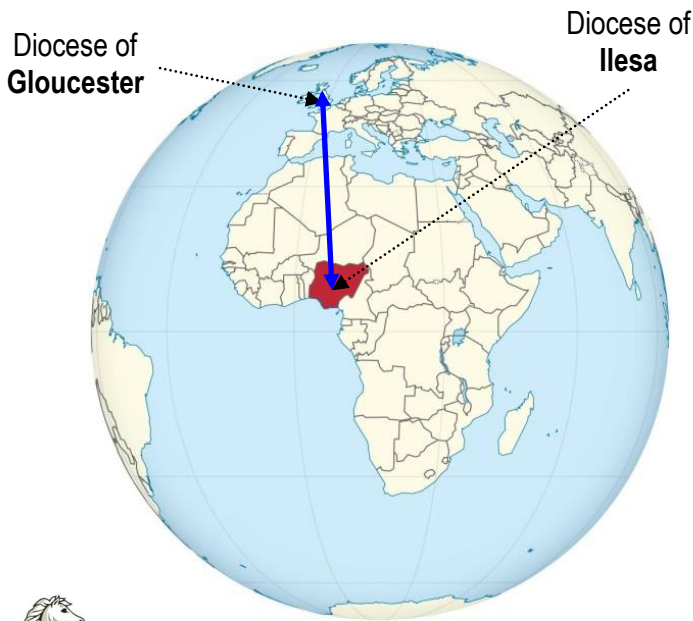


We give thanks to God for being **united in prayer** with the  
 Diocese of **Ilesa** in the Province of Nigeria  
 Bishop of Ilesa: **the Rt Revd Dr Olubayu Sowale**  
 Diocesan Mothers' Union President: Mrs Morenike Sowale [who is the Bishop's wife]



**Bishop of Ilesa  
 the Rt Revd Dr Olubayu Sowale**



**Coat of Arms  
 Nigeria**



**Mothers' Union Diocesan President:  
 Mrs Morenike Sowale**

The Diocese of Ilesa is located in the Osun State of Nigeria. It was officially inaugurated in November 1975 as a diocese within the Church of Nigeria.

The Cathedral Church of the diocese is St John at Iloro, Ilesa.

Mothers' Union is very active in this diocese and members work hard to help promote family life and education.

Mothers' Union's regular activities and projects include:

- ✚ Assisting widows and the less privileged
- ✚ Organising workshops and empowerment programmes
- ✚ Income generating activities
- ✚ Annual Mothers' Union Conference
- ✚ Prayer and fellowship
- ✚ Working closely with the Women's Guild and the youth
- ✚ Community health education
- ✚ Mothering Sunday is celebrated, as well as other special days throughout the year

The Bible verses selected by Mary Sumner House for this diocese:

***But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
 and all these things will be given to you as well.***

Matthew 6: 33

A Prayer for the Diocese of **Ilesa**:

**Father in heaven, we express our gratitude and praise  
 that Mothers' Union members in the Diocese of Ilesa  
 can declare like David the King of Israel:** [1 Chronicles 29: 11-13]

- <sup>11</sup>Yours, O LORD, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty;  
 for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours;  
 yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.**
- <sup>12</sup>Riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all.  
 In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all.**
- <sup>13</sup>And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name. Amen.**