



Thy Kingdom Come

Mothers' Union USA 2023

Welcome and Opening Prayer by PP Evelyn Alleyne

Opening remarks by Provincial President Evelyn Alleyne

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As a global movement, with a vision to build the kingdom of God through the transformation of the churches and communities we work with, and of which we are a part, we gladly join as Mothers' Union to pray thy Kingdom come. We draw near to God who transforms us into Christ's likeness, with ever-increasing glory, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Loving Lord, transform our lives that we may reflect the glory of Christ. Continue in us the work of your Spirit; the miracle of transformation to reflect the glory of Christ and build God's kingdom on earth.

Amen.



Psalm 67 by Cathy Smith-DuGay

- ¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
 - ² that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
 - ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
 - ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
 - ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
 - ⁶ The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
 - ⁷ May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.
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First Reading by Pauline Edwards

John 7:37-39

³⁷ On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,
³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”’

³⁹ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.



Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God



Second Reading by Rosanna Brathwaite

Luke 11:9-10

⁹ 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.



Psalm 25:1,4-5 by Sharon Friday

¹In you, Lord my God,
I put my trust.

⁴Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.

⁵Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.



Prayer of Commitment said together

Loving Father,

In the face of Jesus Christ

your light and glory have blazed forth.

Send your Holy Spirit that we may share with

our 5 friends the life of your Son and your love for all.

Strengthen us as a witness to that love as we continue in my pledge to pray for them.

For your name's sake. **Amen.**



Canticle by Roseleen Mba-Kalu

All: The Spirit of God fills the whole world.

²⁴ I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land.

²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness's, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

²⁶ A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

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Praying for Open Eyes by Eugenia During

“I am sending you, to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me” (Acts 26:18).

Father, show us how to pray in such a way that people’s eyes are opened so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the grip of Satan to the freedom of God. Your word commands us to go into the world so that the lost may receive the forgiveness of their sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in you! Use us to reach our families, our neighbors, our cities and beyond so that you alone will receive the glory! And when eyes are opened may they see and experience new life forever.



Open The Eyes Of My Heart



1 John 4:7-12 by Elizabeth Brookman

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

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.



Prayer

by Allison Maison-Lawson

God of our salvation, hope of the ends of the earth we pray:

All: Thy kingdom come.

That the world may know Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace we pray:

All: Thy kingdom come.

That we may be bold to speak the word of God while you stretch out your hand to save, we pray: **All: Thy kingdom come.**


That the church may be generous in giving, faithful in serving, and bold in proclaiming we pray: **All: Thy kingdom come.**

That the day may come when every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord we pray: **All: Thy kingdom come.**



Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come said together

**All: Almighty God,
your ascended Son has sent us into
the world
to preach the good news of your
kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit
and fill our hearts
with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your Word
may be drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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Mothers' Union Prayer

All: 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.



Closing Prayer by Annie Beckley

Ephesians 3:20-21

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us
is able to accomplish abundantly far more
than all we can ask or imagine,
²¹ to him be glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus to all generations,
for ever and ever. Amen.

