

Prayers of Intercession offered at the Evening Prayer Service

following the Mothers' Union 'Families come First' Awareness Day Event in Gloucester Cathedral

[prepared by Mothers' Union Diocesan Vice-President Liz Curtis]

Be with us Lord, in our working and our resting
In our laughing and our crying
In our eating and our fasting
In our travelling and our staying
Abide with us, each day, each night
Father God, **we love you**

Thank you Lord for a wonderful day
For Fun and fellowship, laughter and play
Bless everyone here and their families too
For all these things, Lord, we thank you
Father God, **we love you**

We pray for your people, all around the world
Remembering the sorrow to which some are hurled
Iraq, Nigeria, Syria, to name but a few
For all the world, we pray to you
Father God, **we love you**

We pray also for Mothers' Union members
And the projects and work we too remember
For our link Dioceses' we pray too
For the Mothers' Union we thank you
Father God, **we love you**

We ask for Your blessings on all who are ill
In mind, body, spirit, your loving care fill
Heal and reassure them, as only you can do
For all who are suffering, we pray to you
Father God, **we love you**

We give thanks for all we no longer see
Who have passed along with you to be
May they always rest in peace with you
For all who have died, we pray to you
Father God, **we love you**

We give thanks for this building, and for all who have prayed here
For all who visit, all through each year
May the beauty surround them, give them peace too
As they feel your presence, Lord, we praise you
Father God, **we love you**

Help us Lord, to be as you want us to be
Kind and caring for all to see
Bless us Lord in all that we do
From all of us, Lord, we ask you
Father God, **we love you**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

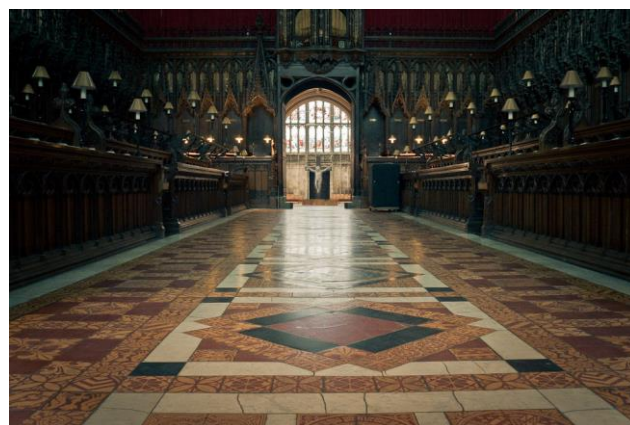


Mothers' Union members from across the diocese setting up the stalls in the Nave of Gloucester Cathedral for the 'Families come First' Awareness Day Event

Mothers' Union Banner on display in Baghdad [St George] Church Iraq



'Buckets of Love' display at Ashchurch [St Nicholas] raising awareness of Mothers' Union work bringing transformation to communities as well as raising funds for these projects



Gloucester Cathedral Nave West End 'Christ suffering at Calvary' [Crucible 2010 Exhibition] from Choir