





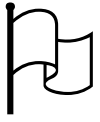









































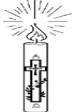


# TIME FOR RELATIONSHIP IN LENT 2008

<u>MONDAY</u> time for friends	<u>TUESDAY</u> time for the world	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> time for strangers	<u>THURSDAY</u> time for family	<u>FRIDAY</u> time for community	<u>SATURDAY</u> time for the Bible	<u>SUNDAY</u> time for God
<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>START HERE</b></p>  <p>Get ready for Lent by making a list of the relationships you are part of. Thank God for them.</p>	<p><b>5<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time for war</b> Find out about the causes of war in one country, and pray for peace.</p>  <p><i>Shrove Tuesday</i></p>	<p><b>6<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to scatter</b> Scatter the seeds of God's love. Plant something, or look at plants. Thank God for sharing his love.</p>  <p><i>Ash Wednesday</i></p>	<p><b>7<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to be born</b> Pray for members who work in Baptism preparation, bringing families into Church.</p> 	<p><b>8<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to plant</b> Notice flowers and trees in your area. Reflect on what it means to share space in community.</p> 	<p><b>9<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>Reflect</b> on what 2 Corinthians 6:2 means for our relationship with God.</p> 	<p><b>10<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>Pray</b> for the work of the Marketing Unit.</p> 
<p><b>11<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to laugh</b> Spend some time recalling moments when you have laughed with friends. Treasure these moments.</p> 	<p><b>12<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to tear down</b> Find out about Mothers' Union's work with those whose homes have been destroyed. Consider how you can help.</p> 	<p><b>13<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to embrace</b> Smile and say hello to someone you don't know in the street today.</p> 	<p><b>14<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to keep</b> Think of ways you could make more time for your closest relationships.</p> 	<p><b>15<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to search</b> Use local shops rather than big chain retailers today. Begin building relationships with local businesses.</p> 	<p><b>16<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>Reflect</b> on how Psalm 62:8 could guide the way you interact with strangers.</p> 	<p><b>17<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>Pray</b> for the work of Mothers' Union's Action &amp; Outreach Unit.</p> 
<p><b>18<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to dance</b> Thank God for the friends you have had throughout your life. Rejoice as if you were dancing.</p> 	<p><b>19<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to kill</b> Read a newspaper. Pray for those who mourn for someone killed today.</p> 	<p><b>20<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to hate</b> Find out about other religions in your area. Pray about conflicts that arise because we don't know enough about each other.</p> 	<p><b>21<sup>st</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to throw away</b> Throw away negative thoughts. Focus on things people do that make you happy. Thank them.</p> 	<p><b>22<sup>nd</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to die</b> Find a reusable bag instead of using plastic carriers today. Reflect on how fragile life is.</p> 	<p><b>23<sup>rd</sup></b></p> <p><b>Reflect</b> on how much your friendships match the model in Proverbs 17:17.</p> 	<p><b>24<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>Pray</b> for the work of MUE.</p> 

<p><b>25<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to refrain</b> Practice thinking before speaking your mind with friends today.</p> 	<p><b>26<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to heal</b> Look for signs of Spring. Thank God for nature's cycle of regeneration.</p> 	<p><b>27<sup>h</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to speak</b> Think about one person you attend church with but have never spoken much too. Plan to chat.</p> 	<p><b>28<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>There is a time for everything</b> The Mothers' Union is lobbying to make parents' working hours more flexible. Pray for this.</p> 	<p><b>29<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time for peace</b> Walk around your neighbourhood. Think about local conflict and offer it to God.</p> 	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> March</b></p> <p><b>Reflect</b> on how Hosea 10:12 could help community relationships.</p> 	<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup></b></p> <p><b>Pray</b> for the work of Mothers' Union's Faith &amp; Policy Unit.</p> 
<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to mend</b> Think about a friend you have lost contact with. Consider getting back in touch.</p> 	<p><b>4<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to gather stones</b> Reap the rewards of the Mothers' Union's global structure. Find out about your diocesan links overseas.</p> 	<p><b>5<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to build</b> Find out how the Mothers' Union builds links with strangers. Consider helping.</p> 	<p><b>6<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to uproot</b> Turn off lights when not in use. Reflect on the uprooting effect of climate change on families globally.</p> 	<p><b>7<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to be silent</b> Turn off your radio, TV or music. Pray in response to the sounds of the community around you.</p> 	<p><b>8<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>Reflect</b> on how the world's relationships would be changed if we followed Deut. 15:2.</p> 	<p><b>9<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>Pray</b> for the work of Mothers' Union's Finance &amp; Central Services Unit.</p> 
<p><b>10<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to mourn</b> Take some time to thank God for the life of a friend who has passed away. Remember their gifts.</p> 	<p><b>11<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to tear</b> Help to stop the ecosystem tearing by doing some recycling today.</p> 	<p><b>12<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to give up</b> Give up any critical thoughts about people you don't know, thinking kindly and with understanding instead.</p> 	<p><b>13<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>I have seen the burden</b> Think about ways for families to spend time together without spending money.</p> 	<p><b>14<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to weep</b> Pray for anyone in your church or local community who may be upset.</p> 	<p><b>15<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>Reflect</b> of what Esther 4:14 tells you about making time for family.</p> 	<p><b>16<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>Pray</b> for Mothers' Union branches and members in our 78 countries.</p>  <p><i>Palm Sunday</i></p>
<p><b>17<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>A time to love</b> Tell someone you like how much you value them. Send a card.</p> 	<p><b>18<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>What do workers gain from toil?</b> Find out where to buy Fairtrade for your next food shop.</p> 	<p><b>19<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>God has made everything</b> Notice strangers who acknowledge you. Welcome them into your day.</p> 	<p><b>20<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Invite someone round for a Fairtrade coffee. Think about the Last Supper Jesus shared.</p>  <p><i>Maundy Thursday</i></p>	<p><b>21<sup>st</sup></b></p> <p>Share the day with people you like either in person or on the phone. Relax and enjoy their company.</p>  <p><i>Good Friday</i></p>	<p><b>22<sup>nd</sup></b></p> <p><b>Reflect</b> on the picture of Mary in John 20:1-2. Have you ever felt the same?</p>  <p><i>Easter Eve</i></p>	<p><b>23<sup>rd</sup></b></p> <p>Spend a moment alone. Thank God for the gift of life.</p>  <p><i>EASTER DAY</i></p>

