# Midday Prayers 2022: Transformation – Now!

# October

# Transformed lives

**Monday**: **Zaccheus**

Zacchaeus said to the Lord,

“Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor,

and if I have cheated anybody out of anything,

I will pay back four times the amount.”

*Luke 19: 8*

**Lord, transform our hearts,**

**transform our lives.**

**Work deeply within**

**to bring newness and change**

**that we may be channels of your love**

**and blessing for the world.**

Like Zacchaeus, help us, O God,  
to lose our fear of stepping outside our place,  
of doing things differently,  
of seeking Christ in our lives.  
Christ’s invitation awaits us  
to start anew,  
to make amends,  
to live in Christ’s way.

**God of change and renewal,  
we give thanks for your love  
that makes this possible  
for each one of us.  
Amen**

From United Church of Canada

**Tuesday: Mary of Nazareth**

The angel said: “Nothing will be impossible with God.”

Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord;

let it be with me according to your word.”

*Luke 1:37-38 (NRSV)*

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**and blessing for the world.**

Lord, like Mary, you call us

to lives of obedience and faith .

**Forgive us when we ignore your voice**

**and surrender to doubt and fear.**

Lord, like Mary, you call us

to lives of acceptance and praise.

**Forgive us when we reject your ways**

**and surrender to selfishness.**

God of mercy and grace

forgive our faults and weaknesses.

**Transform us into people**

**of obedience and faith**

**that all things are possible with God.**

**Amen**

**Wednesday: Bartimaeus**

Bartimaeus said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

Jesus said, “Go, your faith has healed you.”

Immediately he received his sight

and followed Jesus along the road.

*Mark 10:51-52*

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God, who gives sight to the blind,

flood the eyes of our hearts with light

and transform our clouded vision.

We pray for those whose vision

is clouded by the storms of life;

where knowledge is partial

and understanding blurred.

**Help us to shine with your light**

**through mists of confusion and hurts.**

**Help us to share the power of your love**

**to bring clearer insight and healing.**

**Amen**

**Thursday: Woman at the well**

Jesus said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,

but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst.

Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water

welling up to eternal life.’

*John 4:13-14*

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**and blessing for the world.**

Still us, God,

so we might listen to you speaking to us,

knowing us, seeing us, loving us.

Fill us with your Living Water

that will transform our spirits and souls

into springs that burst forth

with life and love

for your people, for ourselves,

and for our world.

**Amen**

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**Friday: Lazarus**

Jesus called in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ 

The dead man came out, his hands and feet

wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth round his face.

Jesus said to them, ‘Take off the grave clothes and let him go.’

*John 11:43-44*

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**and blessing for the world.**

Holy God, Creator of Life,  
you call us out of our dark places,

offering us the grace of new life.  
When we see nothing but hopelessness,

you surprise us with the breath of your Spirit.  
  
**Call us out of our complacency and routines,  
set us free from our self-imposed bonds,  
and fill us with your Spirit of life,**

**compassion, and peace.  
Amen**

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**Saturday: Mary Magdalene**

Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news:

“I have seen the Lord!”

And she told them that he had said these things to her.

*John 20: 16, 18*

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**transform our lives.**

**Work deeply within**

**to bring newness and change**

**that we may be channels of your love**

**and blessing for the world.**

May the risen Christ

who called Mary by her name

come to us to reassure us

that he knows us and loves us

as if there was no one else.

**May he fill us with his life and his love,**

**for our own sake, in the service of others,**

**and above all to his everlasting glory.**

**Amen**

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# Wave of Prayer for Mothers’ Union

Lord, we pray for Mothers’ Union worldwide.

**1-3** Nzara in South Sudan; North Kigezi in Uganda; Kivu in Rwanda;

Damataru in Nigeria; Auckland in New Zealand and Vanuatu and New

Caledonia in Vanuatu

**4 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

**5 – 7**  Mbhashe in South Africa; Kitgum in Uganda; Ukwa & Ilesa South-West in

Nigeria; Tasmania in Australia and Central Melanesia in Solomon Islands

**8 – 10** Ethiopia; Zanzibar in Tanzania; Awgu/Aninri in Nigeria; Freetown in

Sierre Leone; Monmouth in Wales and Malaita in Solomon Islands

**11 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

**12 – 14** Ezo in South Sudan; Thika in Kenya; Jos & Akoko in Nigeria; in Europe

and União de Mulheres Episcopais Anglicanas do Brasil (UMEAB) in Brazil

**15 – 17** Terekeka in South Sudan; Nairobi in Kenya; Maiduguri & Osun North in

Nigeria; Edinburgh in Scotland and Calcutta in India

**18 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

**19– 21** High Veld in South Africa; Nambale in Kenya; Niger-Delta in Nigeria;

in Guinea; Blackburn in England and Bhopal in India

**22 – 24** Kimberley and Kuruman in South Africa; Kitui in Kenya; Kano & Kwara in

Nigeria; Armidale in Australia and Myitkyina in Myanmar

**Cross references:**

**25 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

**26 – 28**  Malakal in South Sudan; All Saints Cathedral in Kenya; Kontagora & Osun

North East in Nigeria; Glasgow & Galloway in Scotland and Pune in India

**29 – 31** Luapula in Zambia; Nakuru in Kenya; South Rwenzori in Uganda; Ibadan-

North in Nigeria; Connor in All Ireland and Pusan in South Korea

## Final Blessing

### **May the amazing grace of Jesus Christ,**

### **the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit transform our lives to be a blessing to the world.**

**Amen**