

Midday Prayers 2024: Transformation – Now!
February
Works of Transformation

Monday: Discipleship that Transforms

Opening words – Oh Lord, just as the lives of men and women in the Bible were transformed as they experienced Your living presence, so may we be changed as we encounter You a fresh today.

¹You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. ²I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. ³Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. ⁴I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. ⁵I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. Psalm 63:1-5

Generous, loving God, you have provided all the resources for works of transformation which create a sustainable future. Help us to use your provision well to effectively serve our communities, wherever we live in your world.

Lord, You know us better than we know ourselves. Meet with us and show us how to follow your direction and purpose. Give us, we pray, the understanding, resources and supernatural power to effect total transformation, rather than a superficial, temporary covering over issues.

With gratitude and hope
we celebrate the goodness of God.
Amen

Tuesday: Watch and Pray

Opening Words - Oh Lord, just as the lives of men and women in the Bible were transformed as they experienced Your living presence, so may we be changed as we encounter You a fresh today.

³May the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful. ⁴Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, . . . ; rejoice before him—his name is the LORD. ¹⁹Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens. ²⁰Our God is a God who saves; from the Sovereign LORD comes escape from death. ²⁶Praise God in the great congregation; praise the LORD in the assembly . . . ³²Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord, ³⁵You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary; . . . God . . . gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God! Psalm 68:3-4, 19-20, 26, 32, 35*

God of love, unconditional love, powerful love, redeeming love. May your love overflow minute by minute, bringing wholeness, wisdom and strength.
You are grace, amazing grace, everlasting grace abundant grace. May Your grace seep into every facet of our lives as we seek to know you and make you know.

You are hope, living hope, breathing hope, soaring hope. We ask for your hope to grow in us as we seek to be light and salt to those around us.

God of love, grace and hope we give you thanks and praise that you are the God of transformation.

Wednesday: Worldwide Membership

Opening Words - Oh Lord, just as the lives of men and women in the Bible were transformed as they experienced Your living presence, so may we be changed as we encounter You a fresh today.

¹⁹ Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:19–25*

Loving Lord,

We look back this gratitude on all that has been achieved thus far in the name of Mothers' Union worldwide. As we look to the future, we pray that we may always act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God. Amen

Lord we pray for members and branches across the world that each of us would know how much you love us. Give us the confidence to put our faith in action that we would see transformation now. God we stand in faith to believe that in every situation, You hear us, You are with us and You will make a way where there seems to be no way.

The Mary Sumner Prayer

All this day, O Lord,
let me touch as many lives
as possible for thee;
and every life I touch,
do thou by thy spirit quicken,
whether through the word I speak,
the prayer I breathe,
or the life I live.

Amen

Thursday: Peace Makers

Opening Words - Oh Lord, just as the lives of men and women in the Bible were transformed as they experienced Your living presence, so may we be changed as we

encounter You a fresh today.

⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁹ You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:4-5, 9*

We stand in prayer for the peace of the nations in our world – nations that have been embroiled in needless conflicts and wars at various levels. We pray that the peace of the Lord will flow down like rivers from the mountains to engulf all our communities where wars, conflicts and strife of all forms are experienced. We express our unwavering support for the Churches in conflict zones, and pray that the Holy Spirit will convict warlords and war mongers to reconsider their motivations for resorting to armed conflict and instead seek for the peace of the nations. We pray that our leaders (faith, political, community and other social agents) will appreciate that the true worth of power diminishes if there is no country or people left to be governed and to acknowledge the fact that human life cannot be sacrificed for selfish ambitions or personal interests in the pursuit and exercise of power. Human life is sacred and must be respected and preserved at all costs.
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Friday: Intergenerational Learning

Opening words - Oh Lord, just as the lives of men and women in the Bible were transformed as they experienced Your living presence, so may we be changed as we encounter You a fresh today.

I will sing of the LORD's unfailing love forever! Young and old will hear of your faithfulness. Your unfailing love will last forever. Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens.
Psalm 89:1-2 (NLT)

I think of a woman I know who is an educator, that could be a mum, a teacher or a vicar to name but a few. I think of her in her position of leadership and influence, with all the pressures and stresses that entails. I pray for her now that she will experience the peace of God and wisdom of an open heaven.

Let us pray for parents/guardians and pupils who are joining different levels of the educational ladder this year as the school year begins in most Africa countries. Times are hard, economics of taxes and more taxes are biting hard at the incomes of families and therefore their ability to meet the needs for fees and other provisions for school. Let us pray for God's provision and for governments to live up to their social responsibility of providing easy and equitable access to education for all across all countries.
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Saturday: A Flourishing World

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¹ Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. ² Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. ³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples. ⁴ For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise.
Psalm 96:1-4*

Nature serves as a symbol of human life itself.
It serves to remind us of baptism and all that follows,
In the still lakes and tumbling waterfalls.
It serves to remind us of reaching out and never giving up.
As the salmon leaps against the tide with determination and faith.
In the coming of spring we recognise new life, new birth,
Sign of God's enduring faithfulness and forgiveness.
Teach us to learn from your wonderful works. Amen.
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Wave of Prayer for Mothers' Union

Final Blessing

Jesus, brightness of your Father,
guide every event in our lives
for your highest purpose
and for our good,
until we arrive in your house,
and stand before your throne;
you live and reign, now and forever. Amen
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