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Information about mission projects, programmes and agencies linked with the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia is also included.

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Rev Canon Robert Kereopa, Executive Officer, sharing with staff and students at Kasulu Bible School, Tanzania

More than ever, the world needs our prayers. In so many places our brothers and sisters live daily with the challenges of natural disasters, poverty and conflict. AMB is privileged to be linked with churches who are seeking to model Christ in the most difficult situations. Through NZCMS the church's mission partners seek to serve and share the living truth of the Gospel.

The church in New Zealand has an enormous role to play in spiritually supporting the work of the worldwide church with its prayers. As the Apostle James writes:

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective"

When we pray, we partner with Christ in his High Priestly ministry, interceding for the nations.

Our partners in this guide value your faithful prayers.

Canon Robert Kereopa
Anglican Missions Board



DIOCESE OF POLYNESIA

LAND IN FIJI

DAY 01

**Today we pray for everyone without a place to call home.
We pray in particular for the landless and homeless
people in Fiji.**

Landless People: Nadawa

There are 12 Anglican families in Nadawa and who have been squatting on land owned by the *Nasinu Land Purchases Co-operative* for the past 50 years. The owners are planning to develop and sell sections of the land that Nadawa is on. The development plan for the subdivision has been submitted and is due to commence in 2016. Discussions are being held so that some of the land can be purchased out-right for the Nadawa community. For the last few years the Diocese of Polynesia has put aside donations for the purchase of land for the Nadawa community, but more needs to be saved to ensure when the time comes for the purchase of land, these people can have a home.

**Pray for the Landless People in Nadawa as we work
towards securing land for this community.**

We give thanks for...

- The progress made with the community of Namara who are moving to Tacirua East. We pray for the community in this time of change, that they will find strength and peace through the process of moving.
- The work of the Diocese of Polynesia to ensure those under its care have a secure place to call home.

Collect

Our Pacific islands are yours, O Lord, and all the seas that surround them. You made the palm trees grow and the birds fly in the air.

When we see your beautiful rising sun and hear the waves splash our shores, we know, Lord, how wonderfully you bless our people.

"We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints." Colossians 1:3-4



DIOCESE OF POLYNESIA

PEOPLE OF FIJI

DAY 02

Today we pray for:

House of Sarah

Pray for the work of the House of Sarah, which is the only provider of specifically Christian counselling in the region. It also provides referrals to women's services for women in need. It has fostered ecumenical partnerships, encouraging Christians to work together to end domestic violence in the Pacific.

Anglicare Polynesia

Anglicare Polynesia is the social welfare and development arm of the Diocese of Polynesia. Anglicare Polynesia monitors all the community development projects, ensuring that these are carried out to the highest standards. It also aims to conduct community needs assessments. **Pray for Anglicare Polynesia and their work in developing services and community projects.**

We also pray for...

- The Most Rev Winston Halapua – Bishop of Polynesia and Co-Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia
- The Rt Rev Gabriel Sharma – studying at St John's Auckland
- The Rt Rev Apimeleki Qiliho – Vanua Levu, Taveuni & Vitu Levu West
- Diocesan Secretary and Registrar John Simmons and the administration staff
- The Ven Sepiuta Hala'api – Archdeacon of Suva & Ovalau
- The Ven Amanake Tu'itavake – Archdeacon of Aotearoa NZ
- Jo Sanegar, Projects Officer of Anglicare Polynesia
- The clergy and people of Fiji.

Collect

Creator God, you make the sun to give light in the day, the moon and the stars for guidance at night, you divided the seas making a path through the waters. Grant that, sailing out in our canoes of Tikanga Pakeha, Tikanga Maori, and Tikanga Polynesia, we may follow the way you have charted for us and from our separate home ports, find our common destination in you, through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

“And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him.” Colossians 1:18-19



DIOCESE OF POLYNESIA

WHEELCHAIRS

DAY 03

Today we pray for those in the community who are restricted by illness or disability.

Provision of Wheelchairs

People who are disabled or are frail often have much to offer their communities. However, many are marginalized due to lack of mobility. A wheelchair project was successfully piloted in 2014 in Nadi, Nausori and Wailoku.

Pray for those who are now able to engage in their community due to increased mobility and independence. In 2015, it is hoped that more wheelchairs can be provided for those who are housebound due to disabilities or frailty. They will be supplied in both Fiji and Tonga.

Sanitation for Children

We give thanks for the installation of sanitation facilities for the school which serves Mani'ava in the area of Vitu Levu mountain range. A proper toilet and bathroom facility for the girls and boys was installed in 2014.

Collect

God, you call the thirsty to drink the living water which only you can provide. Bless the work and witness of those who provide clean drinking water and sanitation to communities without it. Help us never to take the gift of clean water for granted, nor to withhold it from those whom we are able to help.

"I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness"
Colossians 1:25



DIOCESE OF POLYNESIA SAMOA & TONGA DAY 04

Today we pray for the people of Samoa, Tonga, and American Samoa.

We pray for...

