# Midday Prayers 2023: Transformation – Now!

# May

# Transformation of the Church

## Monday: Birth of the Church

Peter said, ‘Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ

for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three

thousand were added to their number that day.

*Acts 2:38, 41*

The Spirit came
and your Church was born,
in wind and fire
and words of power.

The Spirit came
blowing fear aside,
and in its place
weak hearts were stronger.

The Spirit came
as your word foretold,
with dreams and signs,
visions and wonders.

The Spirit came
and is here today,
to feed the hearts
of a world that hungers.
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**Come, Holy Spirit.**

**Build your church in love and power**

**to fulfil your mission on earth.**

**Amen**

## Tuesday: A united Church

They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and

sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people.

And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

All the believers were one in heart and mind.

*Acts 2:46-47; 4:32*

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

**Unite the church in communion**

**to reflect the Father’s heart**

**and glorify his holy name.**

Heavenly Father,

we rejoice to be your family,

united in sharing life together.

Empowered by your Spirit

we praise your holy name.

As we share your goodness together,

turn our gaze to those around us.

Empowered by your Spirit

may we draw them into your church.

**Heavenly Father,**

**unite us in communion as your church.**

**Empowered by your Spirit**

**we glorify your holy name.**

**Amen**

## Wednesday: An empowered Church

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken.

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit

and spoke the word of God boldly.

*Acts 4:31*

**Come Holy Spirit.**

**Fill your church with power,**

**enfold us in your love,**

**inspire us with your truth.**

The Spirit of God,

precious gift

once bestowed upon the few,

is now lavished on us all.

**In faith we receive the Holy Spirit;**

**the blessing of God to empower his church .**

Holy Spirit,

envision your church with holy purpose;

that we may build God’s kingdom on earth.

**With joy we receive the Holy Spirit;**

**the blessing of God to empower his church.**

Christ our Lord,

fill your church with the power of your Spirit

to boldly declare the wonders of God.

**Amen**

## Thursday: A global Church

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them

in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19*

God our Father,

we come to you as ordinary, everyday people,

nothing special about us

and no particular merits to boast of,

yet you have welcomed us into your family,

you have called us to be your Church,

and you have given us a place

among the great company of saints

in heaven and on earth.

**By your grace,**

**help us to fulfil that calling,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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Our Father binds us together

from the four corners of the world;

His love draws us in to himself

and out to one another, his global church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Amen**

## Friday: A witnessing Church

With great power the apostles continued to testify

to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all.

*Acts 4:35*

## Draw your Church together, O God;

into one great company of disciples;

together following our Lord Jesus Christ

into every walk of life,

together serving him

in his mission to the world,

and together witnessing to his love

on every continent and island.

Fill us with your love

So that we my gladly speak for you, work for you,

And live our whole life for you,

Until all the nations of the earth

Join with us in endless praise;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**Come, Holy Spirit.**

**Build your church**

**to be a witness of your love.**

**Amen**

## Saturday: A holy Church

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy,

cleansing her by the washing with water through the word.

*Ephesians 5:25-26*

**Come Holy Spirit.**

**Transform your church**

**into the image of Christ**

**that we may be his holy bride**

**reflecting the radiance of his glory.**

The Church’s one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy Bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

*S.J. Stone; 1839-1900*

**Come Holy Spirit.**

**Ready your church**

**for the wedding of the lamb**

**that we may be Christ’s holy bride**

**clothed in the radiance of his glory.**

**Amen**

# Wave of Prayer for Mothers’ Union

Lord, we pray for Mothers’ Union worldwide.

 **1 - 2** Aru in DR Congo; Kigezi in Uganda; Ikeduru in Nigeria; Ho in Ghana;

 York in England and Guyana & Suriname in Guyana

 **3 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

 **4 – 6** Uppershire in Malawi; Maralal Missionary Area in Kenya; Makurdi & Ifo

 in Nigeria; Tuam, Killala & Achonry in All Ireland and Mumbai in India

 **7 – 9**  Torit in South Sudan; Meru in Kenya; Ikwuano in Nigeria; Sekondi in

 Ghana and The Arctic in Canada

 **10 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

**11 – 13** Twic East in South Sudan; Rorya in Tanzania; Owerri & Ughelli in

 Nigeria; Gippsland in Australia and Cashel & Ossory in All Ireland

**14 – 16** Maridi in South Sudan; Kirinyaga in Kenya; Zaki-Biam & Ijesa North-East

 in Nigeria and Waikato & Taranaki in New Zealand

 **17 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

**18 – 20**  Grahamstown in South Africa; Masasi in Tanzania; Afikpo in Nigeria;

 Wiawso in Ghana; Chester in England and Northern Argentina in

 Argentina

**21 – 23** Christ the King in South Africa; East Rwenzori in Uganda;

 Gombe & New Busa in Nigeria and Bunbury in Australia

 **24 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

**25– 27** Bor in South Sudan; Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania; Oru & Oleh in

 Nigeria; Rockhampton in Australia and Agra in India

**28 - 30** Angola; North Ankole in Uganda; Okene & Ibadan-South in Nigeria;

 Aberdeen & Orkney in Scotland and Karnataka South in India

 **31 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

## Final Blessing

**May the church be transformed by the Holy Spirit,**

**as we seek to fulfil God’s mission on earth.**

**Amen**