

Reflective Prayer Activity on taking 'Steps of Faith'

This resource may be used as the basis for a Quiet Day, a shorter prayer activity or as separate reflections. You may find it helpful to link the prayers with considerations as to the way ahead for Mothers' Union in your own area as well as with specific local, national or global Mothers' Union projects and initiatives.

Steps of Faith

What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6: 8

We set our feet once again on the way walked by Jesus.

These steps of peace may be difficult in a terrain that slopes toward violence.
 These steps of justice may prove tiring as we walk against the winds of injustice.
 These steps of love may be painful with so much hatred to step over and bump up against.

Give us the wisdom, give us the strength – to take these steps anyway.

Each day a new step. Each step a faithful movement toward your kingdom.

Each step taken only by your grace only in your power – our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. Amen.

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Mustard Seed Faith:

Jesus said: If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there', and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you. Matthew 17: 20

God of miracles bless our tiny steps of faith that mountains may be moved.

Almighty and loving God, take our faith, weak though it is.
 Kindle the sparks of life within us and fan a new flame within our hearts.

And so may we set out with renewed purpose, resolved to live and work for you, in the assurance that you are with us, now and always. Nick Fawcett Prayers for all Seasons 1998

God of miracles take our tiny steps of faith and use them to bless your world. Amen.Walking with Christ

We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2: 10 [ESV]

Heavenly Father, fill us with vision and purpose as we step forward with Christ in faith.

We thank you for creating us in Christ to live out your purposes, which you have so lovingly prepared.

We thank you for uniting us with Christ to carry out your plans which you have made ready for us.

We thank you that walking with Christ empowers us for the life of service for which we are created.

Heavenly Father, fill us with hope and joy as we step forward with Christ in faith. Amen.Stepping Out Together:

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field". Luke 10: 1-2

Gracious Lord, send us out together with Christ, as partners in service and purpose.

Lord of the harvest, we praise you for those who work alongside us; sharing tasks and sharing vision.

We thank you for each other; our partners in service and purpose.

Lord of the harvest, we praise you for those who walk alongside us; pressing onwards for mutual goals.

We thank you for each other; our partners in service and purpose. Amen.

Walking on Water:

'Lord, if it is you', Peter said, 'tell me to come to you on the water'. 'Come', he said.
Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus.

Matthew 14: 28–29

Jesus calls us to step out on to the water with him, to leave the safety of our boats,
and to walk toward Him in faith, joining Him in the work he is already doing in our world.

And when the wind and waves get high and threaten to overwhelm us, we remember His words:
'Do not be afraid. Take courage. I am here'.

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**Loving Lord, fill us with courage to step out of our comfort and forward in faith;
trusting in your presence through all that lies ahead. Amen.**

Running with Faith:

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.
Hebrews 12: 1–2

We follow in your footsteps Lord; running after you for the joy of the race and the prize that lies ahead.
I will not stumble for your hand will guide and in your footsteps I will tread.
I will not grow weary for your spirit sustains and my soul shall be renewed.
I will not be weak for your truth strengthens and no evil shall defeat me.
From the depths of the earth I shall soar upward on wings like eagles,
spread the news throughout the world, run the race against all odds, and shall prevail.

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We follow in your footsteps Lord; fixing our eyes on Christ, trusting in you to lead us home. Amen.

Final Blessing:

**We step out into the world with faith, to follow where Christ leads,
trusting in his presence for all that lies ahead. Amen.**