- The Archdeaconry of Samoa
- The Archdeaconry of Tonga
- The Archdeaconry of American Samoa and its Archdeacon The Ven Taifai Toomata
- Clergy and lay ministers in Samoa, American Samoa and Tonga
- St Andrew's High School, Nuku'alofa, Tonga
- The Sisters of the Community of the Sacred Name
- The people of Samoa, Tonga, and American Samoa as they deal with the changing climate and threat and recovery from natural disasters.

We give thanks for...

- The teams of volunteers who have been working at St Andrew's High School, Nuku'alofa, Tonga to improve the school's buildings and resources to ensure the children have a safe learning environment.
- Simon and Rachel Tipping – working at St Andrew's High School in Tonga.

Collect

Almighty and everliving God, author of creation, you have given us land where three tikanga boats have landed. Yes, the Tikanga Pakeha, Tikanga Maori and Tikanga Pasefika. Grant us grace so that we may be able to fulfil our call in this province by bringing the three into one so that your name may be glorified in the Church.

"If you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant" Colossians 1:23



Today we pray for the youth of the Diocese of Polynesia.

We pray for...

- The many educational institutions that are dedicated to giving young people a hope and a future
- The staff and students at:
 - Bishop Kempthorne Memorial School, Suva
 - St John's Anglican Primary School, Suva
 - St James' Anglican School, Levuka
 - Holy Trinity Anglican School, Suva
 - St Paul's Anglican School, Naviavia
 - St Mary's Anglican Primary School, Labasa
 - All Saints' Secondary School, Labasa
 - Basden College, Suva
 - St Andrew's High School, Nuku'alofa, Tonga
 - All Saints Anglican Primary School, Samoa
- Children's Ministry throughout the Diocese
- The Ven Sepiuta Hala'api'api – Director of Diocesan Youth - Lotu Youth Mission Community.

We give thanks for...

- The Sisters and staff of St Christopher's Home, who provide a loving and safe home for many solo mothers, children, and young people without families in Fiji.

Collect

Thank you God for the gift of youth, for the young people of today, who are unafraid to look life in the face and give themselves to it. Help us to recognise young people in our church and community and to value their contribution to our life together.

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." Colossians 2:6-7

Photo: Pedram Pirnia

DIOCESE OF POLYNESIA

YOUNG PEOPLE

DAY 05



DIOCESE OF POLYNESIA

MISSION SUPPORT

DAY 06

Today we pray for the people assisted by the Mission Support Project within the Diocese of Polynesia.

21 stipendiary clergy and 6 non-stipendiary clergy are partly supported by the Anglican Missions Board. "Mission Support" contributes to their ministries in their communities. Evangelism, mission, outreach and discipleship are a focus. In some areas new worship centres are being built, e.g Ha'akio, St Andrew's, Vavua Tonga, and Drasa, Lautoka Fiji.

Most priests are self-supporting or "worker" priests who work between 20 and 30 hours a week carrying out their ministry duties while still providing for their families. In the rural areas this involves maintaining a small subsistence plot of land. The Church in Polynesia wants to increase the number of priests who are able to minister fulltime without also having to be the fulltime breadwinner for their families.

The Anglican Church in Polynesia has 26 parishes spread over Fiji, Samoa, American Samoa and Tonga as well as 4 parishes in New Zealand. In Fiji each parish has a number of worship centres many of which have congregations in excess of 100 people. Many church members are seasonal workers and earn very little. As a result churches are a long way off being able to fund their own Priest.

