

Mothers' Union May Prayer Diary

1st Celebration of the holy apostles **Phillip and James**, we pray we may keep faithful to the teaching of Jesus and follow in his way.

2nd- 4th Give thanks for the beauty of springtime and at this time of **Rogation** pray for a good planting season, that a fruitful harvest will follow.

5th-7th Jesus said, this is my commandment that you love one another, as I have loved you, pray that families and friends may enjoy love and joy this bank holiday weekend.

8th Celebration of **Julian of Norwich**, we give thanks for the 30yrs of ordained ministry of women as priests.

9th Ascension day, as we believe our Lord, Jesus Christ ascended into heaven we pray for those who are dying and remember our loved ones who have passed from this earthly life to their home in heaven and pray for all who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

12th Jesus Christ son of God have mercy on us and protect us from harm.

13th-18th Take time to read or hear the world news and pray for areas of war, conflict, terrorism and violence, those who have lost everything, loved ones, homes, jobs,

schools, for the many who flee their country for safety.

19th Pentecost, Whit Sunday, Faithful God, who kept the promise of Easter by sending your Holy Spirit, pray that that same Spirit will abide within us to guide our ways.

20th Members Day at St John's Kenilworth, pray for those who lead and those who attend.

21st-25th Pray for Mother's Union worldwide and specifically for our Diocese, for our president Karen, Chaplain Denise, the trustees and branch leaders, and give thanks for all they do and pray they may be guided by the Spirit, in all they do and say. Pray for the outreach work of MU upholding family life, parenting groups, away from it all holidays, for those working for social justice the world over and with prisoners and their families. Pray we care for those in need, the lonely and isolated, the broken and mentally suffering, for families struggling financially.

26th Trinity Sunday, Almighty and everlasting God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in perfect unity of love, hold us firm in this faith that we may know you in all your ways, three persons yet one God, now and forever.

27th-29th Pray for all employed in the NHS, social workers and carers as they carry the heavy burden of sickness and pain with those they work with. For funeral directors and

their staff who daily encounter extreme grief. For Hospital chaplains. For all in hospital or awaiting treatment. May the healing hands of Jesus be with those we know who are mentally, physically or spiritually ill and for our own suffering.

30th Corpus Christi, we give thanks for the service of Holy Communion, in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, to receive the body of Christ given for us and the blood of Christ shed for us.

31st Celebration of the visit of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth. Ask for God's blessing on all mothers and grandmothers the world over, may they love and care for their children and pray for those who longed for children and those who grieve the loss of their mother.

Finally, Pray for a reign of peace and love on earth for a deepening fellowship between nations & peoples. For a time when no one will be exploited or neglected. May your Kingdom come in us as it is in heaven and may your Holy Spirit fill us with love for others.

Amen