# Midday Prayers 2022: Transformation – Now!

# July

# God’s church for God’s world

# *The Biblical focus for the Lambeth Conference 2022*

**Monday**: **Living hope**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope

through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

*1 Peter 1:3*

Father God, merciful One

we praise you for the living hope

you have given to us

through your perfect plan of salvation.

Jesus Christ, precious Saviour,

we praise you for the living hope

of relationship with God

through your triumphant resurrection.

Holy Spirit, perfect Counsellor,

we praise you for the living hope

you nurture within us

through your work of transformation

**Gracious God,**

**we praise you for your living hope**

**and loving assurance**

**which sustains our lives now**

**and prepares us for eternity.**

**Amen**

**Tuesday: Loving holiness**

Just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;

for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

*1 Peter 1: 15-16*

**As your church for your world,**

**we cry out to you, our Lord and King:**

**set us apart to reflect your holiness;**

**sanctify us to witness of your love.**

To your church in your world,

send the fire of your Holy Spirit

to burn away our selfishness and sin,

and ignite within us the flame of holiness

to shine as a light in the shadows of life.

**As your church for your world,**

**may our words and our deeds,**

**may our unity and love,**

**be expressions of your holiness**

**and a transforming presence**

**in the communities we serve.**

**Amen**

**Wednesday: Living stones**

As you come to him, the living Stone… you also, like living stones,

are being built into a spiritual houseto be a holy priesthood,

offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

*1 Peter 2:4, 5*

**Build up the Church, redeeming Lord,**

**so that all your children may find their place,**

**unique and special, chosen and essential**

**to the living edifice of grace**.

Where by your grace

each one might know their value in your economy,

and their significance in your eyes.

Help us all, this day, to be living stones, and not dead weights.

Dreaming dreams, and living gloriously the joy and kindliness

of a faith that edifies everything that life should be.

**In the name of our Saviour,**

**our cornerstone, we pray.**

**Amen**

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**Thursday: Living good lives**

Live such good lives among the pagans that,

though they accuse you of doing wrong,

they may see your good deeds and glorify God

on the day he visits us.

*1 Peter 2:12*

**Christ our Lord and Saviour,**

**may our lives reflect your goodness**

**to the communities around us,**

**as we seek to serve them well.**

Help us to live in such a way

that our words and actions may be one,

and our faith seen to be real.

And so may all we say,

all we do,

and all we are,

witness to you and the wonder of your love

shown through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**You are a God of love and mercy,**

**and we praise you,**

**in his name.**

**Amen**

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**Friday: Loving life**

Whoever would love life
and see good days…
must turn from evil and do good;

they must seek peace and pursue it.

*1 Peter 3:10, 11*

**Loving Lord,**

**we turn from our selfish ways**

**and seek out the way of peace,**

**that we may embrace abundant life:**

What wonders we find in the gift of life.

Our joy in the beauty of nature;

our delight in loving relationships;

our pleasure in a job well done

or a new skill mastered.

Each facet of life adds richness to our days.

A foretaste of the glory that awaits

when we step into the realm of eternity

and our cup overflows.

**Loving Lord,**

**we turn from our selfish ways**

**and celebrate your abundant life**

**with thankful hearts.**

**Amen**

**Saturday: Loving deeply**

# Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth

# so that you have sincere love for each other,

# love one another deeply, from the heart.

# *1 Peter 1:22*

**As God’s church for God’s world**

**let us love one another deeply,**

**and seek each other’s good,**

**that we may be a living example**

**of the love of Christ for all.**

Jesus offers a new-old commandment,
that we should love each other.

With the incredible power

and the unfathomable depth
of God's love for us
we can
we must
love one another.

And it is in this
our love for one another
that the world will know
whom and what we worship.

**Come, children of God,**

**let us love one another.**

**Amen**

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# Wave of Prayer for Mothers’ Union

Lord, we pray for Mothers’ Union worldwide.

 **1** Eastern Zambia in Zambia; Mombasa in Kenya; Gwagwalada & Ekiti-

 West in Nigeria; Leicester in England and Temotu in Solomon Islands**Cross references:**

 **2 – 4** Renk in South Sudan; Cyangugu in Rwanda; Arochukwu/Ohafia & Ile-

 Oluji in Nigeria; St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane in Scotland and Sittwe

 in Myanmar

 **5 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

 **6 – 8**  Wad Medani in Sudan; Kondoa in Tanzania; Ikwo & Remo in Nigeria;

 Montreal in Canada and the Windward Islands in St Lucia, Grenada,

 St Vincent & The Grenadines

 **9 – 11** El Obeid in Sudan; Butere in Kenya; Nnewi in Nigeria; London in England

 and the Province of the USA

 **12 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

**13 – 15** Toliara in Madagascar; Mbale in Uganda; Zaria & Ndokwa in

 Nigeria, Rochester in England and Chhattisgarh in India

**16 – 18** Lake Malawi in Malawi; Byumba in Rwanda; Jalingo in Nigeria;

 St Edmundsbury & Ipswich in England and Lucknow in India

 **19 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

**20 – 22** Gitega in Burundi; Murag’a South and Mbeere in Kenya; Enugu North in

 Nigeria; Polynesia in Tonga and Jaffna in Diocese of Church of South

 India

**23– 25** George in South Africa; Bungoma in Kenya; Western Tanganyika in

 Tanzania; Ideato in Nigeria; Sodor & Man in Isle of Man and Toronto

 in Canada

 **26 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

**27 - 29** Northern Zambia in Zambia; Mpwapwa in Tanzania; Gusau & Osun in

 Nigeria; Sydney in Australia and Rayalaseema in India

**Cross references:**

**30 – 31** Boga in DR Congo; Manicaland in Zimbabwe; Tanga in Tanzania; Ogoni in

 Nigeria; Carlisle in England and Melbourne in Australia

## Final Blessing

As God’s church for God’s world,

may we be a living witness of the love of Christ

through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen