

**Midday Prayers 2020: Building hope and confidence**  
**April**  
**Resurrection**

**Monday: Good news**

The Lord has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.

*Isaiah 61:1*

**We delight greatly in the Lord;  
our souls rejoice in our God.  
For he has anointed the living Christ  
to proclaim the good news of redemption.**

Christ's resurrection ignited the flame of eternal life;  
so let us be bold in passing on that fire  
to all who live in darkness  
that their lives may glow with the light of eternity.

May the message of resurrection  
burn away doubt, despair and death.  
May sin and evil be destroyed  
by the eternal power of its blaze.

**Let the word be passed throughout the world,  
a spreading flame that will never be quenched:  
Christ has risen from the dead  
and we will rise with him.  
Amen**

**Tuesday: Favour of God**

He has sent me to tell those who mourn  
that the time of the Lord's favour has come.  
*Isaiah 61:2*

**We delight greatly in the Lord;  
our souls rejoice in our God.  
For he has brought comfort to our souls  
with his gracious favour upon us.**

We thank you  
that Easter is not about  
*a* people,  
but *all* people,  
that your love  
and your salvation  
are for all who confess  
with voices, hearts and lives  
that the tomb is empty  
because Jesus is risen,  
that we might know  
forgiveness,  
that lives might be  
reborn  
and your name  
glorified  
now and for eternity.  
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**Hallelujah.  
Christ is risen  
and we will rise with him.  
Thanks be to God.  
Amen**

**Wednesday: Beauty for ashes**

He will bestow on them a crown of beauty  
instead of ashes.

*Isaiah 61:3*

**We delight greatly in the Lord;  
our souls rejoice in our God.  
For he has accepted our repentant hearts  
and crowned us with the beauty of forgiveness.**

Loving Saviour,  
we worship you with grateful hearts  
for receiving the ashes of our repentance  
and cleansing our lives with the waters of your grace.  
Truly we are blessed beyond measure.

Loving Saviour,  
we praise you with joyful hearts  
for crowning us with beautiful forgiveness  
and touching our lives with the radiance of your love.  
Truly we are blessed beyond measure.

**Loving Saviour, Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin of the world  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we rejoice in your resurrection glory.  
Amen**

**Thursday: Oil of joy**

He will bestow on them the oil of joy  
instead of mourning.

*Isaiah 61:3*

**We delight greatly in the Lord;  
our souls rejoice in our God.  
For he has replaced our sorrow and shame  
with the joy of resurrection.**

Rejoice!

The stone is rolled away,  
grave clothes neatly folded,  
no more the smell of death,  
behold the empty tomb!

**Halleluia! He is risen!**

Rejoice!

Scripture has been fulfilled,  
the sting of death is gone,  
the victory has been won,  
behold the risen Christ!

**Halleluia! He is risen!**

Rejoice!

The curtain's torn in two,  
our God invites us in,  
Christ's sacrifice enough  
to wash away our sins!

**Halleluia! He is risen!**

**He is risen indeed!**

**Amen**

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**Friday: Garment of praise**

He will bestow on them a garment of praise  
instead of a spirit of despair.  
Isaiah 61:3

**We delight greatly in the Lord;  
our souls rejoice in our God.  
For he has clothed us with garments of salvation  
and covered us in robes of his righteousness.**

What joy is ours as we receive  
the wondrous impartation of praise;  
as our lives are wrapped securely  
in the mantle of salvation.

**We delight greatly in the Lord;  
our souls rejoice in our God.**

Our spirits are lifted, hope rises within  
as Christ's holiness covers our failings  
to present us as righteous and perfect  
before the throne of almighty God.

**Risen Lord,  
may our songs of praise  
echo around heaven and earth  
and bring glory to your name.  
Amen**

**Saturday: Eternal Inheritance**

Instead of disgrace  
you will rejoice in your inheritance.  
*Isaiah 61:7*

**We delight greatly in the Lord;  
our souls rejoice in our God.  
For he has swept away our sins  
with the promise of eternal life.**

Praise God!  
Because of the resurrection of his son, Jesus Christ,  
we have been given a brand-new life,  
and a glorious future!

**Come into his presence  
with praise and thanksgiving,  
with laughter and song.**

Praise God!  
Through the resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ,  
we have been reborn into a living hope—  
an eternal inheritance, held in reserve in heaven,  
that will never fade or fail.

**Blessing and glory  
and honour and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever!  
Amen**

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## Wave of Prayer for Mothers' Union

Lord, we pray for Mothers' Union worldwide.

- 1** Toamasina in Madagascar; Mukono in Uganda; Ikwerre & Ife East in Nigeria; Down & Dromore in All Ireland and Delhi in India
- 2 – 4** Umzimvubu in South Africa; Lweru in Tanzania; On the Niger in Nigeria; Cape Coast in Ghana; Ontario in Canada and Limerick & Killaloe in All Ireland
- 5** **Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 6 – 8** Cueibet in South Sudan; Gahini in Rwanda; Wusasa & Ibadan in Nigeria and Christchurch in New Zealand
- 9 – 11** Nord Kivu in DR Congo; Kigali in Rwanda; Kiteto & Kubwa in Nigeria; Perth in Australia and Kuranagala in Sri Lanka
- 12** **Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 13 – 15** Yirol in South Sudan; Ruvuma in Tanzania; Nike & Benin in Nigeria; Canberra & Goulburn in Australia and Dogura in Papua New Guinea
- 16 – 18** Kindu in DR Congo; Mount Kenya West in Kenya; Egbu in Nigeria; Te Pihopatanga O Aotearoa in New Zealand; Cork, Cloyne & Ross in All Ireland and Eastern Himalayas in India
- 19** **Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 20 – 22** Kinshasa in DR Congo; Victoria Nyanza in Tanzania; Ahoada & Warri in Nigeria; Oxford in England and Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea
- 23 – 25** Kisangani in DR Congo; Kagera in Tanzania; Awka in Nigeria; Sunyani in Ghana; Manchester in England and Popondota in Papua New Guinea
- 26** **Mothers' Union worldwide**
- 27– 29** Port Sudan in Sudan; Muhabura: in Uganda; Niger Delta West & Yewa in Nigeria; The Northern Territory in Australia and Chennai in India
- 30** Aru in DR Congo; Kigezi in Uganda; Ikeduru in Nigeria; Ho in Ghana; York in England and Guyana & Suriname in Guyana

### Final Blessing

**Halleluiah! Christ is risen!**

**We go rejoicing in the hope of resurrection  
and the promise of eternal life. Amen**