

Mothers' Union was formally admitted to the Community of the Cross of Nails (CCN) in 2018, joining a global network committed to healing the wounds of conflict and building bridges of understanding inspired by the Coventry story of destruction, rebuilding and renewal.



This partnership is a testament to our shared mission of fostering peace in homes, communities, and nations. Each September, Mothers' Union celebrates its strong connection with the CCN.

The Litany of Reconciliation, written by Canon Joseph Poole in 1958, continues to be prayed in the Coventry Cathedral each day and throughout the world by partners.

Litany of Reconciliation

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,

Father forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,

Father, forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,

Father, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

Father, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,

Father, forgive.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,

Father, forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

Father, forgive.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Amen.