# Midday Prayers 2022: Transformation – Now!

# December

# Season of transformation

**Monday**: **Advent transformation**

For 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*

In this moment of Advent

we turn from the gloom of uncertainty

and look towards the dawning of light.

With this gift of Advent

we receive a way to give our lives

to the Saviour of the world.

Within this longing of Advent

we find peace for our restless hearts

as we travel to worship the new-born King.

Before the door of Advent

we stand assured of acceptance

as we step through to meet our Messiah.

**Through our relationship with Advent**

**we experience God’s everlasting love**

**as we marvel at the new-born Christ.**

**Amen**

**Tuesday: Darkness to light**

The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

*Isaiah 9:2*

**Gracious God,**

**we joyfully await**

**the dawning of your Light,**

**Jesus Christ.**

May the radiance of his glory

illumine the lives of those in darkness.

May the flame of his holiness

reveal the deeds of ignorance and evil.

May the light of his word

chase the shadows of guilt and despair.

May the warmth of his love

melt the winter of selfishness.

Come to our world, Lord, and heal its wounds,
shining in the darkness
and restoring joy, faith, hope and love.

**Transform us into a people of his light,**

**that we may reflect your wondrous grace**

**to our waiting world.**

**Amen**

**Wednesday: Despair to hope**

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,

and in his word I put my hope.

*Psalm 130:5*

This Advent, as we wait for

the Hope of the World

we pray for God’s hope to transform

the despair of loss and loneliness.

**God of sure and certain hope,**

**hear our prayer.**

This Advent, as we wait for

the Hope of the World

we pray for God’s love to bring hope

in the lives of our family and friends.

**God of sure and certain hope,**

**hear our prayer.**

This Advent, as we wait for

the Hope of the World

we pray for God’s hope to transform

our doubts and fears into faith.

**God of sure and certain hope,**

**hear our prayer.**

**Amen**

**Thursday: Lamenting to rejoicing**

Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the Lord, we trusted in him;

 let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.

*Isaiah 25:9*

Loving God,
we rejoice in this season of good news and good will,
we celebrate once more the birth of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
**Prince of Peace**

**Lord of lords,**

**we praise you!**

For the wonder of this season,
for its message of love and forgiveness,
its promise of peace and justice,
and the gift of life everlasting,
**Loving God, we praise you!**
We look forward to the day
when the Jesus of Bethlehem
will return as Lord of all.

**King of kings,**

**Lord of lords,**

**with all creation,**

**we will praise you!**

**Amen**

*From Nick Fawcett*

**Friday: Injustice to righteousness**

He will reign on David’s throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and for ever.

*Isaiah 9:7*

**Lord Jesus,
send your Holy Spirit upon our**

**Christmas preparations.**

We who are anxious over many things –

**look forward to your coming among us**;
we who are blessed in so many ways –

**long for the complete joy of your kingdom;**we whose hearts are heavy –

**seek the joy of your presence.**

Give us courage to be your people,
to show your justice, grace, mercy, peace, and love,
and to be a part of your transformation of our world
until the day when the baby whose birth we celebrate
comes again in peace
and we sing your praise and glory forever.

**Amen**

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**Saturday: Advent transformation**

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only,

who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

*John 1:14*

**Your Word, O God, has given us life;**

**your Word incarnate gives us new life**

**in the Easter promise.**

May your Word transform this Advent season,

dispelling the darkness of fear and mistrust;

may your Word dwell among us always,

awakening our hearts to your enduring

love, justice and peace.

**Jesus, Lord and Saviour**

**we thank you for this season of celebration;**

**the renewal of your love for us**

**that never fails.**

We pray for all your people

that today even in the darkest corners

your lamp may be lit

and your light may shine

giving joy and peace.

**Amen**

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# Wave of Prayer for Mothers’ Union

Lord, we pray for Mothers’ Union worldwide.

 **1-2** Mpumalanga in South Africa; Central Buganda in Uganda;

 Zonkwa in Nigeria; Bo in Sierra Leone; Newcastle in England and

 Barrackpore in India

 **3 – 5**  Akot in South Sudan; South West Tanganyika in Tanzania;

 Aba & Irele-Ese Odo in Nigeria; Coventry in England and Cuttack in India

 **6 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

 **7 – 9** Namibia; Mount Kenya South in Kenya; Northern Izon & Ijebu North in

 Nigeria and Durham in England

**10 – 12** Lusaka in Zambia; Shyogwe in Rwanda; Sokoto & Ikka in Nigeria;

 Ely in England and Karimnagar in India

 **13 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

**14– 16** Fianarantsoa in Madagascar; Central Tanganyika in Tanzania; Calabar &

 Igbomina in Nigeria; Derry & Raphoe in All Ireland and Banks & Torres in

 Vanuatu

**17 – 19** Lui in South Sudan; Embu in Kenya; Orlu & Awori in Nigeria;

 The Murray in Australia and Medak in India

**Cross references:**

 **20 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

**21 – 23**  Archbishops, Bishops and all clergy in the Anglican Communion

**24 – 26** Refugees, internally displaced families and those living in a climate of

 fear

 **27 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

 **28-30** All involved with the responsibility of caring for and supporting family life

 **31 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

## Final Blessing

**May we be filled with joy**

**throughout this Advent season**

**of hope and transformation.**

**Amen**