

Midday Prayers 2021: Rebuilding hope and confidence **January** **Rebuilding hope and confidence**

Monday: Rebuilding hope and confidence

Some of you will rebuild the deserted ruins of your cities.
Then you will be known as a builder of walls
and a restorer of homes.

Isaiah 58:12 (NLT)

**Loving Lord,
we look to the future with faith.
Use us to rebuild hope and confidence
in those you call us to serve.**

God of compassion, God-with-us,
be with us in these times of uncertainty.

Break into our lives, rekindle our hope
and breathe love into our communities,
that we might find new ways of supporting
and upholding one another,
bearing witness to your inclusive love
of family, friend, neighbour, and stranger alike.

**May our love for those most vulnerable
in our community
become a beacon of hope for all.
In faith, hope, and love,
in the name of Jesus, we pray.**

Amen

Rev Denise Liersch

Tuesday: Plans for the work

Many are the plans in a person's heart,
but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.
Proverbs 19:21

**Loving Lord,
we look to the future with faith.
Use us to rebuild hope and confidence
in those you call us to serve.**

God of sweeping vision,
expand our spiritual awareness
to grasp the breadth of your plans
to minister to those who hurt.

God of minute detail,
grant us wisdom to discern each way
that we may fulfil your purposes
to minister to those who hurt.

God of perfect timing,
refine our spiritual insight
to chart your course of progress
to minister to those who hurt.

**Loving Lord,
give us faith to follow your plans
for rebuilding hope and confidence
in those you call us to serve.
Amen**

Wednesday: Building materials

All the men and women whose heart moved them to bring material for all the work which the Lord had commanded through Moses to be done, brought a freewill (voluntary) offering to the Lord.

Exodus 35:29 (AMP)

**Loving Lord,
we bring to you our offerings of love,
compassion and service;
Use them to rebuild hope and confidence
in those you call us to serve.**

Thank you, Lord
for showing us that love
has no boundaries or end
but listens, has patience,
compassion, grace,
and gives without counting cost.

Thank you for granting us
a heart for those you love,
and a willingness
to step out in faith
and service.

**Thank you, Lord
for showing us true love
can be ours to know and give.**

Amen

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Thursday: Tools for the task

We have everything we need
to live a life that pleases God.
2 Peter 1:3 (CEV)

**Loving Lord,
we look to the future with faith.
Use us to rebuild hope and confidence
in those you call us to serve.**

All I am, and all I have,
I offer, Lord, to you.

I offer you these hands,
that you might use them
in and through my daily work.

I offer you these feet,
that you might lead them
to someone who needs my help.

I offer you these shoulders
if you should need them
to help lighten another's load.

I offer you this voice
that you might use it
to speak up for those in need.

**All I am, and all I have,
I offer, Lord, to you.
Amen**

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Friday: Partnership with others

Two are better off than one,
because together they can work more effectively.
Ecclesiastes 4:9 (GNT)

**Loving Lord,
we look to the future with faith.
Use us to rebuild hope and confidence
in those you call us to serve.**

We praise you, Lord,
for those who work alongside us;
sharing tasks and sharing vision.

**Loving Lord, we thank you for each other;
our partners in service and purpose.**

We praise you, Lord,
for those who walk alongside us;
pressing onwards for mutual goals.

**Loving Lord, we thank you for each other;
our partners in service and purpose.
As we look to the tasks before us
show us how to work together effectively
to rebuild hope and confidence
In those you call us to serve.
Amen**

Saturday: Strength from God

They thought:
'Their hands will get too weak for the work,
and it will not be completed.'
But I prayed, 'Now strengthen my hands.'
Nehemiah 6:9

**Gracious God,
whose loving kindness has no limits,
teach us afresh the way of Christ.**

Where we have felt discouraged,
renew us through signs of hope;
where we have been tempted to give up,
grant us strength and faith to face the day;
where we have grown anxious about the future,
give us courage to plant the seeds of tomorrow
in acts of radical love today.
Richard Andrew, Darlington Methodist District Chair

**Loving Lord,
strengthen, our hands, hearts and resolve
as we look to the future with faith.
Use us to rebuild hope and confidence
in those you call us to serve.
Amen**

Wave of Prayer for Mothers' Union

Lord, we pray for Mothers' Union worldwide.

- 1 – 3 All Mothers' Union trustees and staff throughout the world**
- 4 Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 5 – 7** Swaziland; Ruaha in Tanzania; Aguata & Lagos Mainland in Nigeria; Norwich in England and Chotanagpur in India
- 8 – 10** Lesotho; Kibungo in Rwanda; Etche & Ogbomoso in Nigeria; Leeds in England and Hanuato in Solomon Islands
- 11 Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 12 – 14** Mauritius; Kericho in Kenya; Katsina in Nigeria; Kumasi in Ghana; Winchester in England and Nandyal in India
- 15 – 17** Seychelles; Bukedi in Uganda; Enugu in Nigeria; Birmingham in England and Marathwada in India
- 18 Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 19 – 21** St Mark the Evangelist in South Africa; Butare in Rwanda; Okigwe-South in Nigeria; Gambia; British Columbia in Canada and Rajasthan in India
- 22 – 24** Egypt; Gasabo in Rwanda; Otukpo & On the Coast in Nigeria; Bathurst in Australia and Nasik in India
- 25 Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 26 – 28** False Bay in South Africa; Shinyanga in Tanzania; Umuahia & Ijebu South West in Nigeria; Bath & Wells in England and Vellore in India
- 29 – 31** Masvingo in Zimbabwe; Kibondo in Tanzania; Nebbi in Uganda; Bida in Nigeria; Llandaff in Wales and Kanyakumari in India

Final Blessing

**May the God of hope fill us with joy and peace as we trust in him,
that we may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Amen