

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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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Final Blessing

May the church be transformed by the Holy Spirit, as we seek to fulfil God's mission on earth. Amen

Midday Prayers 2023: Transformation – Now! May: Transformation of the Church

Monday: Birth of the Church

Peter said, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Acts 2:38, 41

The Spirit came
and your Church was born,
in wind and fire and words of power.

The Spirit came
blowing fear aside,
and in its place weak hearts were stronger.

The Spirit came
as your word foretold,
with dreams and signs, visions and wonders.

The Spirit came
and is here today,
to feed the hearts of a world that hungers.

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**Come, Holy Spirit.
Build your church in love and power
to fulfil your mission on earth. Amen**

Tuesday: A united Church

They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. All the believers were one in heart and mind.

Acts 2:46-47; 4:32

**Come, Holy Spirit.
Unite the church in communion
to reflect the Father's heart
and glorify his holy name.**

Heavenly Father,
we rejoice to be your family,
united in sharing life together.
Empowered by your Spirit
we praise your holy name.

As we share your goodness together,
turn our gaze to those around us.
Empowered by your Spirit
may we draw them into your church.

**Heavenly Father, unite us in communion
as your church. Empowered by your Spirit
we glorify your holy name. Amen**

Wednesday: An empowered Church

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.
Acts 4:31

**Come Holy Spirit,
Fill your church with power,
enfold us in your love,
inspire us with your truth.**

The Spirit of God,
precious gift
once bestowed upon the few,
is now lavished on us all.

**In faith we receive the Holy Spirit;
the blessing of God to empower his church.**

Holy Spirit,
envision your church with holy purpose;
that we may build God's kingdom on earth.

**With joy we receive the Holy Spirit;
the blessing of God to empower his church.**

Christ our Lord,
fill your church with the power of your Spirit
to boldly declare the wonders of God. **Amen**

Thursday: A global Church

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Matthew 28:19

God our Father,
we come to you as ordinary, everyday people,
nothing special about us
and no particular merits to boast of,
yet you have welcomed us into your family,
you have called us to be your Church,
and you have given us a place
among the great company of saints
in heaven and on earth.

**By your grace,
help us to fulfil that calling,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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Our Father binds us together
from the four corners of the world;
His love draws us in to himself
and out to one another, his global church.

Thanks be to God. Amen

Friday: A witnessing Church

With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all.
Acts 4:35

Draw your Church together, O God;
into one great company of disciples;
together following our Lord Jesus Christ
into every walk of life,
together serving him
in his mission to the world,
and together witnessing to his love
on every continent and island.

Fill us with your love
So that we may gladly speak for you, work for you,
And live our whole life for you,
Until all the nations of the earth
Join with us in endless praise;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**Come, Holy Spirit.
Build your church
to be a witness of your love. Amen**

Saturday: A holy Church

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word.
Ephesians 5:25-26

**Come Holy Spirit.
Transform your church
into the image of Christ
that we may be his holy bride
reflecting the radiance of his glory.**

The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy Bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

S.J. Stone; 1839-1900

**Come Holy Spirit.
Ready your church
for the wedding of the lamb
that we may be Christ's holy bride
clothed in the radiance of his glory.
Amen**



Midday Prayers 2023: Transformation - Now! 18th-28th May: Thy Kingdom Come

In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities. *Archbishop Justin Welby*

As part of Mothers' Union's engagement with *Thy Kingdom Come* our special Midday Prayers for its duration focus on the daily themes for this year and material from the *Thy Kingdom Come* resources.

Thursday 18th May: Ascension Day

Jesus lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. *Luke 24:50-51*

Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Glory to God, whose power, at work among us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or conceive;
to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Alleluia. Amen**

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Final blessing

**We go in the power of Christ who taught us to pray *thy Kingdom come*;
to share his love as we serve his world. Amen**

Friday 19th May: Our Father in Heaven loves

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Loving God, we respond to your amazing love by serving you in all that we do.

