

**Midday Prayers 2023: Transformation – Now!**  
**May**  
**Transformation of the Church**

**Monday: Birth of the Church**

Peter said, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

*Acts 2:38, 41*

The Spirit came  
and your Church was born,  
in wind and fire  
and words of power.

The Spirit came  
blowing fear aside,  
and in its place  
weak hearts were stronger.

The Spirit came  
as your word foretold,  
with dreams and signs,  
visions and wonders.

The Spirit came  
and is here today,  
to feed the hearts  
of a world that hungers.

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**Come, Holy Spirit.**  
**Build your church in love and power**  
**to fulfil your mission on earth.**  
**Amen**

## **Tuesday: A united Church**

They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. All the believers were one in heart and mind.

*Acts 2:46-47; 4:32*

**Come, Holy Spirit.  
Unite the church in communion  
to reflect the Father's heart  
and glorify his holy name.**

Heavenly Father,  
we rejoice to be your family,  
united in sharing life together.  
Empowered by your Spirit  
we praise your holy name.

As we share your goodness together,  
turn our gaze to those around us.  
Empowered by your Spirit  
may we draw them into your church.

**Heavenly Father,  
unite us in communion as your church.  
Empowered by your Spirit  
we glorify your holy name.  
Amen**

### **Wednesday: An empowered Church**

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken.  
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and spoke the word of God boldly.

*Acts 4:31*

**Come Holy Spirit.  
Fill your church with power,  
enfold us in your love,  
inspire us with your truth.**

The Spirit of God,  
precious gift  
once bestowed upon the few,  
is now lavished on us all.

**In faith we receive the Holy Spirit;  
the blessing of God to empower his church .**

Holy Spirit,  
envision your church with holy purpose;  
that we may build God's kingdom on earth.

**With joy we receive the Holy Spirit;  
the blessing of God to empower his church.**

Christ our Lord,  
fill your church with the power of your Spirit  
to boldly declare the wonders of God.  
**Amen**

## Thursday: A global Church

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them  
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
*Matthew 28:19*

God our Father,  
we come to you as ordinary, everyday people,  
nothing special about us  
and no particular merits to boast of,  
yet you have welcomed us into your family,  
you have called us to be your Church,  
and you have given us a place  
among the great company of saints  
in heaven and on earth.

**By your grace,  
help us to fulfil that calling,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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Our Father binds us together  
from the four corners of the world;  
His love draws us in to himself  
and out to one another, his global church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Amen**

## Friday: A witnessing Church

With great power the apostles continued to testify  
to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.  
And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all.  
*Acts 4:35*

Draw your Church together, O God;  
into one great company of disciples;  
together following our Lord Jesus Christ  
into every walk of life,  
together serving him  
in his mission to the world,  
and together witnessing to his love  
on every continent and island.

Fill us with your love  
So that we may gladly speak for you, work for you,  
And live our whole life for you,  
Until all the nations of the earth  
Join with us in endless praise;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
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**Come, Holy Spirit.**  
**Build your church**  
**to be a witness of your love.**  
**Amen**

## **Saturday: A holy Church**

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy,  
cleansing her by the washing with water through the word.

*Ephesians 5:25-26*

**Come Holy Spirit.  
Transform your church  
into the image of Christ  
that we may be his holy bride  
reflecting the radiance of his glory.**

The Church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation  
by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy Bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

*S.J. Stone; 1839-1900*

**Come Holy Spirit.  
Ready your church  
for the wedding of the lamb  
that we may be Christ's holy bride  
clothed in the radiance of his glory.  
Amen**

## Wave of Prayer for Mothers' Union

Lord, we pray for Mothers' Union worldwide.

- 1 - 2** Aru in DR Congo; Kigezi in Uganda; Ikeduru in Nigeria; Ho in Ghana; York in England and Guyana & Suriname in Guyana
- 3** **Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 4 - 6** Uppershire in Malawi; Maralal Missionary Area in Kenya; Makurdi & Ifo in Nigeria; Tuam, Killala & Achonry in All Ireland and Mumbai in India
- 7 - 9** Torit in South Sudan; Meru in Kenya; Ikwuano in Nigeria; Sekondi in Ghana and The Arctic in Canada
- 10** **Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 11 - 13** Twic East in South Sudan; Rorya in Tanzania; Owerri & Ughelli in Nigeria; Gippsland in Australia and Cashel & Ossory in All Ireland
- 14 - 16** Maridi in South Sudan; Kirinyaga in Kenya; Zaki-Biam & Ijesa North-East in Nigeria and Waikato & Taranaki in New Zealand
- 17** **Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 18 - 20** Grahamstown in South Africa; Masasi in Tanzania; Afikpo in Nigeria; Wiawso in Ghana; Chester in England and Northern Argentina in Argentina
- 21 - 23** Christ the King in South Africa; East Rwenzori in Uganda; Gombe & New Busa in Nigeria and Bunbury in Australia
- 24** **Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 25 - 27** Bor in South Sudan; Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania; Oru & Oleh in Nigeria; Rockhampton in Australia and Agra in India
- 28 - 30** Angola; North Ankole in Uganda; Okene & Ibadan-South in Nigeria; Aberdeen & Orkney in Scotland and Karnataka South in India
- 31** **Mothers' Union worldwide**

## Final Blessing

**May the church be transformed by the Holy Spirit,  
as we seek to fulfil God's mission on earth.**

**Amen**