

Midday Prayers 2021: Rebuilding hope and confidence
December
Advent words of hope

Monday: Living Word

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. The Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us.

John 1:1-2, 14

The Word became flesh and lived among us.
In wonder and reverence we bring him our praise.

The Word:

The one who spoke the earth into being,
who flung stars into space, who set the planets in orbit
and breathed life into humankind.

The Word:

The Son of God, Light of the World;
fully God, fully man; our Rescuer.

The Word:

To all who received him
He gave the right to be called children of God.

The Word became flesh and lived among us.
With gratitude and joy we bring him our praise.

Amen

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Tuesday: Words of hope

A voice of one calling:
'In the wilderness prepare
the way for the Lord;
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.
Isaiah 40:3, 5

In the lonely places:
the wilderness
where we stand forlorn
windswept and alone
your voice calls out
Prepare the way for the Lord.

In the dark places:
where the shadows
embrace our tears
your voice calls out
Prepare the way for the Lord.
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Prepare the way for the Lord!
He is the strength that comes to our weakness,
he is the light that comes to our darkness.

The Lord is near!
Prepare the way,
and sing of his glory,
all his people.
Amen

Wednesday: Names of the Messiah

He will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6

Wonderful Counsellor, our hope is in you.

Give us your wisdom throughout our lives.
Direct our paths in the ways of grace
that we may follow you well.

Mighty God, our strength is in you.

Hold us firm in times of weakness.
Fill us with the power of the Spirit
that we may serve you well.

Everlasting Father, our trust is in you.

Surround us with your steadfast love.
Adopt us into your family
that we may abide in you.

Prince of Peace, our hope is in you.

Quieten our hearts in troubled times.
Assure us of your constant presence
that we may have no fear.

Amen

Thursday: Words of praise

Mary said:

My soul magnifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.
The Mighty One has done great things for me –
holy is his name.

Luke 1:46-47, 49

We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
Our souls magnify the Lord;

With our mouths we proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations
Our spirits rejoice in God our saviour.

We declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
**His mercy is to those who fear him
from generation to generation.**

Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
**He has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.**

You are our God and the Rock of our salvation.
We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
Our souls magnify the Lord.

Amen

R. Victor Klassen

Friday: Good news

The angel said to them,
Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy
for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour
has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2: 10-11

Like the choir of angels on the night of his birth
we sing your praise and tell out the good news.

Like the shepherds, returning from the manger,
we give you the glory for all that we have heard and seen.

Like the magi, kneeling in wonder,
we offer our gifts as a token of our love
and sign of our commitment.

Amen

Nick Fawcett

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth grace and peace to those
on whom his favour rests.**

Amen

Saturday: Words of truth

Mary treasured all these words
and pondered them in her heart.
Luke 2.19

**In this Advent season
we ponder in our hearts
the riches of God's mystery –
that Christ has come to live in us
giving the hope of glory.**

May this eternal truth be always on our hearts
that the God who breathed this world into being
placed stars into the heavens
and designed a butterfly's wing
is the God who entrusted his life
to the care of ordinary people,
became vulnerable that we might know
how strong is the power of Love.

A mystery so deep it is impossible to grasp
A mystery so beautiful it is impossible to ignore.
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**We open our hearts
to the riches of your presence.
Come Lord Jesus.
Amen**

Wave of Prayer for Mothers' Union

Lord, we pray for Mothers' Union worldwide.

- 1-2** Mpumalanga in South Africa; Central Buganda in Uganda;
Zonkwa in Nigeria; Bo in Sierra Leone; Newcastle in England and
Barrackpore in India
- 3 – 5** Akot in South Sudan; South West Tanganyika in Tanzania;
Aba & Irele-Ese Odo in Nigeria; Coventry in England and Cuttack in India
- 6 Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 7 – 9** Namibia; Mount Kenya South in Kenya; Northern Izon & Ijebu North in
Nigeria and Durham in England
- 10 – 12** Lusaka in Zambia; Shyogwe in Rwanda; Sokoto & Ikka in Nigeria;
Ely in England and Karimnagar in India
- 13 Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 14– 16** Fianarantsoa in Madagascar; Central Tanganyika in Tanzania; Calabar &
Igbomina in Nigeria; Derry & Raphoe in All Ireland and Banks & Torres in
Vanuatu
- 17 – 19** Lui in South Sudan; Embu in Kenya; Orlu & Awori in Nigeria;
The Murray in Australia and Medak in India
- 20 Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 21 – 23** Archbishops, Bishops and all clergy in the Anglican Communion
- 24 – 26** Refugees, internally displaced families and those living in a climate of
fear
- 27 Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 28-30** All involved with the responsibility of caring for and supporting family life
- 31 Mothers' Union worldwide**

Final Blessing

**As we go from here, may our words and our lives
witness to the advent of the messiah
to a world in need of hope.**

Amen