



Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 6 July 2014

Building

God, we recognise that we all have different parts to play in the building of your kingdom. Help us to work together to complement each other's skills and gifts.

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain." (Psalm 127.1)

Lord, help us to build a future together with you.

We pray for members in Zambia as they build on their work of outreach into their communities.



Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 13 July 2014

Looking to the future

Help us to trust that whatever the future may hold, the Lord will walk with us always. Through good or ill, sorrow or joy, feast or famine, we are never alone. May we listen to God's word and follow his way, even when we think we know better.

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jeremiah 29.11)

We pray that the plans we make today may be the right ones for the future.

We pray for a flourishing future for Mothers' Union in Australia.



Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 20 July 2014

Togetherness

By ourselves we can only do a little, but when we work together we can accomplish so much. Keep us in harmony with each other and with you, Lord.

"Make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind." (Philippians 2.2)

We rejoice in the opportunities we have for gathering together in worship and fellowship. We pray for those for whom it is dangerous to meet in your name.

We pray that members in the Windward Islands would enjoy unity and togetherness.



Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 27 July 2014

Recreation

On the seventh day God rested from his work of creation. Father, we give thanks for places where we can relax and enjoy the beauty of your earth and reflect on the work of your hands.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3.1)

We pray for all who have no time for leisure and recreation.

We pray for our members in Sudan and South Sudan and for the Literacy & Financial Education project as its funding comes to an end.



Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 3 August 2014

Mothers' Union Worldwide

I pray that in all our journeying we will feel equipped and enabled to serve others with humility so that the gospel of Christ may be proclaimed through our work, our witness and our service to Mothers' Union.

(Lynne Tembey, Mothers' Union Worldwide President)

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy Spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live.

We pray for members in Trinidad & Tobago, for their parenting work and the strengthening of families.



Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 10 August 2014

Valuing Youth

We give thanks for the enthusiasm and joy of children and for the words of wisdom that they innocently utter, and for the young people we know, for their zest for life and their ability to adapt to change. May they grow in faith and understanding.

“Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” (1 Timothy 4.12)

Lord, help us to remain young at heart.

We pray for our members in Kenya as they are involved in interfaith education.



Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 17 August 2014

Appreciation

Appreciation is the highest form of prayer, for it acknowledges the presence of good wherever you shine the light of your thankful thoughts. *(Alan Cohen, US businessman and author)*

“We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love.” (1 Thessalonians 1.2-3)

We give thanks for our family and friends and those who care for our needs. May we remember to show our appreciation to them.

We pray for our members in Tanzania as they reach out to families in your name.



Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 24 August 2014

Challenging Injustice

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. *(Margaret Mead, US scientist, 1901-1978)*

“Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows.” (Isaiah 1.17)

We pray for those who face any kind of injustice of discrimination.

We pray for our members in Barbados - for the continuity of the organisation as it tries to attract new members.



Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 31 August 2014

Healing and health

“They brought to Jesus all who were sick.” (Mark 1.32)

Lord, we bring to you those we know who are ill. May they know your healing touch and the peace of your presence.

We give thanks for medical practitioners and pray for those with no access to health care.

We pray for our members in Myanmar and for their Community Development Coordinators.



Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 7 September 2014

Learning

Monday 8 September is International Literacy Day. Mothers' Union Literacy and Financial Education Programme teaches basic skills we take for granted. Benefits gained enrich people's lives.

"Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance." (Proverbs 1.5)

Give thanks for teachers who have inspired and helped us.

We pray for those who make policies in education and for continuing education for all ages.

We pray for our members in Peru, that they may be open to learn from your word.



Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 14 September 2014

Harvest

We are well fed and nourished. We remember today the many who are short of food, whose harvests have failed, or whose livelihood has been destroyed by war, inhumanity and exploitation.

"Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love." (Hosea 10.12)

We give thanks for all who work on land and sea to provide our daily food, and pray that they might receive a fair return for their labour.

We pray for our members in Europe, that they would continue to discover the needs of their communities and show the love of Christ as they reach out with practical support.



Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 21 September 2014

Reconciliation

Today is the International Day of Peace. Instituted by the General Assembly of the United Nations, this day is devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

"God was reconciling the world to himself through Christ, by not counting people's sins against them. He has trusted us with this message of reconciliation." (2 Corinthians 5.19)

Lord, we pray for peace and reconciliation throughout the world.

We pray for our members in New Zealand, that they would be encouraged as they carry out the mission of Mothers' Union.



Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 28 September 2014

Valuing the elderly

Wednesday 1 October is the International Day of Older People. Help us to overlook the limitations that come with age and to see the whole person that God made and loves.

"Show respect to the elderly, and honour older people. In this way you show respect for your God." (Leviticus 19.32)

We give thanks for the contribution of so many older people to their community. We praise God for their knowledge and wisdom.

We pray for our members throughout Ireland, that they may be strengthened in heart and purpose.