

Midday Prayers 2022: Transformation – Now! January Time for transformation

Monday: Time for transformation

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? *Isaiah 43:19*

Loving Lord, transform our lives that we may reflect the glory of Christ and share his love in the world.

You are the potter, Lord, and in your skilful hands even the unlikeliest of clay becomes a thing of beauty and useful, bringing glory not to the pot, but its creator.

So take these lives, this clay, and in your loving hands transform and make us into what we long to be; made useful, Lord, for you.

Transform our struggles into victories. **Transform our doubting into certainty.** Transform our stumbles into confidence. **Transform our sorrow into worshipping, gracious God, we pray. Amen** © John Birch



Tuesday: Spiritual transformation

We are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. *2 Corinthians 3:18*

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit that my thoughts may all be holy;

Act in me O Holy Spirit that my works, too, may be holy;

Draw my heart O Holy Spirit that I love but what is holy;

Strengthen me O Holy Spirit to defend all that is holy;

Guard me then O Holy Spirit that I always may be holy. *St. Augustine of Hippo*

Loving Lord, transform our lives that we may reflect the glory of Christ. Continue in us the work of your Spirit; the miracle of transformation from the gloom of sin to the glory of Christ Amen



Wednesday: Daily transformation

Let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God truly righteous and holy. *Ephesians 4:23-24 (NLT)*

Lord of all time, forever working your purpose out for the good of humankind, give us insight, born of faith in you, that we may live in your transforming presence and welcome what is new for us this and every day.

Reach into our hearts with hope and confidence to embrace the tough transformations, to make the real and lasting changes, to seek the truly good answers; for the sake of our families, communities, and for our world. *MU New Zealand*

May all we are, everything we think, say and do, be blessed by God, constantly renewed and daily transformed through his awesome power and unfailing love. Amen From Nick Fawcett



Thursday: Process of transformation

"I know the plans *and* thoughts that I have for you," says the Lord, "plans for peace *and* well-being and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." *Jeremiah 29:11 (AMP)*

Gracious God, make known to us your plans for peace and wellbeing; to bring lasting transformation.

Lord, we pray for lives to be transformed into ones of self respect and sufficiency through effective use of your resources.

We pray for families to be transformed into strong and loving households as they explore your ways for relationship.

We pray for communities to be transformed into ones of resilience and prosperity through trust and cooperation.

Gracious God, guide us in your plans for peace and wellbeing; to transform lives for good. Amen



Friday: Lasting transformation

I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. *Isaiah 43:19*

God the Holy Spirit, You are the restless breath of love that sweeps through the world.

You move where you will, breaking down barriers, stirring hearts to change, making all things possible. Inspire each one of us to hunger and thirst for justice!

Come, Spirit of God, sweep through our world bringing great change.

May the bounty of your goodness be shared more justly, so all may share in the rich blessings of your creation.

And, for us, bring transformation in our praying and living, so that we may act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you all the days of our lives. Amen <u>http://third-space.org.uk</u>



Saturday: Personal transformation

Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him. *Colossians 3:10 (NLT)*

Lord, in you I am transformed and transformed still again.

When the discouraged cry for hope, make me hope. When the hungry cry for bread, make me bread. When the thirsty cry for water, make me water. When the suffering cry for help, make me help. When the sick cry for healing, make me healing. When the bound cry for freedom, make me freedom. When the outcasts cry for love, make me love.

Lord who is hope who is bread and water, who is help and healing, who is freedom, and who is love, transform me anew.

And so keep me close to you, as you transform the world. Amen

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Wave of Prayer for Mothers' Union

Lord, we pray for Mothers' Union worldwide.

1 – 3 All Mothers' Union trustees and staff throughout the world

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- **5** 7 Swaziland; Ruaha in Tanzania; Aguata & Lagos Mainland in Nigeria; Norwich in England and Chotanagpur in India
- **8 10** Lesotho; Kibungo in Rwanda; Etche & Ogbomoso in Nigeria; Leeds in England and Hanuato in Solomon Islands

11 Mothers' Union worldwide

- 12 14 Mauritius; Kericho in Kenya; Katsina in Nigeria; Kumasi in Ghana; Winchester in England and Nandyal in India
- **15 17** Seychelles; Bukedi in Uganda; Enugu in Nigeria; Birmingham in England and Marathwada in India

18 Mothers' Union worldwide

- **19 21** St Mark the Evangelist in South Africa; Butare in Rwanda; Okigwe-South in Nigeria; Gambia; British Columbia in Canada and Rajasthan in India
- **22 24** Egypt; Gasabo in Rwanda; Otukpo & On the Coast in Nigeria; Bathurst in Australia and Nasik in India

25 Mothers' Union worldwide

- **26 28** False Bay in South Africa; Shinyanga in Tanzania; Umuahia & Ijebu South West in Nigeria; Bath & Wells in England and Vellore in India
- **29 31** Masvingo in Zimbabwe; Kibondo in Tanzania; Nebbi in Uganda; Bida in Nigeria; Llandaff in Wales and Kanyakumari in India

Final Blessing

May the love of God, the grace of Christ and the power of the Spirit, bring transformation to our lives, that we may be used to transform the world. Amen