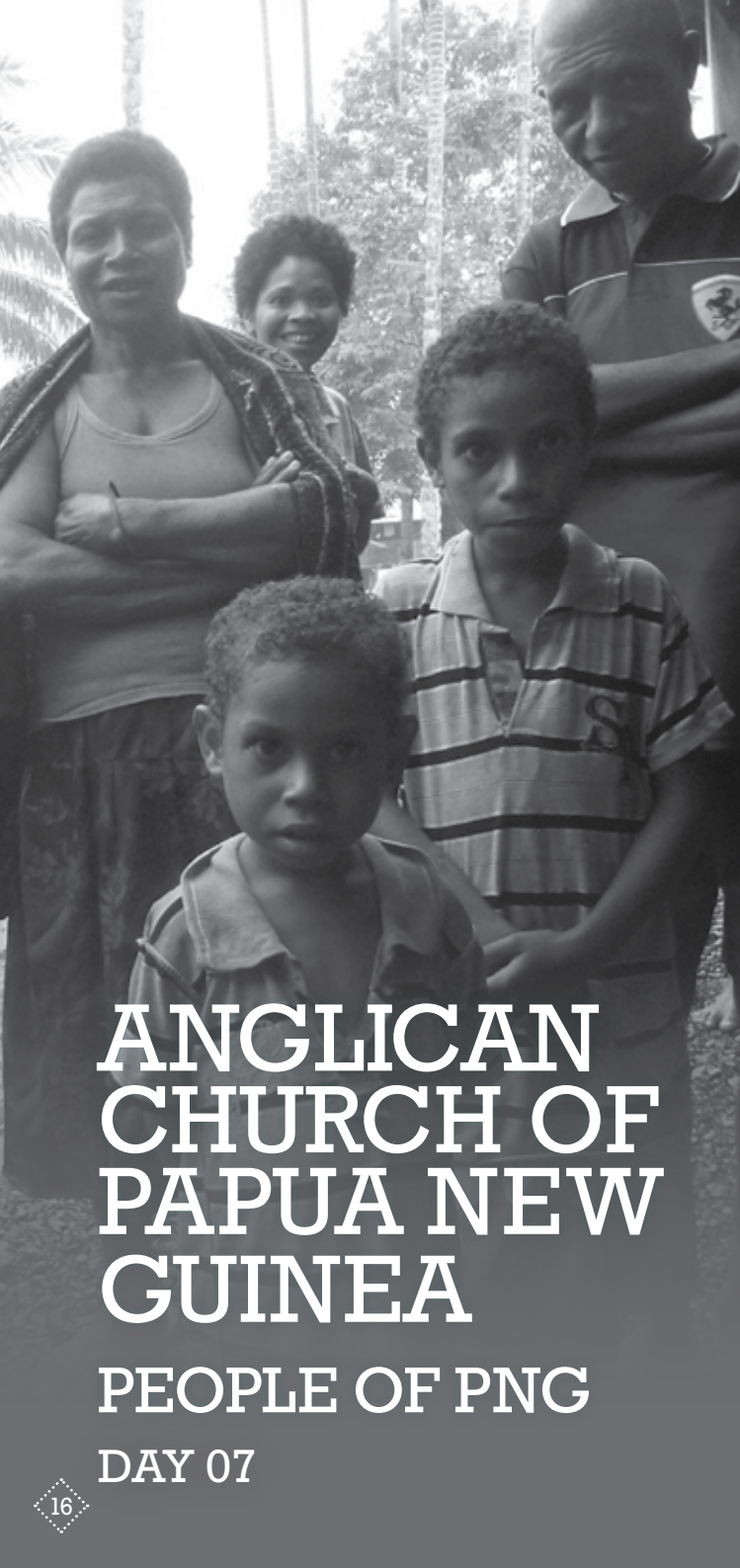
We pray for the worker priests throughout Polynesia who are called to share the gospel and deepen the discipleship of parishioners.

Collect

Almighty God, for you the islands wait, send down your blessing on the clergy and people of different races and nations in Polynesia. Guide them with your Holy Spirit in all their plans for the future. Strengthen them in times of difficulty and give them such a sure trust in you that they may serve you faithfully in all that they do, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Saviour.

"For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority."

Colossians 2:9-10



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

PEOPLE OF PNG

DAY 07

Today we pray for Papua New Guinea. The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (ACPNG) faces many challenges as it continues to bring hope to the many communities it ministers to.

Currently there are 110 parishes and numerous mission districts with 112 priests engaged in active ministries. Approximately 4% of the population are Anglican (about 250,000 Anglicans).

Extensive training programmes are being undertaken at provincial and diocesan levels to equip and upskill people, especially in the areas of finance and administration.

Pray for Archbishop Clyde Igaras as he establishes a strategic plan and structure for the Province.

We pray for...

- The ministry of the Diocesan Bishops
 - The Most Rev Clyde Igaras – Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and Bishop of Dogura
 - The Rt Rev Dr Nathan Ingen – Aipo Rongo
 - The Rt Rev Allan Migi – New Guinea Islands
 - The Rt Rev Lindsley Ihove – Popondota
 - Position Vacant – Port Moresby.
- The clergy and lay people of Papua New Guinea
- The staff of the National Office

Collect

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

“For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”
Colossians 3:3-4



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

DAY 08

Today we pray for education and educators in Papua New Guinea. It is estimated that more than a thousand different cultural groups exist in PNG with more than 820 different languages and this diversity makes for some significant mission challenges.

Newton Theological College

Newton Theological College has a strong and on-going commitment to providing theologically competent and well equipped priests in Papua New Guinea. The college has a reputation for high quality theological education not only for future priests, but also in the programmes for their wives and children.

Kerina Evangelists' College

Situated in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea at Tsendiap in the remote Lower Jimi, Kerina Evangelists' College is a centre for the training of catechists. Catechists are lay people serving in isolated communities who do not have a resident priest. Once trained, they represent the Church and minister to many families and individuals. The catechists are the backbone of the Church in the most remote areas but are unpaid volunteers.

Pray for the students of Newton Theological College and Kerina Evangelists' College. Pray also for their families who support them through their education.

We give thanks for...

- The H & W Williams Memorial Trust who have provided significant support for the theological colleges of Papua New Guinea.

Collect

Guide us all in our studies so that through learning and training, humility and obedience we may become agents of transformation through Jesus Christ.

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Colossians 3:12



NEW ZEALAND AND OUR PARTNERS

SHORT TERM MISSION TEAMS

DAY 09

Every year New Zealanders leave our shores to do mission around the world. Today we pray for those who are heading out in the coming months, and give thanks for the work past teams have been able to do.

