

# Prayer diary for June, July and August 2017

## **Week beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

We give thanks for the recent celebrations of 140 years of GFS in the Diocese of Los Angeles in USA and 160 years in Ireland. We celebrate the founders of GFS in these countries and the many women who have inspired generations of girls and women to further develop their faith and relationship with God. We remember Mary Elizabeth Townsend's vision as she started off our organisation in 1875.

## **Week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

We pray for the World Team who are busy working on the planning and last minute organisation. We ask you to pray for clarity of thought and smooth operations as these final details are considered. Please pray especially for Father Isaiah who has had some sad news in his family with the passing of a close family member. We send our condolences at this sad time.

## **Week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

We pray for those still seeking visas for travel to our World Council. We pray for a smooth clearing of the way to have visas issued in time for travel. We give thanks for those visas already organised and for those who have helped to make sure we can have many countries represented. We pray for those making their first visit to a World council and that they will be looking forward to their time with excited anticipation.

## **Week beginning Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

We pray for the many Delegates who will represent their country during the World Council. We especially pray for the Junior Delegates who bring a hope for the future on their shoulders. We pray for clear thinking as they make their preparations and for the discussions that will be held during the business sessions.

## **Week beginning Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

As many people make their final preparations to travel to Perth in Australia, we pray for their safety in travel. We pray for flights that arrive safely and on time. We pray for those who will meet and greet the visitors who arrive wearily on our shores. We pray for families left at home as we leave and for those who continue to care for their needs.

## **Week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

We pray for the very beginning of our World Council. We pray that we will be truly aware of God's Holy Spirit moving amongst the group to unite us with a spirit of love and friendship, casting aside our differences and worries. We pray for a covering of safety and good health and determination to succeed in our care of each other. We pray that we might use Val's theme to serve each other with humility and love through service in GFS.

## **Week beginning Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

We pray for a time to develop new friendships, to renew old ones and to strengthen our resolve to grow GFS in our many countries. As we reflect upon our time together may we remember the times

of laughter and prayers, worship and wonder, trials and successes to share with our GFS in our home countries. We pray for all our endings and new beginnings knowing that this is God's way for our lives.

**Week beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

We pray for a bountiful and loving support to surround our new World President, Thembeke, as she commences her term of office. We pray for the new team who are working with Thembeke in South African GFS and for a united group to share her vision for the next three years.

**Week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

We pray for the GFS in Southern Africa. We ask that this three years ahead may see a time of growth, of unity, of love for each other as GFS is thrust into the spotlight. We ask for everyone who meets a GFS member to want to live like them as they live out their motto to love one another as Jesus has loved us.

**Week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

As we welcomed the opportunity to support the GFS in Japan who assisted the Tsunami victims, we pray that we will once again put our wholehearted support behind the next World Project. We pray for an abundance of funding, a greater knowledge of the needs represented through the project. We pray for those who will work in their country to ensure that project will flourish.

**Week beginning Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August**

We look further ahead from World Council in 2020 to the next country offering to host the World Council and provide a woman ready to lead this organisation as its President. We thank God for those willing to commit to this role and for God's equipping of them in this task.

**Week beginning Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August**

We pray for God's richest blessing on ordinary GFS members – our friends and family who meet week by week, faithfully fulfilling their call to be leaders, helpers, friends and supporters. We give thanks for their dedication, their example to inspire and encourage each of us. For our wonderful GFS we give you thanks O Lord.