

# Magdalene Gathering

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Magdalene Community

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# Prayers of the People

A close-up photograph of a hand reaching towards a clear glass bowl. The bowl is resting on a surface of water, creating concentric ripples. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, likely from a low sun, creating a soft, contemplative atmosphere. The background is blurred, focusing attention on the hand and the bowl.

Today we pause

Quieting our minds

Silencing the noise

Opening our hearts



# The Teaching and Prayers of Jesus

## Jesus Gives Thanks for Food (John 6:11)

- “Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted...”

## Jesus Prays for All Believers (John 17:20-26)

- “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message...”

## Jesus Prays After Healing (Luke 5:15-16)

- Scripture: “But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.”

## Jesus Prays at His Baptism (Luke 3:21-22)

- “When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in physical form like a dove.

## Jesus Prays Before Raising Lazarus (John 11:41-42)

- “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you constantly hear me, but I stated this for the benefit of the people standing here...”

## Jesus Prays in Solitude (Mark 1:35)

- “Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.”

## Jesus Prays Before His Transfiguration (Luke 9:28-29)

- “About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John, and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the look of his face altered, and his garments became as dazzling as a flash of lightning.”



# The World

We pray for all peoples of the world.

We pray for people in places where there is war.

We pray for people in places where there is famine.

We pray for people living under tyranny.

Lord, hear our prayer.



The background image is a photograph of a terraced rice field on a hillside. The terraces are filled with lush green rice plants. In the foreground, four farmers are working in the fields. One farmer is standing and looking towards the right, while the others are bent over, working. In the background, there are more terraced fields, a small village with several houses, and mountains in the distance under a warm, golden light from the setting or rising sun.

# Nature

We pray for nature, for those who tend the earth, our Mother, for all that she has been given to us, for her protection and care.

Hear our prayer.

(This next section is not read but shared silently.)

- *11.31) That is why I said to you, Be of good courage, and if you are discouraged be encouraged in the presence of the different forms of nature. 12.32) He who has ears to hear, let him hear.*

# Leaders

We pray for those who lead the nations of the world. May they be given wisdom and be emboldened to serve all people. Grant that justice and peace may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love.

- Lord, grant our prayers.
- (silent)
- *18.38) Do not lay down any rules beyond what I appointed you, and do not give a law like the lawgiver lest you be constrained by it.*





# Family and Friend

We pray for our families and friends. May we be able to help each other just as you love and help us.

(Especially we pray for...)

Lord, grant our prayers

- *35:24 I have spoken these things to you that my joy may remain in you and that your joy may be made full. This is my commandment, that you love one another, even as I have loved you. GBC*



# Those in Need

We pray for those in need, for sick people, for those in hospital, for those with any other problems and for those known to you alone. Grant your strength and healing.

Especially we pray for...

God, grant our prayers.



A woman in a black mourning dress and hat is placing a bouquet of red roses on a gravestone. The scene is set in a cemetery with other gravestones visible in the background.

## Those who mourn

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We pray for all who mourn that they may feel your care for them.

Especially:

Hear our Prayer.

*20.1) But they were grieved. They wept greatly, saying, How shall we go to the Gentiles and preach the gospel of the Kingdom of the Son of Man? If they did not spare Him, how will they spare us?*

# For Blessings and Comfort

We ask your blessings and comfort for all those who love and care for the sad, the sick, the lonely, the poor, the hopeless.

Grant our prayer

*21.2) Then Mary stood up, greeted them all, and said to her brethren, Do not weep and do not grieve nor be irresolute, for His grace will be entirely with you and will protect you.*



# Those brave enough to speak

We ask that you hold up the journalists, academics, and historians who are brave enough to speak and report the truth, despite threats to their freedom of speech and their safety.

Especially:

- *Diana Butler Bass*
- Lord, grant our prayer.



# For Guidance

We give the week ahead and every week into your hands. Be with us in all that we will do, guide our words, and guard our thoughts. Grant that we not be tempted by the words of man or the noise of the world.

Hear our Prayer.

*14.34) Beware that no one lead you astray saying Lo here or lo there! For the Son of Man is within you. 15.35) Follow after Him!*



# For our Mary Magdalene Community

We ask that this path which we are being led to be our individual true path.

We open our hearts and minds to possibilities and we ask that our time together be uplifting to all.

Hear our prayer:

Those who seek Him will find Him.

# Clarity and Courage

Grant us clarity of mind and courage during these times of uncertainty. Grant that we use love and light as our form of resistance.

- Hear our prayer.
- *But if the Savior made her worthy, who are you indeed to reject her? Surely the Savior knows her very well.*





# Love of Peace

Kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace.

- Lord hear our prayer.
- When the Blessed One had said this, He greeted them all, saying, Peace be with you. Receive my peace unto yourselves.

Together we all say

**AMEN and AMEN**







Reflections

# Gospel of the Beloved Companion

“My master spoke thus to me. He said, ‘Miryam, blessed are you who came into being before coming into being, and whose eyes are set upon the kingdom, who from the beginning has understood and followed my teachings.

Only from the truth I tell you, there is a great tree within you that does not change, summer or winter, and its leaves do not fall. Whosoever listens to my words and ascends to its crown will not taste death, but know the truth of eternal life.



# Gospel of Mary

Mary answered and said, What is hidden from you I will proclaim to you.

And she began to speak to them these words: I, she said, I saw the Lord in a vision and I said to Him, Lord I saw you today in a vision.

He answered and said to me, Blessed are you that you did not waver at the sight of Me. For where the mind is there is the treasure.

I said to Him, Lord, how does he who sees the vision see it, through the soul or through the spirit?

The Teacher answered and said, He does not see through the soul nor through the spirit, but the mind that is between the two that is what sees the vision and it is [...]

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# Announcement

Celebrating Magdalene Feast Day

On July 20

No Gathering on July 27





## **MARY MAGDALENE FEAST DAY ANNUAL ONLINE CELEBRATIONS**

**JULY 22ND 2025**

**Jo Blake - Magdalene and Isis**  
**Fay Barratt - The Women Disciples**  
**David Curtis - The Gospel of Mary**  
**Jo Blake & Rob Clark - The Witness**

[Thegospelofmary.org](http://Thegospelofmary.org)  
David Curtis

# Closing Dialogue

When the Blessed One said these things, he greeted them all and said, “Peace be with you! Acquire my peace. Be careful not to let anyone mislead you by saying, “Look over here! Or “ Look over there! because the Son of Humanity exists within you. Follow him! Those who seek him will find him.”