# Midday Prayers 2021: Rebuilding hope and confidence

# September

# Season of creation

**Monday**: **Creator God**

In your time, Creator God,
this world was put in place,
and in your time
became beautiful,
through the craftsmanship of your love.
Remind us always,
as we look at sunrise,
landscape and tiny child,
that at the centre of all things,
is the creative love of God.

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**You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created**

**and have their being.**

*Revelation 4:11*

The earth is yours O Lord

**You created it and gave it form.**

You called life out of chaos

**Made humankind in your image,**

**co-creators with you.**

You looked at all you had made

and pronounced it good

**Blessed be God forever.**

**Amen**

**Tuesday: Creation**

**The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.**

Day after day they pour forth speech;

night after night they display knowledge.

There is no speech or language
where their voice is not heard.

**Their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.**

*Psalm 19:1-4*

Creation proclaims the glory of God

**Let our lips not stay silent.**

Nature sings its praise to God

**Let our praise rise in harmony**

The heavens declare the splendour of God

**Let our lives reflect his beauty.**

May we, who alone of all his creation,

know the joy of God’s eternal salvation,

let our mouths, hearts and lives be filled

with praise and thanksgiving

above all in heaven and earth.

**Amen**

**Wednesday: Caring for creation**

You appointed them rulers over everything you made;

you placed them over all creation.

*Psalm 8:6 (GNT)*

**All that God has made is very good;**

**let us steward creation with integrity and care.**

Lord we give thanks that all you have made is very good:

For the quality and quantity of your provision;

enough for all throughout your world to eat their fill and thrive.

Lord forgive us that our stewardship has not been good:

We have exploited our union with creation;

taking without replenishing; hoarding without sharing.

Lord, help us to take responsibility for the future:

To sustain and value your creation,

that those to come will find a fruitful inheritance.

**All that God has made is very good;**

**let us steward creation with integrity and care.**

**Amen**

**Thursday: fruitfulness of creation**

The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed

according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it

according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

*Genesis 1:12*

**Lord of creation,**

**bountiful giver,**

**we bring you our first fruits of praise.**

One crop, one fruit, one seed,

one flower, one creature, one race.

If all creation was one of each kind,

we would overflow with gratitude and praise.

Yet, Lord, we are blessed by your lavish abundance;

we marvel at nature’s diversity.

Lord of creation,

we give you thanks for nature’s rich variety.

Lord of the harvest,

we praise you for creation’s wondrous array.

**Lord of creation,**

**bountiful giver,**

**we bring you our first fruits of praise**

**and celebrate your goodness**

**with thankful hearts.**

**Amen**

**Friday: Climate change**

I brought you into a land of plenty,

to enjoy its gifts and goodness,

but you ruined my land;

you disgraced my heritage.

*Jeremiah 2:7*

**God of life,**

**we pray for all those who are struggling**

**with the effects of climate change**

**and the exploitation of our earth’s resources.**

Fill us with a spirit of concern for the future,

that we may learn from our state of environmental irresponsibility

and become responsible custodians of your creation.

May those in authority make decisions that will be life-giving for all.

**Inspire us to refocus our lives**

**and centre on all you have created,**

**so we may redress the injustice of climate change**

**and look forward**

**to a future full of hope**

**in a caring, sharing, respectful world.**

**In Jesus’ name.**

**Amen**

*From Dear Lord Prayer Book: Jacqui Armstrong*

**Saturday: Creator God**

The God who made the world and everything in it

is the Lord of heaven and earth.

In him we live and move and have our being.

*Acts 17:24, 28*

O Divine Voice,

**You sing and the universe comes into being;**

O Divine Breath,

**You breathe and all things spring to life;**

O Divine Word,

**You call and creation is sustained;**

O Divine Flesh,

**You are born among us,**

**and the Creator is clothed in creation;**

In amazement and awe, in wonder and celebration

we marvel at this mystery:

In you all things live and move and have being,

In all things, you live and move

and express your Divine artistry;

**And so we join with creation**

**in the eternal song of worship and wonder.**

**Amen**

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# Wave of Prayer for Mothers’ Union

Lord, we pray for Mothers’ Union worldwide.

 **1-2** Harare in Zimbabwe; Machakos in Kenya; Ogori-Magongo & Ekiti in

 Nigeria; Southwark in England and Phulbani in India

 **3 – 5**  Khartoum in Sudan; Dar es Salaam in Tanzania; Bari & Ilesa in Nigeria;

 Gloucester in England and Dugapur in India

 **6 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

 **7 – 9** Pacong in South Sudan; Southern Nyanza in Kenya; Kutigi & Ijesha North

 in Nigeria; Bristol in England and Karnataka Central in India

**10 – 12** Pretoria in South Africa; North Mbale in Uganda; Oke-Osun in Nigeria;

 Exeter in England and Barbados

 **13 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

**14 – 16** Mthatha in South Africa; Namirembe in Uganda; Pankshin & Sabongidda-

 Ora in Nigeria; Dublin & Glendalough in All Ireland and Central Solomons

 in Solomon Islands

**17– 19** Buye in Burundi; Sebei in Uganda; Abakaliki & Ekiti-Oke in Nigeria;

 Southwell & Nottingham in England and Belize

 **20 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

**21 – 23** Rumbek in South Sudan; Soroti in Uganda; Aba Ngwa North & Oyo in

 Nigeria; Peterborough in England and North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba

**Cross references:**

**24 – 26** Makamba in Burundi; North Karamoja in Uganda; Lokoja & Sapele in

 Nigeria; Truro in England and Tirunelveli in India

 **27 Mothers’ Union worldwide**

**28 – 30** Katanga in DR Congo; Rwenzori in Uganda; Mbaise & Egba in Nigeria;

 Meath & Kildare in All Ireland and Tiruchirappalli Thanjavur in India

## Final Blessing

**May God the Holy Spirit, who hovered over the waters of creation**

**and formed the world from chaos,**

**form us in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the earth.**

**Amen**