

Midday Prayers 2022: Transformation – Now!
November
Transformation of relationships

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Each of you should look not only to your own interests
but also to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another,
have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:4-5

**Almighty God of all creation,
we join our voices to praise you today,
singing of your wonders,
giving thanks for your grace and care.**

We celebrate the joys of life you have blessed us with:
family and friends;
new relationships and deeper relationships;
new life and transformed lives;
reconciliation and restoration.

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As we share our lives together
help us reflect the perfect relationship
between Father, Son and Spirit;
perfectly loving, perfectly equal,
united in total harmony.

**For then we will see true transformation
as we value each other above ourselves.
Amen**

Tuesday: Gender justice

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

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Wednesday: Love your neighbour

Encourage one another and build each other up,
just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

**God of transformation
who has created us in your image,
show us how to value the people
who are part of our lives.**

Help us to appreciate
each other's unique qualities.

Help us to treasure
each other's special gifts.

May we be slow to judge
and quick to forgive;
ready to treat others
as we wish for ourselves.

May relationships be transformed
as we seek each other's good
by encouragement and support;
sharing together the love of Christ.

**God of transformation,
who has created us in your image,
help us to accept each other
unconditionally,
as we live out your call
to love our neighbour
as ourselves.**

Amen

Thursday: Fractured relationships

Always be humble and gentle.
Be patient with each other,
making allowance for each other's faults
because of your love.

Ephesians 4:2 (NLT)

**God of transformation,
we pray for those whose
relationships are fractured;
where hurt has overcome love
and hope for the future is scarce.**

Healing God bring your wholeness
into relationships that are hurting.
Not a dressing that will peel away
or a restoration of what once was,
but a process of transformation
where over time wounds can heal,
pain decrease, and lives once more
embrace within your love and grace.

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**God of transformation,
who heals the broken hearted
and binds up their wounds,
bring your wholeness to
fractured relationships
and restore love and hope,
we pray.
Amen**

Friday: Abusive relationships

My people will live in peaceful places
and in safe homes
and in calm places of rest.

Isaiah 32:18 (NCV)

**Loving Lord,
your care and love are ever present in our lives.
We pray for our brothers and sisters
throughout the world
who live in situations of abuse and violence.**

Give them hope in their hopelessness;
help them find strength in their weakness;
grant them freedom from their oppression;
transform their brokenness into wholeness;
and heal their wounds, visible and invisible.

Grant us all the courage and wisdom, grace and humility,
to act at all times with compassion and care.
And grant all who are harmed by abuse or coercion,
peace through justice.

This we ask in Jesus name.

Amen

Lesley Bayley, Mothers' Union, All Ireland

Saturday: Family relationships

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

**We pray for healing and peace
for the stresses and strains
within family relationships.**

For couples who have lost
the love that they once had,
and their lives are drifting apart.
For parents who no longer
can control their children,
and are beginning to despair.

For families who struggle
to live within their means
and not slip deeper into debt.
For children who walk into
a more uncertain future
with difficult choices to make.

**For the stresses and strains
within family relationships
we pray for healing and peace.**

Amen

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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 all our relationships
with family, friends, community
and with our Lord,
be transformed through the love of Christ.
Amen**