

**Midday Prayers 2020: Building hope and confidence**  
**November**  
**Hope for gender justice**

**Monday: Equal before God**

God created human beings in his own image.  
In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.  
Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!  
*Genesis 1:27, 31*

**Creator God,  
thank you that we are all made in your image  
and equally loved by you.  
Open our eyes to behold your face  
in those of our sisters and brothers.**

As we draw near to Christ  
in whom we are united through faith,  
let us be ready to value each other  
as beloved children of God.

**We pray for all to follow Christ's example  
of treating women with equality and respect.  
We pray for the dawn of a better world  
where justice and peace may flourish.  
Amen**

**Tuesday: Hope for change**

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves;  
ensure justice for those being crushed.

Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless,  
and see that they get justice.

*Proverbs 31:8-9 (NLT)*

**God our Creator,  
we thank you for our shared calling  
as your children, male and female together,  
to care for all of creation.**

Forgive us when we fail to notice or  
to question that which is less than good:  
when we condone or perpetuate violence of any kind.

Fill us with your Spirit of wisdom  
and help us to see the world  
through your eyes of compassion and justice.

**Give us courage to challenge and to change,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Liberator.**

**Amen**

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**Wednesday: Hope of transformation**

God created both male and female and blessed them,  
the whole human race.

*Genesis 5:2 (The Message)*

**Lord,  
we pray for transformation of our societies  
which often find it easier  
to judge the victims of violence  
than to solve the problems of injustice**

We pray for a transformation in the violent way  
many men act towards and think about women.

We pray for right and just relations between women and men  
that together we may transform and overcome violence in all its forms  
and learn to celebrate our diversity and interdependence.

**We look forward to the age of peace, when violence is banished,  
both women and men are able to love and to be loved,  
and the work and wealth of our world is justly shared.**

**Amen**

*From [www.gfsworld.org](http://www.gfsworld.org)*

**Thursday: Actions of hope**

He has shown you what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with your God.

*Micah 6:8*

**Lord of justice and mercy,  
draw us close to those who hurt.  
Let us reach out our hands in your name  
to share the sorrow and lessen the pain.**

Lengthen our strides to march for good.  
Clothe our feet with your living Word  
to trample the works of injustice.

Knit us together as the body of Christ  
that we may act with one accord  
for the kingdom of God to prevail.

**Lord of justice and mercy  
fill us with new resolve  
to pursue actions of hope  
in the name of Christ.  
Amen**

**Friday: United in hope**

Will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones,  
who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?  
I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. *Luke 18:7-8*

**Loving Lord,  
we draw near in faith;  
united in hope and purpose.**

We pray for the work of our members worldwide  
to combat gender injustice;  
for their highlighting of the issue,  
their petitioning of governments  
and their work with victims and survivors.

As a global family we embrace our mission  
to speak out for the vulnerable and voiceless.  
Help us play our part in creating a just and equal society.

**Loving Lord,  
in hope and unity  
we offer up these prayers,  
as we campaign for gender justice  
across the world.  
Amen**

**Saturday: Hope for the future**

The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy.  
I have come in order that you might have life — life in all its fullness.  
*John 10:10*

**Lord of life,  
thank you that many women and girls  
are free from injustice and violence.  
Thank you for your healing power  
which brings hope for the future.**

Heavenly Father,  
continue to move amongst the earth  
to change attitudes that promote,  
accept and perpetuate  
all forms of gender injustice.

May fear be vanquished  
and freedom reign,  
that all may lead positive lives  
in safety and peace.

**We pray for all to follow your example  
of treating women with equality and respect.  
We pray for the dawn of a better world  
where justice and peace may flourish.  
Amen**

## Wave of Prayer for Mothers' Union

Lord, we pray for Mothers' Union worldwide.

### **1 Mothers' Union worldwide**

**2 – 4** Lebombo in Mozambique; Makueni in Kenya; Newala in Tanzania; Niger-Delta North in Nigeria; Riverina in Australia and North East India in India

**5 – 7** Antananarivo in Madagascar; Taita Taveta in Kenya; Ikara & Ife in Nigeria and Argyll & The Isles in Scotland

### **8 Mothers' Union worldwide**

**9 – 11** Kadugli & Nuba Mountains in Sudan; Kinkiizi in Uganda; Amichi & Igbomina West in Nigeria and Ottawa in Canada

**12 – 14** Ukhahlamba in South Africa; Maseno West in Kenya; Oji River in Nigeria; Dunkwa-on-Offin in Ghana; Guildford in England and Coimbatore in India

### **15 Mothers' Union worldwide**

**16 – 18** Iraq; Katakwa in Kenya; Kafanchan & Asaba in Nigeria; Lincoln in England and Trinidad & Tobago

**19 – 21** Muyinga in Burundi; Lake Rukwa in Tanzania; Okrika in Nigeria; St Asaph in Wales; Bendigo in Australia and Gujarat in India

### **22 Mothers' Union worldwide**

**23 – 25** Southern Malawi in Malawi; Northern Uganda in Uganda; Lafia & Ilaje in Nigeria and Thoothukudi-Nazareth in India

**26 – 28** Zululand in South Africa; Lodwar in Kenya; Isiala Ngwa South in Nigeria; Accra in Ghana; Bangor in Wales and Colombo in Sri Lanka

### **29 Mothers' Union worldwide**

**30** Mpumalanga in South Africa; Central Buganda in Uganda; Zonkwa in Nigeria; Bo in Sierra Leone; Newcastle in England and Barrackpore in India

### **Final Blessing**

**May the God of hope equip us with all we need  
to pursue justice through the power of Jesus Christ.**

**All glory to him forever and ever!**

**Amen**