

Prayers September 2021

A prayer from MU members in Canada, as we move into the season of Autumn:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the beauty of the Autumn season – the reds, yellows and oranges of the leaves that reflect our joy in your creation; the deep blue of the September sky that reflects the depth of your love for us; and the crisp, cool mornings that speak of change in our lives. We thank you for your ever-present step beside us in these transitional times. Grant us courage and peace as we move into a new season in our lives, in our faith and in our love for you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen



As September begins, we pray for our children beginning or returning to school and young people going to college or university. We pray for all the staff as they plan their education programmes and prepare to welcome students. We pray that they settle back well, stay safe and enjoy their time together learning and socialising. We especially remember those who are anxious and feel vulnerable.

We thank God for the opportunities of rest and recuperation, so we pray for those who are able to take holidays or have days out during September. We pray for safe, comfortable travels, with the experience of new sights, sounds and friendships.

We pray for Jane, our Diocesan President, current Trustees, and others in leadership positions, who are preparing to step down from their roles, at the end of the year. We pray that there will be smooth transitions to new leadership teams. We pray for Nicola, our Diocesan Secretary, as she plans her flexible return into the MU Office in Coventry. We pray for Karen, our DP elect and new

Trustees, as they look ahead to the ongoing ministry to which they have been called. Lord, help all in positions of responsibility to know your strength and grace, as transitions take place.

On UN International Day of Peace (**September 21st**), we commit ourselves again to Peace and Reconciliation, with our partners in the Community of the Cross of Nails. Lord, help us to continue to promote peace through our MU activities and friendships.

We pray for world leaders and governments, that they would use their authority and influence to work tirelessly to establish peace, so that families and communities can live in security and safety.

On **25th September**, join with Mothers' Union members around the world to worship, pray and hear about future developments for MU at the Global Online Gathering. We thank you Lord for all our sisters and brothers engaging with families within their own communities to bring Christian love and care to others. In thankfulness, we pray that all the activities and events will bring glory to God.

As September comes to a close, let us quietly draw close to God and spend some time sitting or kneeling in His presence. We don't always know the needs of others, nor can we always put into words our heart's desire. Let's ask the Holy Spirit to help us to draw close to God, knowing that He knows what is on our hearts and longs for us to come to Him. Perhaps use photos and articles in recent editions of our member magazines: Link Up and Connected to focus your thoughts. As you pray, lift these individuals and groups to the Lord, for His protection and love.

All our prayers we ask in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen

