

## **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**

*From the Grace website archive*

### **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.’

*Psalms 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 trans-  
figured 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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### Prayer of the Month

Let us not turn from the world,  
but be engaged within it.  
Where there is injustice  
let us strive for equality and dignity.  
May our actions  
be based upon Gospel values,  
our motives be to serve God alone,  
and through him to transform this world.  
**Amen**

**Please also refer to the Prayer Diary  
for daily prayers and Wave of Prayer.**