

Midday Prayers 2022: Transformation – Now!
June
Steps to transformation

Monday: Listening to God

The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times,
'Samuel! Samuel!'
Then Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'
1 Samuel 3:10

**Loving Lord,
we thank you that you speak to us
as we rest in your presence.**

Speak to us, Lord,
as we draw near to you.
Still our restless thoughts
and calm our active minds.

Quieten our spirits
to hear your gentle voice.
Open our ears to listen well;
open our hearts to sense your will.

Give us your grace to heed your words
and follow where you lead.
Speak to us, Lord,
for your servants are listening.

**Loving Lord,
we thank you that you speak to us
as we rest in your presence.
May we continue to hear your voice
throughout this day.
Amen**

Tuesday: Listening to others

Let everyone be quick to hear (be a careful, thoughtful listener),
slow to speak (a speaker of carefully chosen words),
and slow to anger (patient, reflective, forgiving).

James 1:19 (AMP)

Word of God
open the mouths of those
who are silent and afraid.
Give speech to those who have no voice.

Teach us to hear
the words beneath the silence.
Bear witness to the cries
that are the beginning of speech.

Open our ears to each other
so that when we listen and speak
we may recognise in our words
your Word and make it flesh.

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**Make us slow to speak and quick to listen;
patient and forbearing with each other;
that we may reflect the example of Christ.
Amen**

Wednesday: Discovering vision

I gain understanding from your precepts...
Your word is a lamp to guide me
and a light for my path.

Psalm 119:104-105

**God of glory,
open our eyes to discern your vision.
May vision inspire us to worship
and spur us to action.**

Thank you, Lord,
for those who encourage us
and share in making vision reality.
For those who spur us on
to acts of love and good works.

Lord of all,
unite us in our shared vision
of a world which is transformed
by the all-encompassing love of God,
revealed through our words and deeds.

**God of glory,
lead us forward as people of vision;
may vision inspire us to worship
and spur us to action.
Amen**

Thursday: Building relationships

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed those who were ill.

The disciples said, Send the crowds away, so that they can go and buy themselves some food.

Jesus replied, They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.

Matthew 14:14-16

God of relationship
we look to your example
to show us how to value the people
you bring into our lives.

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

Give us insight to build up confidence and energy;
discernment to listen to what lies behind
both words and silence;
grace to model your love and compassion
as we build positive relationships.

Amen

Friday: Celebrating our resources

To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given,
and they will have an abundance.

Matthew 25:29

Loving Lord,
we thank you for your blessings,
given to us in buds of gifting,
ready to blossom and bear fruit
as we set our hearts
to using them well.

Open our eyes to your abundant provision;
the resources already at hand
to transform our communities
and bring fullness of life.

Work deeply within us to develop our abilities,
our creativity and personal qualities;
that we may reach the full potential
of all you have bestowed upon us.

**Loving Lord,
nurture our desire to use your gifts well;
for the blessing of many,
and the transformational growth
of your Kingdom on earth.
Amen**

Saturday: Stepping out in faith

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
do not depend on your own understanding.
Seek his will in all you do,
and he will show you which path to take.
Proverbs 3:5-6

**Lord, as we put our trust in you,
bless our tiny steps of faith
that we may be transformed.**

Almighty and loving God,
take our faith, weak though it is.
Kindle the sparks of life within us
and fan a new flame within our hearts.

And so may we set out with renewed purpose,
resolved to live and work for you,
in the assurance that you are with us,
now and always.
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**Lord, as we follow your path,
take our tiny steps of faith
and use them to transform your world.
Amen**

Wave of Prayer for Mothers' Union

Lord, we pray for Mothers' Union worldwide.

- 1 - 3** Johannesburg in South Africa; Kumi in Uganda; Nsukka & Idoani in Nigeria; Derby in England and Madhya Kerala in India
- 4 - 6** Ibba in South Sudan; Maseno North in Kenya; Isiala-Ngwa & Ondo in Nigeria; Fredericton in Canada and Amritsar in India
- 7** **Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 8 - 10** Yambio in South Sudan; Garissa in Kenya; Mbamili in Nigeria; Hereford in England; Willochra in Australia and Thailand
- 11 - 13** Mahajanga in Madagascar; Mara in Tanzania; West Buganda in Uganda; Kwoi in Nigeria; Newcastle in Australia and East Kerala in India
- 14** **Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 15 - 17** Bukavu in DR Congo; Nyahururu in Kenya; Gboko in Nigeria; Portsmouth in England and New Guinea Islands in Papua New Guinea
- 18 - 20** Rejaf in South Sudan; Military Episcopate in Kenya; Doko & Owo in Nigeria; Chelmsford in England and Jamaica & Cayman Islands
- 21** **Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 22 - 24** Rumonge in Burundi; Tabora in Tanzania; Kabba & Bukuru in Nigeria; St Albans in England and Nagpur in India
- 25 - 27** Table Bay in South Africa; Rift Valley in Tanzania; Evo & Ijebu in Nigeria; Adelaide in Australia and Taejon in South Korea
- 28** **Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 29 - 30** Eastern Zambia in Zambia; Mombasa in Kenya; Gwagwalada & Ekiti-West in Nigeria; Leicester in England and Temotu in Solomon Islands

Final Blessing

**As we take each step to transformation,
may the love of God spur us on
that lives may be blessed for eternity.**

Amen