

Thought for the Week from Mothers Union Australia
Sunday 1st October 2023

Opportunities for Education

‘These commandments that I give to you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children.
(Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

The first and most important school is the home. Every day of our lives we are using the gifts of our parents, whether given directly or by example. In the Christian home, it is the responsibility of parents to teach the faith and to model it. It is wonderful to read the scriptures with our children and teach them to pray. The education given by our schools is obviously immensely important and we should pray for teachers and Principals. But parents are the first educators.

Question for self:

Am I teaching the faith to the young people in my life?

There are many challenges to family life in Vanuatu including adultery, family breakdowns, teenage pregnancies and drug and alcohol abuse. Pray for Mothers Union members as they support families facing these issues along with giving help and aid in cyclone disasters. We pray too, for the faithful members in the Diocese of Tasmania. May they be encouraged as they care for those in need. Amen

Thought for the Week from Mothers Union Australia
Sunday 8th October 2023
Prisons Work

‘Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them...’ (Hebrews 13:3).

The teenage son of a friend of mine is in prison on a serious charge. Even in the best run prisons, the environment is challenging, to say the least. But I thank God that the prison chaplain has contacted this young man and is meeting with him regularly. He has begun to grow in his knowledge of God and his life is being transformed. He now has forgiveness and hope. We should pray for prison chaplains and ask God that they will share our faith in Jesus with people in this desperate situation. They need our help.

Question for self:

What am I doing for the desperately disadvantaged?

Heavenly Father, we pray for members in Ethiopia in the many projects they are involved with including hospital visitation, prison ministry, literacy, peace and reconciliation and in emergency relief. We pray for the many members from South Sudan who are refugees there that they will be assured their true home is with you. Give them courage and perseverance. Amen