their voices heard and count.

**ALL: Lord, hear our cries and guide our actions.**

#### **KARNATAKA, INDIA**

Mothers' Union members in India are fighting a large and tragic battle.

As women and girls hold little status they are treated very badly even by family members. Some become child brides; at home mere servants and some, even the very young, are sold to human traffickers forcing them into the sex industry.

#### **PSALM 102: 1 & 2**

Hear my prayer, O Lord, let my cry for help come to you. Do not hide your face from me when I am in distress. Turn your ear to me when I call, answer me quickly.

**LEADER :** Hear us Loving Lord as we add our voices to those crying for your help. Help us to recognise and assist those in need. Let us not turn our heads or hearts away from the misery some lives hold.

**ALL: Lord, hear our cries and guide our actions.**

#### **ABUJU, LAGOS WEST. Nigeria**

As in other areas of the country there is a heretical culture which along with strict Islamic law leads to persecution and fear. The Mothers' Union works with girls and women striving to bring them empowerment. Prayer groups and educational classes lead many on to becoming able to produce items not only for home but marketing them, thus bring in an income; simple products such as stain removers and disinfectants. The community development officer works around family life, parenting, care of the sick and elderly.

#### **PSALM 25: 4 & 5**

Show me your ways, Oh Lord, teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me,

for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long. Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

**LEADER :** Loving Lord show us the right path to follow and in doing so, let us help others. May we always help those in need to be themselves and not increase their dependence, allowing for new self-determined goals.

**ALL: Lord, hear our cries and guide our actions.**

#### **LAINYA, South Sudan**

The aftermath of war is far reaching and devastating, the Mothers' Union works towards reconciliation and bringing peace for all sides. Their sense of mission is especially strong, driving all their actions forward; land sharing, women's fellowship, aid for returning refugees, education and counselling being only a few. Sharing and joining interfaith workshops means progress in tackling gender violence, improving women's roles in society, helping homeless children, health care progress, having food security and recognition of human rights. They aim to get 3,000 women into leadership roles which will help combat marginalization, pushing to the fore the needs in literacy financial and educational spheres.

#### **PSALM 85: 5 & 6**

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on a pilgrimage, as they pass through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs.

**LEADER:** Loving Lord where you lead, we follow. Wherever we are, help us to create a place of safety always. Give us strength to reach out to all offering a hand in friendship. Your love sustains us let us help it to be all encompassing.

**ALL: Lord, hear our cries and guide our actions.**