

## **United in Prayer: Bible verses**

**Nothing tends more to cement the hearts of Christians than praying together. Never do they love one another so well as when they witness the outpouring of each other's hearts in prayer. Charles Finney**

As we seek to be united in prayer as Mothers' Union, let us take encouragement from God's word. Reflect on these scriptures and allow the Holy Spirit to increase faith and insight into the value of our prayers.

### **United in prayer**

If two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. Where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them. *Matthew 18:19-20*

The disciples were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. *Acts 2:42*

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Romans 15:6.*

### **The privilege of prayer**

We do not have a high priest who is unable to feel sympathy for our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. *Hebrews 4:15-16*

### **The power of prayer**

When a believing person prays, great things happen.

<sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being just like us. He prayed that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years! <sup>18</sup> Then Elijah prayed again, and the rain came down from the sky, and the land produced crops again. *James 5:16-18*

### **Persistence in prayer**

Everyone who asks and keeps on asking receives; and he who seeks and keeps on seeking finds; and to him who knocks and keeps on knocking, the door shall be opened. *Luke 11:9-10 (Amplified Bible)*

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. *Luke 18:1*

Will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. *Luke 18:7-8*

### **Pray with faith**

The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth. *Psalm 145:18*

If you remain in me and my words remain in you,  
ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. *John 15:7*

And I will do whatever you ask in my name,  
so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. *John 14:13*

### **Pray with determination**

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. *Colossians 4:2*

Answer me when I call to you,  
my righteous God.  
Give me relief from my distress;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer. *Psalm 4:1*

### **Pray with confidence**

This is the confidence we have in approaching God:  
that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. *1 John 5:14*

Come near to God with a sincere heart, full of confidence because of our faith in  
Christ. *Hebrews 10:22*

Remember, your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!  
*Matthew 6:8*

### **Pray continually**

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.  
With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.  
*Ephesians 6:18*

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

### **Pray with thanksgiving**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with  
thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends  
all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.  
*Philippians 4:6-7*

Always give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus  
Christ. *Ephesians 5:20*