# Midday Prayers 2023: Transformation – Now!

# August

# Songs of celebration

## Monday: Songs of celebration

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.

*Ephesians 5:19*

**Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.**

For the Lord is good and his love endures for ever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Psalm 100*

**Lord of heaven and earth,**

**may our songs of celebration**

**bring praise to your name**

**and joy to your world.**

**Amen**

**Tuesday: Celebration of creation**

The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Their voice goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.

*Psalm 19:1, 4*

**The heavens declare your glory,  
the skies exalt your name.**

And though no anthems are sung,  
no sermons written  
or candles lit,  
within the beauty   
of dawn’s breaking chorus,  
sun rising,  
stars at night,  
lies more theology  
than any hymn that we could sing.

**So we behold your glory,  
and in our hearts  
join with the heavens  
in rejoicing.**

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**Lord of all creation,**

**may our songs of celebration**

**bring praise to your name**

**and joy to your world.**

**Amen**

## Wednesday: Celebration of God’s righteousness

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.

*Ephesians 5:19*

**We will be glad and rejoice in you;  
We will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.**

He rules the world in righteousness  
and judges the peoples with equity.

**The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of trouble.  
Those who know your name trust in you,  
for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.**

Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion;  
proclaim among the nations what he has done.

*Psalm 9: 2, 8-11*

**Righteous Lord,**

**may our songs of celebration**

**bring praise to your name**

**and joy to your world.**

**Amen**

## Thursday: Celebration of God’s goodness

They celebrate your abundant goodness  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

The Lord is good to all;  
he has compassion on all he has made.

*Psalm 145:7, 9*

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!  
His love is everlasting  
and extends to all creation.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!  
Bringing wholeness,  
and peace beyond understanding.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!  
His arms open wide  
welcoming home the prodigals.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!  
His promises are sure  
His kingdom shall last forever.  
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!**

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**Lord of abundant goodness,**

**may our songs of celebration**

**bring praise to your name**

**and joy to your world.**

**Amen**

## Friday: Celebration of God’s faithful love

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.

*Ephesians 5:19*

**Sing to the Lord a new song;  
play skilfully, and shout for joy.**

For the word of the Lord is right and true;  
he is faithful in all he does.

**The Lord loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of his unfailing love.**

We wait in hope for the Lord;  
he is our help and our shield.

**In him our hearts rejoice,  
for we trust in his holy name.**

May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,  
even as we put our hope in you.

*Psalm 33:2-5, 21-22*

**Faithful and loving Lord,**

**may our songs of celebration**

**bring praise to your name**

**and joy to your world.**

**Amen**

## Saturday: Songs of celebration

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done.

**Sing to him, sing praise to him;  
tell of all his wonderful acts.**

Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

*Psalm 105:1-3*

How can we not sing your praise  
with heart and soul  
and proclaim your name  
throughout the world?

**God of creation,  
Awesome in power,  
Sustainer,  
Provider,  
Saviour,  
Father of all,  
there is none like you!**

How can we not declare your glory  
through all that we are,  
and proclaim your name  
throughout this world?  
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**Lord of heaven and earth,**

**may our songs of celebration**

**bring praise to your name**

**and joy to your world.**

**Amen**

# Wave of Prayer for Mothers’ Union

Lord, we pray for Mothers’ Union worldwide.

1. Boga in DR Congo; Manicaland in Zimbabwe; Tanga in Tanzania; Ogoni

in Nigeria; Carlisle in England and Melbourne in Australia

**2 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

**3 – 5**  Juba in South Sudan; Kitale in Kenya; Minna & Lagos in Nigeria;

Moray, Ross & Caithness in Scotland and Madurai-Ramnad in India

**6 – 8** Northern Malawi in Malawi; Eldoret in Kenya; Ngbo & Akure in Nigeria;

North West Australia in Australia and Aipo Rongo in Papua New Guinea

**9 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

**10 – 12** Niassa in Mozambique; Masindi Kitara in Uganda; Langtang & Esan in

Nigeria; North Queensland in Australia and Kolhapur in India

**13 – 15** Natal in South Africa; Kajiado in Kenya; Okigwe & Western Izon in

Nigeria; Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island in Canada and Toungoo

in Myanmar

**16 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

**17– 19** Kasai in DR Congo; Shyira in Rwanda; Ijumu & Egba West in Nigeria;

Liverpool in England and Sambalpur in India

**20 – 22** Central Zimbabwe in Zimbabwe; Lango in Uganda; Kebbi in Nigeria;

Tamale in Ghana; Sheffield in England and Guadalcanal in

Solomon Islands

**Cross references:**

**23 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

**24 – 26** Saldanha Bay in South Africa; Karamoja in Uganda; Udi & Etsako in

Nigeria; Wellington in New Zealand and Yangon in Myanmar

**27 – 29** Matabeleland in Zimbabwe; Mount Kenya Central in Kenya; Niger West in

Nigeria; Wangaratta in Australia; Clogher in All Ireland and Hpa-An in

Myanmar

**30 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

**31** Harare in Zimbabwe; Machakos in Kenya; Ogori-Magongo & Ekiti in

Nigeria; Southwark in England and Phulbani in India

## Final Blessing

**May our songs of celebration of the wonder of God**

**overflow from our hearts, bringing joy into his world.**

**Amen**