Short term mission teams have achieved many things while travelling including building playgrounds, doing building repairs, painting, cleaning, photography, and most importantly developing relationships with those people who they help.

Pray for the parishes and groups heading out on short term missions around the world in 2015; that the work they begin will continue to improve peoples lives for many years to come. Pray for spiritual fruit.

We give thanks for...

- the Tikanga Pakeha Missions Council (TPMC) Short Term Mission Grants which assisted many ministry units to undertake mission trips in 2014
- the short term mission teams that travelled in 2014 including teams from:
 - Holy Trinity Picton to St Andrew's School, Tonga
 - Balclutha Parish to PNG
 - Parish of Eltham and Kaponga to Fiji
 - Ohariu Archdeaconry to Tonga
 - St. Stephen's Shirley to Fiji
 - Parish of Rangiora to Kondo, Tanzania
 - St. Stephen's, Whangaparua to Kondo, Tanzania

Collect

Lord, we know that the needy are all around us. Thank you that through Jesus you have shown us that word and action go hand in hand. Fill us with your life, equip us with your power, grant us your compassion and show us how we speak for you and live for you, and in your name reach out to others.

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." Colossians 3:15

*David Brown doing repairs at St. Andrews School Tonga
Photo: Stephanie Brown*



NEW ZEALAND AND OUR PARTNERS

WORK OF ANGLICAN MISSIONS

DAY 10

Today we pray for the staff and Board of Anglican Missions, who are enabling global mission to occur every day. We also give thanks for the ongoing support of Parishes and Rohe for the overseas mission work of our Church carried out through Anglican Missions.

We pray for...

◦ The Anglican Missions Board members

- Rt Rev'd John Gray
- Rev'd Jacynthia Murphy
- Mr Charles Hemana
- Most Rev'd Philip Richardson (Chair)
- Rev'd Dawn Daunauda
- Mrs Mary Escourt
- Revd Amy Chambers
- Mr Jo Sanegar
- Mr Sakiusa Tubuna
- Rev Steve Maina
- Most Rev'd Clyde Igara
- Rev'd Michael Hughes

◦ The staff of Anglican Missions

- Canon Robert Kereopa - Executive Officer
- Tendai Nyamdela - Executive Assistant
- Rev Mike Hawke - Church Support Officer
- Glen Williams - Accountant
- Janet Gallagher - Accounts Officer
- Leanne Binet - Database and Resources

Collect

God, you call us to serve you with all the strength we have: you are faithful to those you call; may Jesus' resurrection raise us if we stumble, the Christlight beckon us if we lose our way, and we shall have strength once more to walk with you to the Cross.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God." Colossians 3:16

Rev'd Grace Kaiso, General Secretary CAPA with Robert Kereopa in Kenya. Photo: Rev'd Canon Robert Kereopa



NEW ZEALAND AND OUR PARTNERS VOLUNTEERS & SUPPORTERS DAY 11

There are many people who need to be thanked for their commitment to Anglican Missions, for without them we would cease to exist. Today we pray for and give thanks for these people.

We give thanks for...

- the generous support from our **donors**, enabling mission to continue around the world
- the **Mission Motivators** who encourage mission in their parishes
- our **Stamp Volunteers**:
 - the stamp trimmers who sort and trim hundreds of thousands of stamps every year
 - the co-ordinators of all the stamps: Kelvin, Jane, Simon, Nicky, and Nigel
- the vision of Henry and William Williams whose legacy continues to provide generously for the work of the Gospel both in New Zealand and through the South Pacific
- The many parish and rohe mission prayer groups around New Zealand
- The Diocesan Mission Festivals which have brought people together to share in their passion for missions.

Mission Support Groups

We thank God for the way the Diocesan and Tikanga Mission groups raise awareness of overseas mission.

- Diocesan Overseas Mission Groups
- Tikanga Pakeha Missions Council
- Tikanga Maori Mission Council
- Tikanga Pasifika Mission Council
- NZCMS Area Representatives.

Collect

O God our Father, whose love for all people is proclaimed in Jesus Christ, we thank you for uniting us in prayer and fellowship. Use us now in the mission of your Church; help us to realise that everything we do and say reflects our love for you.

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17



NEW ZEALAND AND OUR PARTNERS

WOMEN'S OUTREACH

DAY 12

Today we pray for the women of New Zealand and around the world who provide endless support for overseas mission.

AAW

Through the **Overseas & Outreach Programme, Association of Anglican of Women (AAW)** members in New Zealand support mission projects overseas, as well as in New Zealand. The current O&O convener is Mary Estcourt. The AAW President is Margaret McLanachan.

We pray for the projects supported by AAW

- The work of the AAW in Polynesia to supply sewing machines, assist kindergartens, and help with travel and meeting costs for Archdeaconry representatives
- The work of the AAW in Papua New Guinea on adult literacy education, village health and Students' Wives courses at Newton Theological College
- Women's craft enterprises in Pakistan
- Development work in the Middle East
- Health programmes in Bangladesh
- Outreach by Religious Communities in Melanesia, Papua New Guinea, and Sri Lanka.

The Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union has 4 million members in 83 countries, the vast majority of members in developing countries. Anglican Missions' links with the Mothers' Union include those in Polynesia, Melanesia, Papua New Guinea, and Africa. Rev Iritana Hankins is the NZ Provincial President.

We pray for...

- The Mothers' Union throughout the world and the continued growth of this organisation.

Collect

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every live I touch, do thou by thy Spirit quicken, whether through the word that I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live.

"Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13



NEW ZEALAND AND OUR PARTNERS

MISSION AGENCIES

DAY 13

Today we pray for all the Mission Agencies around the world and give thanks for the amazing work they do.

We pray for...

- **Christian World Service (CWS)**
 - Pauline McKay – National Director
 - CWS is the development, justice and aid agency of New Zealand Churches. The Anglican Missions Board works with CWS on campaigns for emergency relief and development programmes for which it can get extra government funding.
- **Sharing of Ministries Abroad (SOMA)**
 - SOMA has been one of the most effective short-term mission organisations within the Anglican Church. We have been privileged to be part of it here in New Zealand – having sent short-term mission teams to almost every continent and to many of the Islands in and around the Pacific. With the rise of short-term missions within CMS, the Board of SOMA felt that duplication was happening and we expressed a desire to come within the umbrella of CMS, bringing our unique gifts and insights (and passion) to the table.
 - Please give thanks for these places where SOMA has been active and continues to be active around the world and pray for the developing relationship as SOMA NZ become part of the CMS network.
- **Bible Society of New Zealand**
 - Please pray for Bible Society NZ, especially for young people in NZ, that they will be impacted by Bible Society's Bible engagement resources. This includes the True Story short films and the special edition of the Gospel of Matthew freely distributed at Easter camps across the country.

Collect

God of love, we thank you for leading your people to live out the prayer of Jesus, and we pray that through the words and deeds of ecumenical witness the world might believe. Work among us O God and bring us to unity in Christ.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." Colossians 3:23-24



NEW ZEALAND AND OUR PARTNERS

NEW ZEALAND
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SOCIETY

DAY 14

Today we pray for the New Zealand Church Missionary Society (NZCMS) and those serving overseas as Mission Partners who have left their homes and lives behind to engage in Mission.

NZCMS has a long and proud history in the life of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa / New Zealand. Since 1892, when the New Zealand branch was started, the Anglican Church has been sending missionaries overseas to serve in many parts of the world through NZCMS.

Over the years, many men and women have travelled far from their homes and families to follow God's call. They have helped spread the Gospel by word and deed throughout the world and witnessed God's love for all people to millions.

We pray for...

- NZCMS and Rev Steve Maina, the National Director
- The men and women who have left their homes and families to serve the Church overseas
- The legacy of missionaries everywhere. That their lives and work will have eternal impact
- We pray for all of the NZCMS Mission Partners, in particular we pray for
 - Murray and Féy Cotter who are serving in Albania in Church planting and administration
 - Katie Bennett who is in Spain working to plant Churches
 - Nadia Cooper who is on medical placement in Uganda

We give thanks for...

- The privilege of sharing the Gospel to those who have never heard.
- Those who died in the course of spreading the Gospel.

Collect

Holy and everliving God, by your power we are created, and by your love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live each day in love to one another and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ." Colossians 1:28



Today we pray for the Anglican Indigenous Network (AIN) and its work in development, training, and resource sharing of its international members: American Indians, indigenous Alaskans, Canadians, and Hawaiians, along with Maori, Australian Aborigines and the Torres Strait Islanders.

AIN is a formal body of the Anglican Consultative Council. Its mission statement speaks of being committed to the Anglican tradition while affirming traditional spirituality.

Every two years, with the Anglican Observer at the UN usually present, five delegates from each country come together for furthering their common purpose including discussions about ministry training, self-determining initiatives to retain and blend indigenous languages and cultures with church practices, and looking at their common concerns and current local political issues affecting them. “We believe that God is leading the Church to a turning point in its history and that the full partnership of indigenous peoples is essential.”

We pray for...

- Bishop John Gray – Secretary General, AIN
- Tikanga Maori delegates to the network
- The companion diocese relationships between Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa and Hawaii, Southern Ohio, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, First Nations Peoples of Canada, Australian Aborigines and Torres Straits Islanders.

Collect

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the centre of this sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever.

“We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.” 1Thessalonians 2:8

Torres Strait Islanders representatives in Christchurch Te Wai Pounamu, Christchurch. Photo: Anglican Taonga/Lloyd Ashton



NEW ZEALAND AND OUR PARTNERS

LOCAL MISSION

DAY 16

Today we pray for mission in New Zealand. We also pray for those who lead the Anglican Church in New Zealand and Aotearoa.

We pray for...

