

Midday Prayers 2023: Transformation – Now!
March
Remain in me

Monday: My Father is the gardener

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.
He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit,
while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes
so that it will be even more fruitful.

John 15:1-2

**Abundant God,
dig deeply in our lives
to prepare us for acts of service
that will produce a good return.**

Loving Father,
our heavenly gardener,
we open ourselves to your spiritual nurture.

Clear away the debris amassed over time –
the dead works, the lurking selfishness,
the weeds of doubt and disappointment.

Draw us close to the truest of vines,
to the blessing of relationship with Christ,
that we may yield a fruitful harvest
of service and love for a needy world.

Amen

Tuesday: Remain in me

Remain in me, as I also remain in you.
No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.
Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

John 15:4

Lord, we would grow with you

New shoots reaching out
Hands stretched upward
Like leaves newly formed
Soaking up your light and warmth
Lord, we would grow with you.

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In sunshine and rain
In darkness and light
In cold days and summer days
From Springtime to Winter
Lord, we would grow with you.

Lord, we would grow with you

And bring forth fruit
That is pleasing to you
Fed by your living water
Giving sustenance to others

Lord, we would grow with you.

Amen

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Wednesday: Remain in my love

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.
If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.

John 15:9-10

**Christ, the true vine, beloved of the Father,
we would remain in your love.**

Nurture us with your lavish grace
to follow your teaching
and keep your commands.

Water us with your life-giving Spirit
that we may flourish and grow
in service to God and his world.

Cultivate within us a heart of compassion
reflecting the love of our heavenly Father
as we seek to obey his life-giving Word.

**Christ, the true vine, beloved of the Father,
we would remain in your love.**

Amen

Thursday: Complete joy

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you
and that your joy may be complete.

John 15:11

**Christ, the true vine, beloved of the Father,
we open our lives to your presence.
Work deeply within that your joy may be in us
and our joy may be complete.**

As we remain in your wondrous love
may we be filled with your perfect joy,
that no one can take away;
by which we can know abundance of life.

Christ, the true vine, beloved of the Father,
help us be deeply rooted in you
that the Spirit may bear fruit in us;
that your joy may be in us
and our joy may be complete;
for the growth of your Kingdom on earth.

Amen

Friday: The greatest love

Greater love has no one than this:
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:13

**Christ the true vine, beloved of the Father,
we marvel at your selfless love;
your supreme act of friendship
for a helpless people,
that we may have eternal life.**

Love poured out
on that cruel cross,
a blood offering
so we might go free.

Love poured out,
infusing this world
with rivers of grace
and hope of rebirth.

Love poured out,
and into these hearts,
who drink from a stream
that never runs dry.

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**Christ the true vine, beloved of the Father,
we stand in awe of your supreme act of friendship;
we are blessed that you call us your friends.
Amen**

Saturday: Love one another

You are my friends if you do what I command.

This is my command: love each other.

John 15:14, 17

**Christ, the true vine, beloved of the Father,
as we remain in your love
and are filled with your joy,
give us the grace to follow your command
to love one another.**

Jesus offers a new-old commandment,
that we should love each other.

With the incredible power
and the unfathomable depth
of God's love for us
we can
we must
love one another.

And it is in this
our love for one another
that the world will know
whom and what we worship.

**Come, children of God,
let us love one another.**

Amen

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Wave of Prayer for Mothers' Union

Lord, we pray for Mothers' Union worldwide.

- 1 Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 2 – 4** Yei in South Sudan; Luweero in Uganda; On the Lake in Nigeria; Grafton in Australia; Armagh in All Ireland and South Kerala in India
- 5 – 7** Bujumbura in Burundi; Maseno South in Kenya; Ihiala in Nigeria; Cameroon; Calgary in Canada and Ysabel in Solomon Islands
- 8 Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 9 – 11** Awerial in South Sudan; Mityana in Uganda; Uyo & Ajayi Crowther in Nigeria; Rupert's Land in Canada and Patna in India
- 12 – 14** Port Elizabeth in South Africa; West Ankole in Uganda; Nomadic Mission & Ekiti-Kwara in Nigeria; Worcester in England and the Episcopal Church of the Philippines
- 15 Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 16 – 18** Kajo-Keji in South Sudan; Tarime in Tanzania; Dutse & Akoko-Edo in Nigeria and Canterbury in England
- 19 – 21** Antsiranana in Madagascar; Busoga in Uganda; Yola & Oke-Ogun in Nigeria; Algoma in Canada and Jabalpur in India
- 22 Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 23 – 25** Rokon in South Sudan; Kampala in Uganda; Kaduna in Nigeria; Koforidua in Ghana; Brisbane in Australia and Peru
- 26 – 28** Central Zambia in Zambia; Southern Highlands in Tanzania; Ogbaru & Badagry in Nigeria; Bermuda and Chandigarh in India
- 29 Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 30 – 31** Toamasina in Madagascar; Mukono in Uganda; Ikwerre & Ife East in Nigeria; Down & Dromore in All Ireland and Delhi in India

Final Blessing

**May Christ, the true vine, draw us ever closer
that we may remain in him
as we go to love and serve the Lord.**

Amen