



Methodist Women in Britain



for women, for justice, for Christ

The British Unit of the World Federation of Methodist & Uniting Church Women

Prayer Diary

December 2024 to February 2025

*Join us in praying for Methodist Women in Britain Officers, Trustees & Ambassadors,
Methodist Women in Ireland and the World Federation of Methodist & Uniting Church Women
as well as the work of Methodist Women in Britain across our Areas & Districts.
Our prayer diary can be used alongside the Methodist Church Prayer Handbook.*

Day 1	Methodist Women in Britain Cochairs: Maggie Woods & Leonora Wassell
Day 2	Helen Kim Scholars Britain & Ireland: Madeleine Reed & Heidi Hogan
Day 3	WFM&UCW World President: Sipiwe Chisvo & WFM&UCW President Emerita: Alison Judd
Day 4	London, Beds, Essex & Herts and South East MWiB Area Trustee: Annah Mwadiwa
Day 5	Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury, Birmingham, Mid Wales MWiB Area Trustee: Diana Bosman
Day 6	Bolton & Rochdale and Lancashire MWiB Area Trustee: Philippa Hill
Day 7	Methodist Women in Ireland All Ireland President: Alexa Brown
Day 8	Bristol and South Wales MWiB Area Trustee: Gillian Pengelly
Day 9	MWiB Area Ambassadors: Helen Cornick, Cynthia Bonds, Ruth Dawson, Margaret Dunn, Chris Thompson
Day 10	World Federation of Methodist & Uniting Church Women
Day 11	Liverpool, Chester & Stoke, North Wales, Manchester & Stockport MWiB Area Trustee: Margaret Lindley
Day 12	Methodist Women in Britain Communications Officer: Bronwen Braisdell
Day 13	Darlington, Newcastle and Cumbria MWiB Area Trustee: Debs Coggrave
Day 14	World Day of Prayer Representative: Charity Madenyika
Day 15	Methodist Women in Britain Resources Officer: Caroline Fillery
Day 16	Methodist Women in Ireland
Day 17	Lincolnshire and East Anglia MWiB Area Trustee: Rita Rowe
Day 18	Manx Methodist Women
Day 19	Methodist Women in Britain Digital Media Coordinator: Ruth Dawson
Day 20	WFM&UCW Area President & Vice President: Barbara Easton & Wanda Hogan
Day 21	MWiB Area Ambassadors: Elizabeth Colley, Jacky Woor, Hazel Jackson, Gillian Womersley, Sue Smith
Day 22	Methodist Women in Britain Finance Officer: Sheila Hall
Day 23	Notts & Derby and Northampton MWiB Area Trustee: Mary Gill
Day 24	Cornwall and Plymouth & Exeter MWiB Area Trustee: Elaine Banks
Day 25	MWiB Area Ambassadors: Ann Taylor, Janet Thompson, Pam Gidney, Sue Clarke, Margaret Johnson
Day 26	Southampton and Channel Islands MWiB Area Trustee: Liz Chick
Day 27	MWiB Area Ambassadors: Judith Oldroyd, Delphine Gratrix, Pamela Stenson, Barbara Rumfitt, Glenda Sidding
Day 28	MWiB Area Ambassadors: Gwenda Humphries, Susan Murrell, Naledi Phaladi, Di Smart, Viv Lowe
Day 29	Yorkshire West, Yorkshire North & East and Sheffield MWiB Area Trustee: Janice Clark
Day 30	Scotland and Shetland MWiB Area Trustee: Barbara Harrison
Day 31	Your local officers, activities and projects

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer

Could I bring you all my hopes and dreams, my moments of despair?

Could you take what I'm thinking and find that it's a prayer?

(Joy Webb Singing The Faith 522)

1 st Dec	16 Days of Activism against Gender-based violence continues to 10th December On this day in 1919, the first female MP, Lady Astor, took her seat in the House of Commons. Let's give thanks today for the work and dedication of the women who came before us, and for the work thousands of women are still doing worldwide to ensure safety and dignity for all.
8 th Dec	9th Exec On this day in 1955, the Council of Europe adopted the Flag of Europe. Let's give thanks to God for good international relations and for the sisterhood of Methodist and Uniting Church women in Europe. Let's also pray for peace on the continent and for revival in the European churches.
15 th Dec	On this day in 1973, the American Psychiatric Association voted unanimously to remove homosexuality from its official list of mental disorders. Let's pray today for people all over the world who are persecuted for things they can't change about themselves, and give thanks for the work that has been done to ensure that they are protected from abuse and discrimination.
22 nd Dec	On this day in 1971, Doctors Without Borders was founded in France. Let's pray for the people worldwide who bring care and medical aid into places of suffering, and thank God for those who are called to bear His image as healers and comforters.
29 th Dec	On this day in 1913, filming began for Hollywood's first feature film, <i>The Squaw Man</i> . Let's pray for creators and artists worldwide, and give thanks for the ingenuity and imagination that God has bestowed upon humankind.
5 th Jan	6th FTG On this day in 1993, 84,700 tons of crude oil was spilt on the coast of the Shetland Islands after the <i>MV Baer</i> ran aground in a storm. Let's pray today for the state of our planet – particularly for the safety and restoration of our oceans and water supplies – and for the corporations and governments of the world to take decisive action in light of the climate crisis.
12 th Jan	13th Exec On this day in 1895, the National Trust was founded. Let's give thanks for our rich history, for the things we have to remember it by, and for the lessons learnt from the mistakes of the past. Let's also pray that we will continue to take good care of our stories so that those lessons won't be lost to time or malicious concealment.
19 th Jan	On this day in 1920, the US Senate voted against joining the League of Nations, which was founded in pursuit of world peace. Let's pray that God will nurture love of peace in the hearts of our world leaders, and bring reconciliation and friendship into places of conflict and fear.
26 th Jan	On this day in 1949, the Hale telescope became the largest aperture optical telescope of its time. Let's praise God for scientific curiosity and advancement, and pray for continued discovery and learning, and especially for Christian revival in the scientific communities so that our deepening understanding may glorify God the Creator.
2 nd Feb	On this day in 1922, James Joyce's novel <i>Ulysses</i> was published. Let's give thanks to God for distinct national voices and identities around the world, and pray that each country may have ample opportunity to have its unique creative voice heard internationally.
9 th Feb	10th Exec; 13th-14th Trustees On this day in 1907, the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies held their first large procession – the Mud March. Let's thank God for the women in our world who haven't been afraid to speak out in pursuit of justice, and pray that God will continue to raise up women like this in each generation, so that injustice is never allowed to settle in and get comfortable.
16 th Feb	On this day in 1945, America's first ever anti-discrimination law was passed. Let's pray for all the people who are vulnerable to discrimination and abuse yet are unprotected by law in their country. Let's also pray for people who suffer despite being protected by law due to hate crimes, vigilantes or microaggressions.
23 rd Feb	On this day in 1763, South America's first major slave revolt began in Guyana. Let's give thanks to God for the progress made internationally towards a world without racial discrimination, and pray for the power to continue the fight, especially in an age where White Supremacy has become so insidious, and so hard to spot for those who unknowingly benefit from it.

(Prayer focus this quarter prepared by Madeleine Reed, Helen Kim Memorial Scholar)