

Midday Prayers 2021: Rebuilding hope and confidence
September
Season of creation

Monday: Creator God

In your time, Creator God,
this world was put in place,
and in your time
became beautiful,
through the craftsmanship of your love.
Remind us always,
as we look at sunrise,
landscape and tiny child,
that at the centre of all things,
is the creative love of God.

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**You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being.**

Revelation 4:11

The earth is yours O Lord
You created it and gave it form.

You called life out of chaos
**Made humankind in your image,
co-creators with you.**

You looked at all you had made
and pronounced it good
Blessed be God forever.
Amen

Tuesday: Creation

**The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.**

Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they display knowledge.
There is no speech or language
where their voice is not heard.

**Their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.**

Psalm 19:1-4

Creation proclaims the glory of God
Let our lips not stay silent.

Nature sings its praise to God
Let our praise rise in harmony

The heavens declare the splendour of God
Let our lives reflect his beauty.

May we, who alone of all his creation,
know the joy of God's eternal salvation,
let our mouths, hearts and lives be filled
with praise and thanksgiving
above all in heaven and earth.

Amen

Wednesday: Caring for creation

You appointed them rulers over everything you made;
you placed them over all creation.

Psalm 8:6 (GNT)

**All that God has made is very good;
let us steward creation with integrity and care.**

Lord we give thanks that all you have made is very good:
For the quality and quantity of your provision;
enough for all throughout your world to eat their fill and thrive.

Lord forgive us that our stewardship has not been good:
We have exploited our union with creation;
taking without replenishing; hoarding without sharing.

Lord, help us to take responsibility for the future:
To sustain and value your creation,
that those to come will find a fruitful inheritance.

**All that God has made is very good;
let us steward creation with integrity and care.
Amen**

Thursday: fruitfulness of creation

The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:12

**Lord of creation,
bountiful giver,
we bring you our first fruits of praise.**

One crop, one fruit, one seed,
one flower, one creature, one race.
If all creation was one of each kind,
we would overflow with gratitude and praise.
Yet, Lord, we are blessed by your lavish abundance;
we marvel at nature's diversity.

Lord of creation,
we give you thanks for nature's rich variety.
Lord of the harvest,
we praise you for creation's wondrous array.

**Lord of creation,
bountiful giver,
we bring you our first fruits of praise
and celebrate your goodness
with thankful hearts.
Amen**

Friday: Climate change

I brought you into a land of plenty,
to enjoy its gifts and goodness,
but you ruined my land;
you disgraced my heritage.

Jeremiah 2:7

**God of life,
we pray for all those who are struggling
with the effects of climate change
and the exploitation of our earth's resources.**

Fill us with a spirit of concern for the future,
that we may learn from our state of environmental irresponsibility
and become responsible custodians of your creation.
May those in authority make decisions that will be life-giving for all.

**Inspire us to refocus our lives
and centre on all you have created,
so we may redress the injustice of climate change
and look forward
to a future full of hope
in a caring, sharing, respectful world.
In Jesus' name.**

Amen

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Saturday: Creator God

The God who made the world and everything in it
is the Lord of heaven and earth.

In him we live and move and have our being.

Acts 17:24, 28

O Divine Voice,

You sing and the universe comes into being;

O Divine Breath,

You breathe and all things spring to life;

O Divine Word,

You call and creation is sustained;

O Divine Flesh,

You are born among us,

and the Creator is clothed in creation;

In amazement and awe, in wonder and celebration
we marvel at this mystery:

In you all things live and move and have being,

In all things, you live and move
and express your Divine artistry;

**And so we join with creation
in the eternal song of worship and wonder.**

Amen

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Wave of Prayer for Mothers' Union

Lord, we pray for Mothers' Union worldwide.

1-2 Harare in Zimbabwe; Machakos in Kenya; Ogori-Magongo & Ekiti in Nigeria; Southwark in England and Phulbani in India

3 – 5 Khartoum in Sudan; Dar es Salaam in Tanzania; Bari & Ilesa in Nigeria; Gloucester in England and Dugapur in India

6 Mothers' Union worldwide

7 – 9 Pacong in South Sudan; Southern Nyanza in Kenya; Kutigi & Ijesha North in Nigeria; Bristol in England and Karnataka Central in India

10 – 12 Pretoria in South Africa; North Mbale in Uganda; Oke-Osun in Nigeria; Exeter in England and Barbados

13 Mothers' Union worldwide

14 – 16 Mthatha in South Africa; Namirembe in Uganda; Pankshin & Sabongidda-Ora in Nigeria; Dublin & Glendalough in All Ireland and Central Solomons in Solomon Islands

17– 19 Buye in Burundi; Sebei in Uganda; Abakaliki & Ekiti-Oke in Nigeria; Southwell & Nottingham in England and Belize

20 Mothers' Union worldwide

21 – 23 Rumbek in South Sudan; Soroti in Uganda; Aba Ngwa North & Oyo in Nigeria; Peterborough in England and North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba

24 – 26 Makamba in Burundi; North Karamoja in Uganda; Lokoja & Sapele in Nigeria; Truro in England and Tirunelveli in India

27 Mothers' Union worldwide

28 – 30 Katanga in DR Congo; Rwenzori in Uganda; Mbaise & Egba in Nigeria; Meath & Kildare in All Ireland and Tiruchirappalli Thanjavur in India

Final Blessing

**May God the Holy Spirit, who hovered over the waters of creation
and formed the world from chaos,
form us in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the earth.
Amen**