- The Most Revs Brown Turei and Philip Richardson – Co-presiding Bishops of Aotearoa / New Zealand; and The Most Rev Winston Halapua – Archbishop of Polynesia
- The Rt Rev Ross Bay – Bishop of Auckland
- The Rt Rev Andrew Hedge - The Bishop of Waiapu
- The Rt Rev Helen-Ann Hartley – Bishop of Waikato
- The Most Rev Philip Richardson – Bishop of Taranaki
- The Rt Rev Justin Duckworth – Bishop of Wellington
- The Rt Rev Richard Ellena – Bishop of Nelson
- The Rt Rev Victoria Matthews – Bishop of Christchurch
- The Rt Rev Kelvin Wright – Bishop of Dunedin
- The Most Rev Brown Turei – Bishop of Aotearoa and Te Tairāwhiti
- The Rt Rev Kitohi Pikaahu – Bishop of Te Tai Tokerau
- The Rt Rev Ngarahu Katene – Bishop of Te Manawa o te Wheke
- The Rt Rev Muru Walters – Bishop of Te Upoko o Te Ika
- The Rt Rev John Gray – Bishop of Te Waipounamu
- Rev Michael Hughes, General Secretary to General Synod, and the staff of the Provincial Office who support the Dioceses in their work and witness
- Parish and Rohe clergy and lay leaders
- Defence Force, tertiary, school, hospital and workplace chaplains.

We give thanks for...

- the local mission of parishes and rohe throughout New Zealand and pray for continued effectiveness
- the Church Army and their work training and releasing people to work as evangelists in New Zealand.

Collect

Draw your church together, Lord, 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. We ask this in his name.

“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.” Colossians 3:14



Today we pray for our partners in Australia. We pray for the work of the Australian Anglican Board of Missions among the Indigenous people of Australia and pray for continued reconciliation and justice.

We pray for...

- The Most Rev Dr Philip Freier – Primate of Australia
- The 23 diocesan Bishops
- Clergy and lay leaders of the more than 3000 parishes
- The Anglican Board of Mission – Australia, Executive Director Rev John Deane
- Maori Missions in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth.

We also pray for...

- The Anglican Church of Australia's Indigenous Programmes including:
 - Nungalinga College – providing theological education and courses in family & community services and leadership training
 - Wontulp-Bi-Buya College – established to support the development of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander church and community leaders through theological and community development studies.

We give thanks for...

- The companion diocese relationship between the Diocese of Wellington and the Diocese of Brisbane.

Collect

Loving God, whose glory outshines the sun, open our lives to the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may fully reflect the glory of your love and share our lives with one another. In Christ's name we pray.

"For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory." 1Thessalonians 2:11-12



NEW ZEALAND AND OUR PARTNERS

MINISTRY TO MIGRANTS & MISSION TO SEAFARERS

DAY 18

Today we pray for those who move to new lands or travel the seas, and those who offer their assistance and guidance to these people.

Ministry to Migrants

We pray for...

- New Zealand Churches seeking to minister to immigrants
- Anglican Chinese ministry in New Zealand and the Anglican Chinese Mission
- Ven Amanake Tu'itavake, Ven Edward Subramaniam, and Polynesian clergy as they minister with Fijian, Indian, Tongan and Samoan congregations in New Zealand.

Mission to Seafarers

Mission to Seafarers is an agency of the Anglican Church with a network of Chaplains, staff, and volunteers in 300 ports around the world to offer support to seafarers.

Pray for seafarers who often spend up to 10 months of the year away from their families. Pray the Mission Chaplains will always have a wise word “in season” for those who have troubled hearts.

