# Midday Prayers 2023: Transformation – Now!

# September

# Seasons

Monday: **Seasons**

As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,
summer and winter, day and night
will never cease.

*Genesis 8:22*

**God of the seasons,**

**Lord of the harvest,**

**we bring you our**

**first fruits of praise.**

God of the seasons,

we give you thanks

for the rhythm of life

by which our days are set.

As day follows night

so harvest follows seedtime

and we receive once more

the provision of our Creator.

From summer to winter

we are blessed by the crop

of his lavish abundance

which delights and sustains

throughout every season.

Lord of the harvest,

we give you thanks

for your covenant provision

by which our needs are met.

**God of the seasons,**

**Lord of the harvest,**

**we bring you our**

**first fruits of praise.**

**Amen**

## Tuesday: Seasons of life

There is a time for everything,

and a season for every activity

under the heavens.

*Ecclesiastes 3:1*

**Throughout life there are seasons**

**and moments of significance.**

Times to celebrate life

and times to mourn loss.

Seasons of laughter

and seasons of sadness.

Times of new beginnings

and times of final endings.

Moments of unexpected joy

moments of unwanted challenge.

Times to draw close together

and times of letting go.

Seasons of harmony

and seasons of discord.

Moments to look forward with hope

moments to look back with thanksgiving.

**Lord of the seasons,**

**God in the moment,**

**we bring you our worship and praise.**

**Amen**

## Wednesday: Serving in every season

Let us not grow weary in doing good,

for in due season we shall reap,

if we do not give up.

*Galatians 6:9 (MEV)*

**Lord of each and every season,**

**we celebrate your goodness.**

**We bless your holy name.**

Gracious God,

the signs of your kingdom are growing

but the workers to gather are few.

Send us out in every season

to the harvest fields of life.

**May those who sow and those who reap**

**rejoice in an abundant harvest**

**of goodness and grace.**

Give us your strength to carry on

throughout changing seasons,

knowing that we will reap blessings

both now and for eternity.

**Lord of each and every season,**

**we celebrate your goodness.**

**We bless your holy name.**

**Amen**

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## Thursday: Seasons of change

God changes times and seasons…

He gives wisdom to the wise

and knowledge to the discerning.

*Daniel 2:21*

**God of changing times and seasons**

**we give praise that you remain the same**

**whilst your mercies are ever new.**

We pray for all who approach a change in season:

Where the past has been good, may they be thankful,

and filled with vision for the season ahead.

Where the past has been hard, may they know rest,

and be filled with hope for the season ahead.

Give us all grace to embrace seasons of change;

to set aside regrets and welcome fresh paths,

with trust in your unchanging love.

**God of changing times and seasons**

**we give praise that you remain the same**

**whilst your mercies are ever new.**

**Amen**

## Friday: Seasons of fruitfulness

The one whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night,
is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season.

*Psalm 1:2-3*

**Loving Lord,**

**we take delight in you.**

**Plant your love within us**

**that we may enjoy seasons**

**of abundant fruitfulness.**

Lead us, loving Father,

to fertile places; to cultivate

a harvest of faith.

Teach us, gracious Saviour,

to nestle close to you; that the Spirit

may produce fruit in us.

Grow us, heavenly Gardener,

into those who have spiritual food

to share with the world.

**Loving Lord,**

**we take delight in you.**

**Nurture us with your goodness**

**that we may enjoy seasons**

**of abundant fruitfulness.**

**Amen**

## Saturday: Content in every season

I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation,

whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

*Philippians 4:12-13*

**Lord, give me a heart of contentment**

**in every season through which I walk.**

An attitude of thanksgiving,

whether the storehouse for life seems empty

or overflowing with blessed provision.

**Lord, give me a spirit of contentment**

**in every season through which I walk.**

An inner strengthening by Christ,

to trust in his constant faithfulness

whether tears overwhelm or all is well.

**Lord, teach me the secret of contentment**

**for every season through which I live.**

The peace beyond all understanding,

which guards my heart

and turns fear to faith.

**Amen**

# 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 the Lord of peace himself give us peace

at all times and in every season.

The Lord be with us all.

Amen