

**Midday Prayers 2024:
Transformation – Now!
November
Women's equality and
empowerment**

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'The Lord is my shepherd I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.'

Psalm 23:1-3

When our lives are dull and dry,
the colour drained by the demands we face:

Lord, lead us to pastures green.
Transform our parched souls
into abundant places of fruitfulness
with your verdant refreshment.

Shelter us in leafy shade.
Restore us in times of dryness
by the waters of the Spirit
as we soak in your Word.

Plant us in fertile places.
Transform our barrenness
into lives that will produce
a vibrant harvest of faith.

**Surely your goodness and mercy
will colour all the days of our lives,
until we dwell in your house
forevermore. Amen**

Tuesday – Created equal by God

'Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.'

1 Thessalonians 5:11

**God of transformation
who has created us equal in your
image, show us how to value all people
and to work towards equality for all.**

Help us to appreciate
each other's unique qualities.
Help us to treasure
each other's special gifts.

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

May relationships be transformed
as we seek each other's good
by encouragement and support;
sharing together the love of Christ.

**God of transformation,
who has created us in your image,
help us to accept each other
unconditionally,
as we live out your call
to love our neighbour
as ourselves.
Amen**

**Wednesday – Gender justice
matters**

'Let us not get tired of doing what is right,
for after a while we will reap a harvest of
blessing if we don't get discouraged and give
up.'

Galatians 6:9

**Loving Lord,
nurture us with your goodness
and fill us with joy
that our lives may produce
the fruit of transformation.**

What a privilege to serve,
to share your love
through word and action.
What a joy to know
that what we say
can bring change in others.
What a blessing to see,
hearts touched
by the riches of your grace.
What a harvest to be,
when seeds we sow
produce fruitfulness.
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**Loving Lord,
transform us by your Spirit
that our lives may yield
a fruitful harvest of blessing. Amen**

Thursday – Opportunities for empowerment

‘Live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might.’ *Colossians 1:10-11*

Lord, we would grow with you
New shoots reaching out
hands stretched upward
like leaves newly formed
soaking up your light and warmth
Lord, we would grow with you

Lord, we would grow with you
In sunshine and rain
in darkness and light
in cold days and summer days
from Springtime to Winter
Lord, we would grow with you

Lord, we would grow with you
And bring forth fruit
that is pleasing to you
fed by your living water
giving sustenance to others
Lord, we would grow with you.
Amen ©John Birch

Friday – Faith in Action

‘Those who sow with tears
will reap with songs of joy.’ *Psalms 126:5*

**Lord of fruitful transformation
we celebrate your goodness
with songs of joy.**

Lord, fill us with the compassion of Christ,
who wept over the plight of Jerusalem:
Transform our tears of concern into action
that will enable communities to thrive.
Transform our tears of concern into prayer
that our action may be Spirit-led.

We pray for a harvest of joy
over families who are living well.

We pray for a harvest of joy
over lives which are being made whole.

We pray for a harvest of joy
over hearts who respond to God’s love.

**Lord of fruitful transformation
we celebrate your goodness
with songs of joy. Amen**

Saturday - The goodness of God

“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**

Prayer of the Month

May our championing
of women’s equality and empowerment
provide women with the means
to lift themselves up in their communities;
highlighting God’s restoration
of human dignity in relationships,
based on love and justice, not domination.
Amen

**Please refer to the Prayer Diary for
other prayers and the Wave of Prayer**