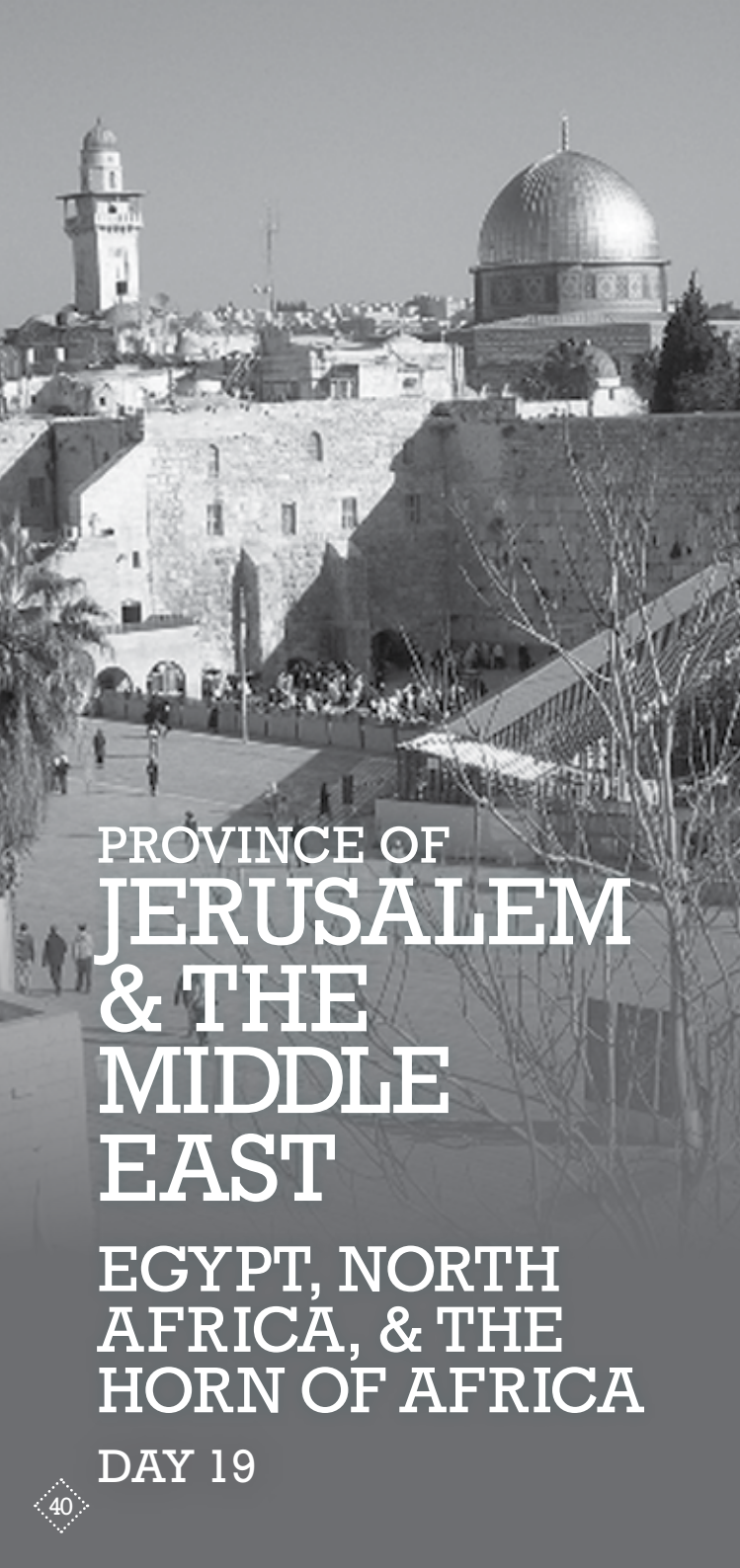
We pray for...

- The Chaplains to Seafarers in the busy ports of Auckland and Wellington
- The Rt Rev John Gray and the work of Tikanga Maori with Mission to Seafarers
- Honorary chaplains in seven other ports in New Zealand
- The chaplaincies in Fiji, Tonga, Melanesia and Papua New Guinea.

Collect

Lord God, Creator of land and sea, bless those who work at sea. Be with them in fair weather and foul, in danger or distress. Strengthen them when weary, lift them up when down and comfort them when far from their loved ones. In this life, bring them safely to shore and, in the life to come, welcome them to your kingdom. For Jesus Christ's sake.

“For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?” 1 Thessalonians 3:8-9



PROVINCE OF JERUSALEM & THE MIDDLE EAST

EGYPT, NORTH AFRICA, & THE HORN OF AFRICA

DAY 19

The Episcopal/Anglican Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa is within the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Today we pray for the people of Egypt and North Africa and the Horn of Africa.

We pray for...

- The Most Rev Dr Mouneer Hanna Anis – Primate of Jerusalem & the Middle East and Bishop of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa
- The Rt Rev Dr Grant LeMarquand, Assistant Bishop for the Horn of Africa
- The Rt Rev Dr Bill Musk – Assistant Bishop to the Bishop of Egypt with responsibility for North Africa
- EpiscoCare - the development arm of Episcopal/Anglican Diocese of Egypt - and the community development centers and nurseries they run throughout the Diocese
- The clergy throughout the Diocese, especially those in Gambella, Ethiopia.

