

**Midday Prayers 2021: Rebuilding hope and confidence**  
**April**  
**“I am” sayings of Jesus**

**Monday: I am the resurrection and the life**

Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life.  
The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;  
and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

*John 11:25-26*

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

As the dawning of hope arises  
we look through the shadows of the cross  
and see the miracle of resurrection.

In our shame over Christ's undeserved death,  
we reach through the shadows of the cross  
and grasp the gift of resurrection.

The Lord is alive;  
our faith is renewed.  
Fear has been vanquished;  
our future is eternal.

**Hallelujah.**

**Christ is risen**

**and we will rise with him.**

**Praise be to God for the miracle  
of resurrection.**

**Amen**

**Tuesday: I am the good shepherd**

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me  
– just as the Father knows me and I know the Father –  
and I lay down my life for the sheep.

*John 10:14-15*

Our Lord is the Good Shepherd.  
In his goodness he supplies our every need.

**The Lord is our Shepherd,  
and he takes perfect care of us.**

Our Lord is the Good Shepherd.  
He leads us into safety  
and gives us strength for the journey.

**The Lord is our Shepherd,  
who grants us rest and restores our souls.**

Our Lord is the Good Shepherd.  
He sought us out when we were lost,  
calling us by our names.

**The Lord is our Shepherd,  
and he has carried us home.**

**Amen**

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**Wednesday: I am the bread of life**

Jesus said: I am the bread of life.  
Whoever comes to me will never go hungry,  
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.  
*John 6:35*

This is love.  
Not that you spoke words of comfort,  
walked with the unclean and unloved,  
shared wisdom, bread and fish,  
brought healing into lives  
and challenged the status quo.

This is love.  
That you spoke the word of God,  
walked a painful road to the Cross,  
shared living water, bread of life,  
brought Salvation to the world  
and died for the sake of all.  
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**Bread of life,  
feed us with your salvation  
that we may never hunger again  
but be ready to share your love  
with a starving world.  
Amen**

**Thursday: I am the light of the world**

Jesus said: I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.

*John 8:12*

**Jesus Christ, Light of the world,  
lead us by the light of your presence  
that our lives may brightly reflect your love.**

As we walk in the light of your presence,  
may we journey with you by our side.  
As we walk in the company of your people,  
may their fellowship encourage us.  
As we walk towards the light of eternity,  
may the glory of heaven spur us on.

**Jesus Christ, Light of the world,  
lead us to share the light of your love  
with those struggling in shadows,  
that we may be a beacon of hope  
in dark and uncertain times.  
Amen**

**Friday: I am the true vine**

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 Lord,  
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**

**Saturday: Who do you say I am?**

Jesus asked his disciples, 'Who do you say I am?'  
Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'  
*Matthew 16:15-16*

Lord, you are the Bread of Life,  
which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

**You are the Good Shepherd,  
who lays down His own life for the sheep in His care.**

You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life,  
the path by which we come to know God the Father.

**You are the Light of the World,  
illuminating the way for all who walk in darkness.**

You are the Resurrection and the Life,  
the source of eternal life for all who believe.

**You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God,  
and our Redeemer and Lord.**

**Amen**

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## Wave of Prayer for Mothers' Union

Lord, we pray for Mothers' Union worldwide.

- 1** Toamasina in Madagascar; Mukono in Uganda; Ikwerre & Ife East in Nigeria; Down & Dromore in All Ireland and Delhi in India
- 2 – 4** Umzimvubu in South Africa; Lweru in Tanzania; On the Niger in Nigeria; Cape Coast in Ghana; Ontario in Canada and Limerick & Killaloe in All Ireland
- 5** **Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 6 – 8** Cueibet in South Sudan; Gahini in Rwanda; Wusasa & Ibadan in Nigeria and Christchurch in New Zealand
- 9 – 11** Nord Kivu in DR Congo; Kigali in Rwanda; Kiteto & Kubwa in Nigeria; Perth in Australia and Kuranagala in Sri Lanka
- 12** **Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 13 – 15** Yirol in South Sudan; Ruvuma in Tanzania; Nike & Benin in Nigeria; Canberra & Goulburn in Australia and Dogura in Papua New Guinea
- 16 – 18** Kindu in DR Congo; Mount Kenya West in Kenya; Egbu in Nigeria; Te Pihopatanga O Aotearoa in New Zealand; Cork, Cloyne & Ross in All Ireland and Eastern Himalayas in India
- 19** **Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 20 – 22** Kinshasa in DR Congo; Victoria Nyanza in Tanzania; Ahoada & Warri in Nigeria; Oxford in England and Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea
- 23 – 25** Kisangani in DR Congo; Kagera in Tanzania; Awka in Nigeria; Sunyani in Ghana; Manchester in England and Popondota in Papua New Guinea
- 26** **Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 27– 29** Port Sudan in Sudan; Muhabura in Uganda; Niger Delta West & Yewa in Nigeria; The Northern Territory in Australia and Chennai in India
- 30** Aru in DR Congo; Kigezi in Uganda; Ikeduru in Nigeria; Ho in Ghana; York in England and Guyana & Suriname in Guyana

### Final Blessing

**May we grow in the grace and knowledge  
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
To him be glory both now and forever!  
Amen**