**MOTHER’S UNION BRANCH LEADER COMMISSIONING**

***led by – Rector or Priest in Charge***

The office of Mother’s Union Branch Leader carries the responsibility of supporting the local members of the Mothers’ Union while upholding the concern of the worldwide Mother's Union for all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life.

*NAME*, do you accept the responsibility of the office of Mother’s Union Branch Leader?

***Officer:* I do, the Lord being my helper.**

Will you serve God in this way, in the firm belief that the power of the Holy Spirit will guide and direct all who call on Him in faith?

***Officer:* I will, putting my trust in Him.**

*NAME*, I admit you to the office of Mother’s Union Branch Leader in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Together, let us pray for *NAME* in her ministry as our Mothers Union Branch Leader.

Gracious and loving God, we ask you to bless your servant with the wisdom of your grace and the knowledge of your steadfast love. Lead her in all things to seek first your kingdom. Guide her to perceive what is right, and grant her both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Mothers’ Union Branch Leader will now lead the members of the Mothers’ Union in welcoming their newest branch members and affirming their shared commitment to the Mission of the worldwide Mothers’ Union.

**MOTHER’S UNION MEMBERSHIP PRAYERS *. .***

***led by – Branch Leader***

Will the members of the Mothers’ Union please stand as each is able.

The mission of the Mothers’ Union is to show our Christian faith by the transformation of communities worldwide, through the promotion of stable marriage, family life and the protection of children.

We aim to achieve this through carrying out our objectives:

* To encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children
* To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service
* To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children
* To help those whose family life has met with adversity
* To promote and support married life

Membership of the worldwide Mothers’ Union is open to all who have been baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and who support the mission and objectives of the Mothers’ Union. I ask both new and present members to join in affirming their commitment to the Mothers’ Union.

Do you reaffirm your baptism promises?

***MU Members:* I do, with God’s help.**

Will you uphold and support the mission and objectives of the Mothers’ Union?

***MU Members:*  I will, with God’s help.**

Will you continue to nurture your personal relationship with God and be committed to his family, the Church?

***MU Members:* I will, by the grace of God.**

(names of new members) ……………………… I admit you to membership of the Mothers’ Union, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*The leader greets each new member, who is then given their membership card and badge.*

Members of the Mothers' Union, will you welcome support and pray for each other?

***MU Members:* We will, in the power of the Spirit.**

We commit ourselves to the work of Jesus Christ through our members, saying together the Mothers’ Union Prayer:

**Loving Lord, we thank you for your love so freely given to us all.**

**We pray for families around the world. Bless the work of the Mothers’ Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life. Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world. In Jesus’ name.**

**Amen.**

**PRAYER FOR THE LOCAL UNION BRANCH**

***led by – Branch Leader***

Heavenly Father, we commit the life of this branch of the worldwide Mother’s Union to you. We seek your blessing in all we do, your presence in our fellowship, your inspiration in our activities, your strength in our service to the Church and to the community. Help us to be faithful in prayer and worship and outgoing in our witness to the gospel, that we may advance your kingdom, and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**