# Midday Prayers 2023: Transformation – Now!

# June

# Serving Christ in every way

## Monday: Serving wholeheartedly

Lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him,

as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow

in the knowledge of God.

*Colossians 1:10*

**Thank you, Lord,**

**that as we grow in faith**

**so we grow in commitment**

**to those you call us to serve.**

May we serve with the love of Christ

and bring comfort that comes from God.

May we share burdens through the power of Christ

and bring strength that comes from God.

May we view others through the eyes of Christ

and show compassion that comes from God.

May we respond with the forbearance of Christ,

and show grace that comes from God.

**May our faith in Christ inspire us**

**to lives of wholehearted service.**

**Amen**

## Tuesday: Serving with love

My children, we should love people not only with words and talk,

but by our actions and true caring.

*1 John 3: 18 (NCV)*

**Lord, we hear your word;**

**let us be doers of your will.**

Thank you, Lord

for showing us that love

has no boundaries or end

but listens, has patience,

compassion, grace,

and gives without counting cost.

Thank you for granting us

a heart for those you love,

and a willingness

to step out in faith

and service.

Thank you , Lord

for showing us true love

can be ours to know and give.

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**Loving Lord,**

**help us to follow your ways**

**to enable our work to flourish.**

**May your living Word inspire us**

**for lives of loving service.**

**Amen**

## Wednesday: Worship through serving

Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God,

dedicated to his service and pleasing to him.

This is the true worship that you should offer.

*Romans 12:1*

**Loving Lord,**

**we worship you.**

**We offer up our lives**

**as a sacrifice of praise.**

May the works of our hands to serve others

be reflected as hands raised in worship.

May our words of support for the vulnerable

echo in the heavens as songs of praise to our God.

May each step that we take to alleviate need

be woven into dancing in the presence of our Lord.

May all that we do in the service of Christ

be an offering of true worship.

**May our worship of God be manifest**

**through our lives of faithful service.**

**Amen**

## Thursday: Serving with our hands

You obey the law of Christ

when you offer each other a helping hand.

*Galatians 6:2 (CEV)*

**Lord, we hear your word;**

**let us be doers of your will.**

God, help me to cherish the last time I used my hands

to touch someone with love,

to hold someone with comfort,

to reach out to someone with compassion

to make something constructive

to place power into another’s hands

So that I may always touch, hold,

reach out, make and place;

and let my hands lead me

in a life of action

where my words may follow.

Amen

*Rachel Halsall*

**Loving Lord,**

**help us to follow your word**

**to enable our work to flourish.**

**May the love of God inspire us**

**to reach out our hands in service.**

**Amen**

## Friday: Serving with our voice

To give an appropriate answer is a joy;
how good is a word at the right time!

*Proverbs 15:23*

**Loving Lord,**

**use our voices in service**

**to comfort the suffering,**

**and proclaim the mercy of God.**

Living Word,

give us your compassion

to speak words of comfort

to the troubled.

**Lord, give us your words of life.**

Living Word,

give us your insight

to speak words of encouragement

to the weary.

**Lord, give us your words of life.**

Living Word,

give us your mercy

to speak words of relief

to the suffering.

**Lord, give us your words of life.**

**Loving Lord,**

**help us to follow your word**

**to enable our work to flourish.**

**May the love of God inspire us**

**to speak out in faithful service.**

**Amen**

## Saturday: Serving Christ in every way

## Now you are the body of Christ,

## and each one of you is a part of it.

## *1 Corinthians 12:27*

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,

no hands but yours,

no feet but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he must look out

Christ’s compassion on the world.

Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good,

Yours are the hands with which he blesses now.

*St Teresa of Avila*

Loving Lord,

thank you for your unfailing

love and continued guidance

as we follow in the footsteps

of our Servant King.

**Fill us with your grace**

**and equip us to serve**

**that we may reach out**

**to the world you love.**

**Amen**

# Wave of Prayer for Mothers’ Union

Lord, we pray for Mothers’ Union worldwide.

 **1 - 3** Johannesburg in South Africa; Kumi in Uganda; Nsukka & Idoani

 in Nigeria; Derby in England and Madhya Kerala in India

 **4 – 6** Ibba in South Sudan; Maseno North in Kenya; Isiala-Ngwa & Ondo

 in Nigeria; Fredericton in Canada and Amritsar in India

 **7 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

 **8 – 10**  Yambio in South Sudan; Garissa in Kenya; Mbamili in Nigeria; Hereford

 in England; Willochra in Australia and Thailand

**11 – 13** Mahajanga in Madagascar; Mara in Tanzania; West Buganda in Uganda;

 Kwoi in Nigeria; Newcastle in Australia and East Kerala in India

 **14 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

**15 – 17** Bukavu in DR Congo; Nyahururu in Kenya; Gboko in Nigeria; Portsmouth

 in England and New Guinea Islands in Papua New Guinea

**18 – 20** Rejaf in South Sudan; Military Episcopate in Kenya; Doko & Owo

 in Nigeria; Chelmsford in England and Jamaica & Cayman Islands

 **21 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

**22 – 24** Rumonge in Burundi; Tabora in Tanzania; Kabba & Bukuru in Nigeria;

 St Albans in England and Nagpur in India

**25– 27** Table Bay in South Africa; Rift Valley in Tanzania; Evo & Ijebu in Nigeria;

 Adelaide in Australia and Taejon in South Korea

 **28 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

**29 - 30** Eastern Zambia in Zambia; Mombasa in Kenya; Gwagwalada & Ekiti-West

 in Nigeria; Leicester in England and Temotu in Solomon Islands

## Final Blessing

**We go from here to serve Christ; trusting in his love to sustain us, his power to enable us and his presence to guide us, today and always.**

**Amen**