

**Midday Prayers 2025: March –**

**The Power of Love through Christ**

**Monday: Love found through Christ.**

*“God’s love was revealed among us this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.*” *1 John 4: 8 –9*

Come among us, living Lord,

**We need to hear your word deep in our hearts**.

We come, through prayer, in Christ’s name,

to share his mission and his sacrifice

to receive the power of the Spirit

from our Triune God.

His motive was love;

His means, grace.

His gift was forgiveness;

His promise for eternity;

His resurrection - the confirmation. *John 3.14-16 adapted*

**What love!**

**May we all know the fulness of life found in the love of Christ Jesus. Amen**

**In Christ is life, and that life is light to all people. Amen.**

**Tuesday: Love for Creation**

*“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created - all things have been created through him and for him.”*  *Col 1: 15-16*

**Prayer:**

Jesus, you knew this world as fully human.

Felt the hot sun,

Were refreshed by its waters,

Drank of the fruit of the vine,

Ate the bread of the soil.

In your love you created this planet for us.

You abundantly filled it with all we need.

You made it beautiful for the eye to see, to know, and experience.

**Lord we so often squandered such beauty;**

**used it selfishly and wantonly.**

**Forgive us our part.**

**Help us to cherish this precious gift:**

**preserve it for all who will follow us**. **Amen**

**Wednesday: Love that makes a difference.**

*“No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.”*    *Matt 5: 15*

**Prayer**

Lord, we remember your Mother Mary:

She said Yes!

Her faith enabled you to change the world.

May we love enough to make a decision:

Make the decision to make difference,

Bring hope to the helpless,

Bring joy to the despairing,

Care for those who need love,

Comfort the sorrowful,

Share the light of your love,

And so tell the Good News of a Saviour for all. **Amen**

**Thursday: Love for your community**

*“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven . . .  For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

*Matt 6: 19,21*

**Prayer:**

Loving Lord, you began a community among your followers,

Shared their daily bread, their lives and their love for you.

You began a new community - even as you suffered on the cross,

As you bound your mother Mary and your friend John to one another.

Help us to be so gracious,

so gentle as we share love in our communities.

May we similarly care for one another;

make our neighbours and friends

fully part of one family in Christ’s name. Amen.

*‘Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,*

*for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.’ Heb 13: 16*

**May we be sharers of harmony and peace, comfort and support.**

**May our hands become the touch of Christ;**

**the bearer of love that comes from him.**

**Friday: Love bringing justice, healing, peace**

***“****You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.” But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven.”* *Matt 5: 43-45*

**Prayer**

Allow your thoughts, your will, dear Lord,

to fill our waking minds.

As we follow your ways of peace,

grant us the ability, the courage,

to bring life-giving hope

to those suffering violence, abuse,

discrimination, and persecution.

Through the power and force of your love,

coming to us by your Spirit,

may we stand firm against injustice,

and work for healing and peace

between each other and between nations.

**As your Son has set us free from the power of sin and death,**

**so may we speak that others may be so set free,**

**in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen**

**Saturday: Love that is inclusive.**

***“****So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,”* E*ph 2: 17-19*

In Him there is neither Jew nor Gentile

neither Roman Catholic nor Protestant,

**All are one in Jesus Christ**

In Him there is neither black nor white

neither north nor south

**All are on in Jesus Christ.**

In Him there is neither male nor female

neither master nor servant

**All are one in Jesus Christ**

In Him there is neither rich nor poor

neither middle class nor working class

**All are one in Jesus Christ**.

*Iona Abbey Worship Book*

**Prayer**

Loving Lord, you created our world;

in all its glory, variety and provisions.

You created humanity,

in awesome variety of culture, language,

colour, and perspectives.

Help us see Christ in each person we meet

and to thank you for unity in diversity.

Help us to be people showing love for others

through inclusion, forgiveness, compassion and social justice.

**Wave of Prayer for March**

**2-4 March: Yei** in South Sudan; **Luweero** in Uganda; **On the Lake** in Nigeria; **Grafton** in Australia; **Armagh** in All Ireland and **South Kerala** in India

**5-7 March: Bujumbura** in Burundi; **Maseno** South in Kenya; **Ihiala** in Nigeria; **Cameroon; Calgary** in Canada and **Ysabel** in Solomon Islands

**9-11 March: Awerial** in South Sudan; **Mityana** in Uganda; **Uyo & Ajayi Crowther** in Nigeria; **Rupert's Land** in Canada and **Patna** in India

**12-14 March: Port Elizabeth** in South Africa; **West Ankole** in Uganda; **Nomadic Mission & Ekiti-Kwara** in Nigeria; **Worcester** in England and the **Episcopal Church of the Philippines**

**16-18 March: Kajo-Keji** in South Sudan; **Tarime** in Tanzania; **Dutse & Akoko-Edo** in Nigeria and **Canterbury** in England

**19-21 March: Antisiranana** in Madagascar; **Busoga** in Uganda; **Yola & Oke-Ogun** in Nigeria; **Algoma** in Canada and **Jabalpur** in India

**23-25 March: Rokon** in South Sudan; **Kampala** in Uganda; **Kaduna** in Nigeria; **Koforidua** in Ghana; **Brisbane** in Australia and **Peru**

**26-28 March: Central Zambia** in Zambia; **Southern Highlands** in Tanzania; **Ogbaru & Badagry** in Nigeria; **Bermuda and Chandigarh** in India

**30-31st March: Toamasina** in Madagascar; **Mukono** in Uganda; **Ikwerre & Ife** East in Nigeria; **Down & Dromore** in All Ireland and **Delhi** in India

**Final Blessing**

My God bless us with enough foolishness
to believe that we can make a difference in the world,
so that we can do what others claim cannot be done,
to bring justice, kindness and love
to a hurting world.

Amen