

Midday Prayers 2024: Transformation – Now! August - MU at Prayer

Monday: Bless the work of Mothers' Union

The same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him. *Romans 10:12*

The Lord bless us and keep us

We pray God's blessing for ourselves;
may we be sustained in all we do.
We pray God's blessing on those we love;
may they be upheld by the presence of Christ.

The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us

We pray God's light to shine clarity on our plans for loving kindness.
We pray God's grace to encircle all who serve and those they support.

The Lord turn his face towards us and give us peace

We pray God's divine favour and peace, that surpasses all understanding, will fill our lives today. **Amen**

Tuesday – The words we speak

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. *Ephesians 1:3*

Eternal God, the refuge and help of all your children, we praise you for all you have given us, for all you have done for us, for all that you are to us.

In our weakness, you are strength,
in our darkness, you are light,
in our sorrow, you are comfort and peace.
We cannot number your blessings,
we cannot declare your love:
For all your blessings we bless you.

**May we live as in your presence,
and love the things that you love,
and serve you in our daily lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen** *St. Boniface, 675-754*

Wednesday – The prayers we breathe

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.
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Thursday – The witness of our lives

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

Friday – Faith in Action

‘My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest.’ *Isaiah 32:18*

God of compassion, your eyes are turned to the poor and needy. Turn our gaze to see the need around us. Give us a vision of an equal society where everyone has a place.

God of justice, your face is set against poverty. Shake us out of our comfort. Challenge us to counter injustice whatever the cost to ourselves.

God of hope, your kingdom will come in its fullness. Envision us to act and pray. Inspire us to work for an equal society of fullness of life for all that poverty may be overcome. Amen

Saturday – Blessed to be a Blessing

God is able to make every blessing of yours overflow for you, so that in every situation you will always have all you need for any good work. *2 Corinthians 9:8 (ISB)*

**God bless each step that we take today,
whether that road is rough or smooth.**

And in God's strength - step out in faith,
step out in love, step out in peace,
and bless this world with God's presence
in and through our lives

**May we be a blessing
to every life we touch,**

and the Spirit within,
that life-giving water,
be a gift of refreshment
in love shown and shared
with all who are thirsty
along the road we travel. **Amen**

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A person of blessing will be enriched,
and he who gives water also will be refreshed.
Proverbs 11:25 (LEB)

Wave of Prayer for August

1 August: Boga in DR Congo; Manicaland in Zimbabwe; Tanga in Tanzania; Ogoni in Nigeria; Carlisle in England and Melbourne in Australia

3-5 August: Juba in South Sudan; Kitale in Kenya; Minna & Lagos in Nigeria; Moray, Ross & Caithness in Scotland and Madurai-Ramnad in India

6-8 August: Northern Malawi in Malawi; Eldoret in Kenya; Ngbo & Akure in Nigeria; North West Australia in Australia and Aipo Rongo in PN Guinea

10-12 August: Niassa in Mozambique; Masindi Kitara in Uganda; Langtang & Esan in Nigeria; North Queensland in Australia and Kolhapur in India

13-15 August: Natal in South Africa; Kajiado in Kenya; Okigwe & Western Izon in Nigeria; Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island in Canada and Toungoo in Myanmar

17-19 August: Kasai in DR Congo; Shyira in Rwanda; Ijumu & Egba West in Nigeria; Liverpool in England; Sambalpur in India

20-22 August: Central Zimbabwe in Zimbabwe; Lango in Uganda; Kebbi in Nigeria; Tamale in Ghana; Sheffield in England; Guadalcanal in Solomon Islands

24-26 August: Saldanha Bay in South Africa; Karamoja in Uganda; Udi & Etsako in Nigeria; Wellington in New Zealand and Yangon in Myanmar

27-29 August: Matabeleland in Zimbabwe; Mount Kenya Central in Kenya; Niger West in Nigeria; Wangaratta in Australia; Clogher in All Ireland and Hpa-An in Myanmar

31 August: Harare in Zimbabwe; Machakos in Kenya; Ogori-Magongo & Ekiti in Nigeria; Southwark in England and Phulbani in India.

Prayer of the Month

All this day, O Lord,

let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy Spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe or the life I live.

Amen

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