But sometimes we feel tired and when we do, we ask that you will refresh us.
Sometimes we feel we have let you down and when we do,
we ask that you will pick us up.
Sometimes we feel we have disowned you and when we do,
we ask that you will put your gentle arms of love around us.

**Then, when we are refreshed, picked up and helped by you, Lord,
send us out into the community to continue to serve you
in response to your amazing love. Amen** *Revd Richard Teal*

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Saturday 20th May: Our Father in Heaven speaks

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son. *Hebrews 1:1-2*

Open our ears, glorious Lord Christ, to hear the music of your voice above the chaos of this world; open our eyes to see the vision of your glory, for you are our King, now and for ever.

Lord Christ, true light of the world, shine, we pray, in the hearts of your people, that we might see the Way that leads to eternal life, and follow without stumbling.

For you are the Way, O Christ, as you are the Truth and the Life. Amen

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Sunday 21st May: Our Father in Heaven creates

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. *Genesis 1:1, 31*

Holy God, you are the beginning and the end, the source of all that is and the hope for all that is to come.

You hold all things together and everything that is exists under your shadow. Shape our world, our communities and our lives by this conviction.

By your grace and mercy made known in Jesus and emboldened by your Spirit, help us to bear witness to all that we know and experience of you. Amen *Revd John Hellyer*

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Monday 22nd May: Our Father in Heaven gives

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! *1 John 3:1*

All-gracious God, by your creative word you brought the world to birth.

In your generous love you made the human family, that we might see your glory and live forever in your presence. This gift is so great and so wonderful. Help us to ever remember that this gift is not just for us, but for all people; not for us to give, but for all to receive.

May your generous love be known in us, that we may share the richness we already know, in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

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Tuesday 23rd May: Our Father in Heaven walks with us

As God has said: I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people. *2 Corinthians 6:16*

Gracious God, you call us on a journey to grow in grace and holiness.

As we travel on that journey give us an assurance of your loving presence, that, filled with your Spirit, we may work with you, and our fellow pilgrims, in the transformation of our churches and our communities so that they become signs of your kingdom of justice and joy. **Amen** *Revd Ian Howarth*

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Wednesday 24th May: Our Father in Heaven listens

I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer. *Psalms 17:6*

Let us be swift to approach God's throne. His ear is open to our prayers. His mercy draws us close; his grace is all we need.

He will hear our voice as we whisper our prayers.
He will meet our needs from the riches of his grace.

May we cherish these times: precious moments with God,
to pour out our hearts and listen for his reply.

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers, as we open our hearts to you. Amen

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Thursday 25th May: Our Father in Heaven saves

God saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. *Titus 3:5*

Transforming God, make me more like Jesus.

And because I know my life is not like that, show me Jesus today.

Change my prayer from asking things for myself to asking you what you would like for me, so that my life can be part of your story.

And help me to pray for others, that they may know Christ for themselves.

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Friday 26th May: Our Father in Heaven encourages

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. *Isaiah 41:1*

Loving God, our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you.

Be my rest and my security, for the storms are raging and the waves crash over.

Help me to know today that all that is good comes from you
and will return to you in the silence of your eternal and never changing love.

Be with me as I hold myself and hold others in your loving embrace. Amen

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Saturday 27th May: Our Father in Heaven empowers

God's divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. *2 Peter 1:3*

**Lord God, stir, we pray, in every heart a longing for you.
Grant us discernment that we may recognise your direction;
grant us courage that we may step out and follow;
grant us deep trust in you, loving God,
the one who holds and promises never to abandon us.**

As we follow you, Lord God, we pray that in the power of your Spirit, you will illumine your people with your light, that you will form the lives of those who commit to you, that every aspect of our lives together will point to Jesus and that your people will be a blessing to many. **Amen** *Revd Heather Morris*

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Sunday 28th May: Pentecost Sunday

If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him! *Luke 11:13*

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