

Midday Prayers 2021: Rebuilding hope and confidence
May
Attributes of the Holy Spirit

Monday: Spirit of life

Jesus said: What gives life is God's Spirit; human power is of no use at all.
The words I have spoken to you bring God's life-giving Spirit.
John 6:63 (GNT)

Mighty God,
you came through your Spirit
and life was never the same again.

**Come to us now,
breathing new fire into our hearts,
new energy into our lives,
new life into our souls.
Transform our fear, anxiety and doubt,
filling us with confidence and faith.
Move in us, we pray.**

Open our minds to new horizons, new experiences
and a new way of looking at life.
And so may we live by the Spirit,
bearing rich fruit to your glory.

**Move in us, we pray,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

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Tuesday: Spirit of truth

When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father – the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father – he will testify about me. When he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.

John 15:26; 16:13

**Loving Lord,
send your Holy Spirit
to inspire us with your truth
and reveal Christ to the world.**

Holy Spirit,
light up our lives with the truth of God.
Be the one who accompanies us
and guides us back to the way of truth
when our feet should stray from the path.

In a world which revels in uncertainty
write the clarity of God's Word
on hearts and minds;
bear witness to the love of Christ
and bring conviction of faith.
Amen

Wednesday: Spirit of friendship

I will ask the Father. And he will give you another friend to help you and to be with you forever. Unless I go away, the Friend will not come to help you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

John 14:16; 16:7 (NIRV)

**Holy Spirit,
we treasure your friendship;
your advocacy on our behalf.**

Holy Spirit, precious friend,
we praise you for your comfort in times of pain;
for your counsel in times of confusion;
for your strength in times of weakness.

We thank you for your help
when circumstances overwhelm;
your constant presence with us
when others fade from our lives.

**Holy Spirit,
your friendship brings joy to our hearts;
your perfect companionship moves our souls
to wonder and to praise.
Amen**

Thursday: Spirit of adoption

You received a Spirit that shows you are adopted
as his children. With this Spirit, we cry, "Abba, Father."
The same Spirit agrees with our spirit, that we are God's children.
Romans 8:15-16 (CEB)

Deep within our souls
the Spirit's assurance dwells;
causing us to cry out:
Abba, Father.
We are the children of God.

Nestled in our hearts
the Spirit's assurance soothes;
causing us to whisper:
Abba, Father.
We are the children of God.

Set upon our minds
the Spirit's assurance convinces;
causing us to declare:
Abba, Father.
We are the children of God.

Thanks be to our heavenly Father,
by whom we have been made family,
and assured of our eternal adoption
through the Holy Spirit.
We celebrate with praise!
Amen

Friday: Spirit of freedom

Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17

**Praise be to God
that the Spirit sets us free
to walk in grace.**

Amazing grace!
We are set free from the shame of sin
and clothed in righteousness.
**All praise to the Holy Spirit;
all glory to his name.**

Amazing grace!
We are set free from failing God
and share in the victory of Christ.
**All praise to the Holy Spirit;
all glory to his name.**

Amazing grace!
We are set free from the fear of death.
and given fullness of life.

**When the Spirit makes us free
we are free indeed.
All praise to the Holy Spirit;
all glory to his name.
Amen**

Saturday: Spirit of transformation

We are being transformed into Christ's likeness
with ever-increasing glory,
which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.
2 Corinthians 3:18

**Holy Spirit,
transform our lives
that we may reflect the glory of Christ.**

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit
that my thoughts may all be holy;

Act in me O Holy Spirit
that my works, too, may be holy;

Draw my heart O Holy Spirit
that I love but what is holy;

Strengthen me O Holy Spirit
to defend that is holy;

Guard me then O Holy Spirit
that I always may be holy.

Amen

St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430)

**Holy Spirit,
we embrace your work of transformation
from the gloom of sin to the glory of Christ.
Amen**

Wave of Prayer for Mothers' Union

Lord, we pray for Mothers' Union worldwide.

- 1 - 2** Aru in DR Congo; Kigezi in Uganda; Ikeduru in Nigeria; Ho in Ghana; York in England and Guyana & Suriname in Guyana
- 3** **Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 4 - 6** Uppershire in Malawi; Maralal Missionary Area in Kenya; Makurdi & Ifo in Nigeria; Tuam, Killala & Achonry in All Ireland and Mumbai in India
- 7 - 9** Torit in South Sudan; Meru in Kenya; Ikwuano in Nigeria; Sekondi in Ghana and The Arctic in Canada
- 10** **Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 11 - 13** Twic East in South Sudan; Rorya in Tanzania; Owerri & Ughelli in Nigeria; Gippsland in Australia and Cashel & Ossory in All Ireland
- 14 - 16** Maridi in South Sudan; Kirinyaga in Kenya; Zaki-Biam & Ijesa North-East in Nigeria and Waikato & Taranaki in New Zealand
- 17** **Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 18 - 20** Grahamstown in South Africa; Masasi in Tanzania; Afikpo in Nigeria; Wiawso in Ghana; Chester in England and Northern Argentina in Argentina
- 21 - 23** Christ the King in South Africa; East Rwenzori in Uganda; Gombe & New Busa in Nigeria and Bunbury in Australia
- 24** **Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 25 - 27** Bor in South Sudan; Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania; Oru & Oleh in Nigeria; Rockhampton in Australia and Agra in India
- 28 - 30** Angola; North Ankole in Uganda; Okene & Ibadan-South in Nigeria; Aberdeen & Orkney in Scotland and Karnataka South in India
- 31** **Mothers' Union worldwide**

Final Blessing

God of power,

may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,

may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,

may the gifts of your Spirit equip us

to serve and worship you now and always.

Amen

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