

Midday Prayers 2021: Rebuilding hope and confidence
February
Hope and confidence in God's Word

Monday: Jesus the living Word

**In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.
We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son,
who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

John 1:1, 14

Sovereign Lord,
your hand has touched
the dry bones of our faith.

Your Word has breathed
new life where there was death.

Your spirit raised
us up from where we lay.

Your love has brought
us home and to your Cross.

And by your grace
we stand forgiven, free.
Hallelujah!
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**We thank you, God, for Jesus, the living Word.
May your Word forever dwell among us,
imparting hope and confidence
in your enduring grace and truth.
Amen**

Tuesday: Inspiration of God's Word

**Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light for my path.**

Psalm 119:105

God, we praise and thank you for your saving Word
reaching out to us through the sacred scriptures.

We thank you, too, for the brothers and sisters
with whom we share your Word
and discover together the abundance of your love.

We pray for the light of your Holy Spirit,
so that your word may lead and direct us
into the unity you will for the sake of the world.

**Give us grace, O Lord,
not only to hear your Word with our ears,
but also to receive it into our hearts
and to show it forth in our lives;
for the glory of your great name.**

Amen

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Wednesday: Power of God's Word

**The word of God is alive and active.
Sharper than any double-edged sword,
it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit,
joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts
and attitudes of the heart.**

Hebrews 4:12

Your Word is the light we see,
a guide for our footsteps
to where you are found.

Your Word is the strength we find
when darkness threatens
to overwhelm.

Your Word is the power we need
to become servants
of a Heavenly King.

Your Word is the reason we live
in the sure knowledge
you are everything.

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**We thank God for the power of his Word,
which is living and active in our lives;
which fills us with his strength and light,
and directs our steps
through every circumstance of life.
Amen**

Thursday: Security in God's Word

**As for God, his way is perfect:
the Lord's word is flawless;
he shields all who take refuge in him.**

Psalm 18:30

**How perfect is our God!
At the beginning of the day
we receive your Word
with joy and praise.**

Whatever our day holds,
whether good times or hard,
we are upheld by the Word of God,
and his limitless provision.

**What a refuge is our God!
At the heart of the day
we trust in your Word
for security and strength.**

Whatever our life holds,
if certainties prove false,
we are upheld by the Word of God
and his infinite steadfastness.

**How faithful is our God!
At the end of the day
we treasure your Word
with gratitude and praise.
Amen**

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Friday: God's eternal Word

**The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God stands forever.**

**Your word, O Lord, is eternal;
it stands firm in the heavens.**

Isaiah 40:8; Psalm 119:89

From the very beginning was
Your Word
which spoke this world into being,
Your Word
which thunders from the skies,
Your Word
which flows like mountain streams,
Your Word
which whispers in morning breeze,
Your Word
revealed through kings and prophets,
Your Word
revealed through Angels' praise,
Your Word
revealed in humble service,
Your Word
revealed through a tiny child,
Your Word
alive from the beginning of all things
and to eternity.

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**May we be forever
sustained by the written Word,
inspired by the spoken Word,
and bear witness to the Living Word,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen**

Saturday: Hope and confidence in God's Word

**God's words are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.**

Psalm 19:10

Living Word, Author of Life,
we praise you for your Word in all its forms.
As we hear and read your Word,
give us enquiring minds and open hearts;
ready to respond to its challenge
and to embrace its vision.

Loving Father, send your Holy Spirit
to bring life to your Word.
Touch our minds and souls
with the wonders in your message.
Thrill our hearts by fresh insight
in new and familiar scriptures.

**Lord, we praise you for your Word.
May it forever unite us together
as we share in the wonder
of your enduring grace and truth.
Amen**

Wave of Prayer for Mothers' Union

Lord, we pray for Mothers' Union worldwide.

1 Mothers' Union worldwide

2 – 4 Matlosane in South Africa; Mumias in Kenya; Eha-Amufu in Nigeria; Ballarat in Australia; Niagara in Canada and North Kerala in India

5 – 7 Botswana; Marsabit in Kenya; Idah & Jebba in Nigeria; Salisbury in England and Andaman & Car Nicobar Islands in India

8 Mothers' Union worldwide

9 – 11 Lainya in South Sudan; Ankole in Uganda; Abuja & Lagos-West in Nigeria; Lichfield in England and Karnataka North in India

12 – 14 Matana in Burundi; South Ankole in Uganda; Morogoro in Tanzania; Ohaji/Egbema in Nigeria; New Westminster in Canada and Dornakal in India

15 Mothers' Union worldwide

16 – 18 Bentiu in South Sudan; Bunyoro Kitara in Uganda; Okigwe-North & Omu- Aran in Nigeria; Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh in All Ireland and Krishna-Godavari in India

19 – 21 Free State in South Africa; Bondo in Kenya; Ogbia & Offa in Nigeria; Swansea & Brecon in Wales; Argentina and Uruguay

22 Mothers' Union worldwide

23 – 25 Wau in South Sudan; Kigeme in Rwanda; Bauchi in Nigeria; St David's in Wales and Mandalay in Myanmar

26 – 28 Mundri in South Sudan; Madi & West Nile in Uganda; Isikwuatu in Nigeria; Chichester in England and Seoul in South Korea

Final Blessing

**We go from here with hope and confidence
in the Word of God
to guide our ways and light our path.
Amen**