

Midday Prayers 2024: Transformation – Now! October: Social Justice

Monday – Education for life

‘The desert and the parched land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.
They will see the glory of the Lord,
the splendour of our God.’ *Isaiah 35:1, 2*

**God of rebuilt people and rebuilt places
you have plans for deserts and wilderness
Rebuild through education for all:**

‘Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.
The burning sand will become a pool,
The thirsty ground bubbling springs.
In the haunts where jackals once lay,
Grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.
And a highway will be there;
it will be called the Way of Holiness.’
Isaiah 35: 6-8

**God of transformation
we look forward to what you will do
with our lives and with grace
on the journey of faith.
Far we have come, far we must go. Amen**
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Tuesday – Hope for social justice

‘Greater love has no one than this:
to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.’ *John 15:13*

**Christ the true vine, beloved of the Father,
we marvel at your selfless love;
your supreme act of friendship
for a helpless people,
that we may have eternal life.**

Love poured out
on that cruel cross,
a blood offering
so we might go free.

Love poured out,
infusing this world
with rivers of grace
and hope of rebirth.

Love poured out,
and into these hearts,
who drink from a stream
that never runs dry.

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**Christ the true vine, beloved of the Father,
we stand in awe of your supreme act of friendship;
we are blessed that you call us your friends. Amen**

Wednesday – Prisons work

‘May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,
even as we put our hope in you.’

Psalm 33:2-5, 21-22

**Sing to the Lord a new song;
play skilfully, and shout for joy.**

For the word of the Lord is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.

**The Lord loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.**

We wait in hope for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.

**In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.**

Thursday – challenging racial injustice

‘Jesus led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone.
There he was transfigured before them.
His clothes became dazzling white,
whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.’
Mark 9;2-3

Chosen One, Beloved of the Father,
lead us to the heights of your presence
that we may behold your dazzling radiance.

**Bathe us in the rays of your glorious truth
that we may be transformed by your perfect love.**

**Open our ears to listen to your voice
that we may be transformed by your words of life.**

Then lead us on by the light of your presence,
renewed in spirit and envisioned in faith;
to works that bring lasting transformation
in the world you have called us to serve. **Amen**

Friday – a voice for the vulnerable

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

**Take your canvas, God,
and sketch on it
a new life for me.
Shape me, style me
and shade me with your Spirit.**

Paint over the old me
with all my blemishes and flaws
and then, with Jesus as your model
draw my heart again
and colour it with love.

God, paint over the old me
and draw me again
so that I can see the world
from your perspective.
Then, after growth and in wisdom
perhaps one day
someone will look and see in me
your masterpiece
a portrait of the glory of Jesus.

Amen

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Saturday – Justice for creation

“Then the One sitting on the throne said,
“See! I am making all things new.
Write, for these words are true and faithful.”
Revelation 21:5 (NLV)

**We pray for our beloved planet,
scarred by conflict and natural disaster:
bring healing to its lands and cleansing to its waters;
bring justice to its peoples and peace to its nations;
bring life for today and hope for the future.**

God of all eternity, ignite in us, your people,
the faith to believe that you will
one day heal our broken world,
and grow in us the perseverance
to keep praying and working
towards that day when your creation
will once again be whole and free.

**We ask all these things in the name
of your matchless Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen**

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