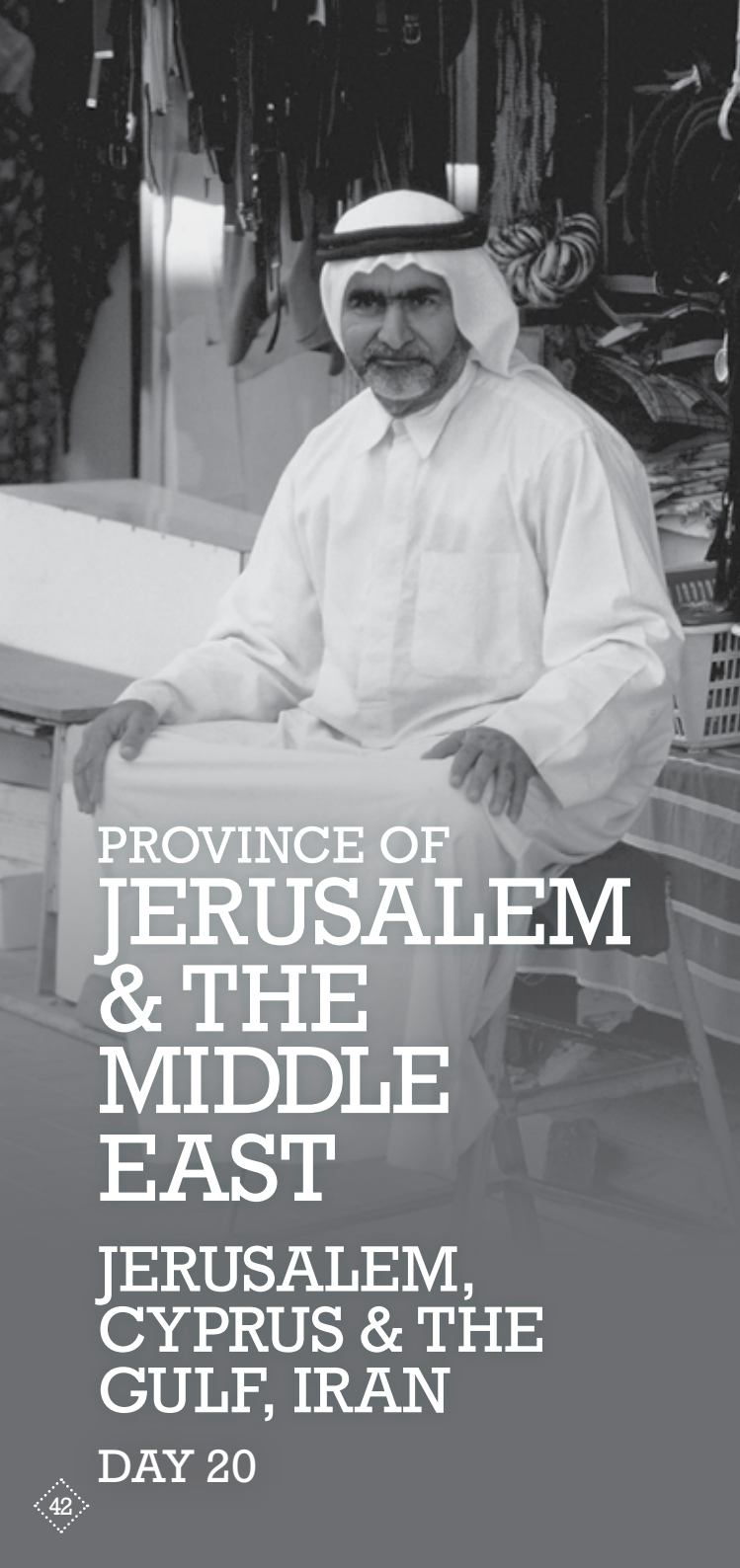
We give thanks for...

- The work of the Diocese in:
 - health and children's education
 - economic empowerment; assisting people in starting new business in order to become self-supporting
 - breaking down barriers between those of different religious groups
- The companion diocese relationship between the Diocese of Nelson in New Zealand and the Diocese of Egypt.

Collect

Breathe in me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, Holy Spirit, that my work may be holy. Draw my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy. Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend in all that is holy. Guard me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy. – *St Augustine of Hippo*

*"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you."
1 Thessalonians 3:12*



PROVINCE OF JERUSALEM & THE MIDDLE EAST

JERUSALEM, CYPRUS & THE GULF, IRAN

DAY 20

Today we pray for the Diocese of Jerusalem, the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, and the Diocese of Iran.

The Diocese of Jerusalem extends over Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Palestine and Israel. There are 27 parishes that minister to the needs of their communities, centred on the Cathedral Church of St. George the Martyr in Jerusalem. The church supports 33 institutions, which include hospitals, clinics, kindergartens and schools, vocational training programmes, as well as institutions for the deaf, the disabled and the elderly.

The Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf includes Cyprus and the Gulf states, Iraq and Yemen.

The Diocese of Iran was formed in 1912 as a result of the missionary work of NZCMS. While the Anglican Church in Iran is small there have been Christians in Iran since the earliest days of the Church and the indigenous churches persist as minorities in this predominantly Muslim country.

We pray for...

- The Rt Rev Suheil Dawani – Bishop of Jerusalem
- The Rt Rev Michael Lewis – Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf
- The Rt Rev Azad Marshall – Bishop of Iran
- The Holy Land Institute for the Deaf
- The Al Ahli Hospital and its staff
- St George's College, the Dean Graham Smith, and the worldwide outreach of the College
- Christians in war zones and affected by Arab uprising in Syria, Iraq, and Egypt
- Christian communities internally displaced and those seeking asylum in other countries
- The Clergy and people of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Collect

Pray not for Jew or Muslim or Christian, nor for Palestinian or Israeli, but pray rather that we might not divide them in our prayers, but keep them together as one humanity in our hearts.

"Now about brotherly love we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other." 1Thessalonians 4:9



THE CHURCH IN ASIA

SOUTH EAST ASIA

DAY 21

Today we pray for the Province of South East Asia.

It is made up of the Diocese of Singapore, West Malaysia, Sabah and Kuching.

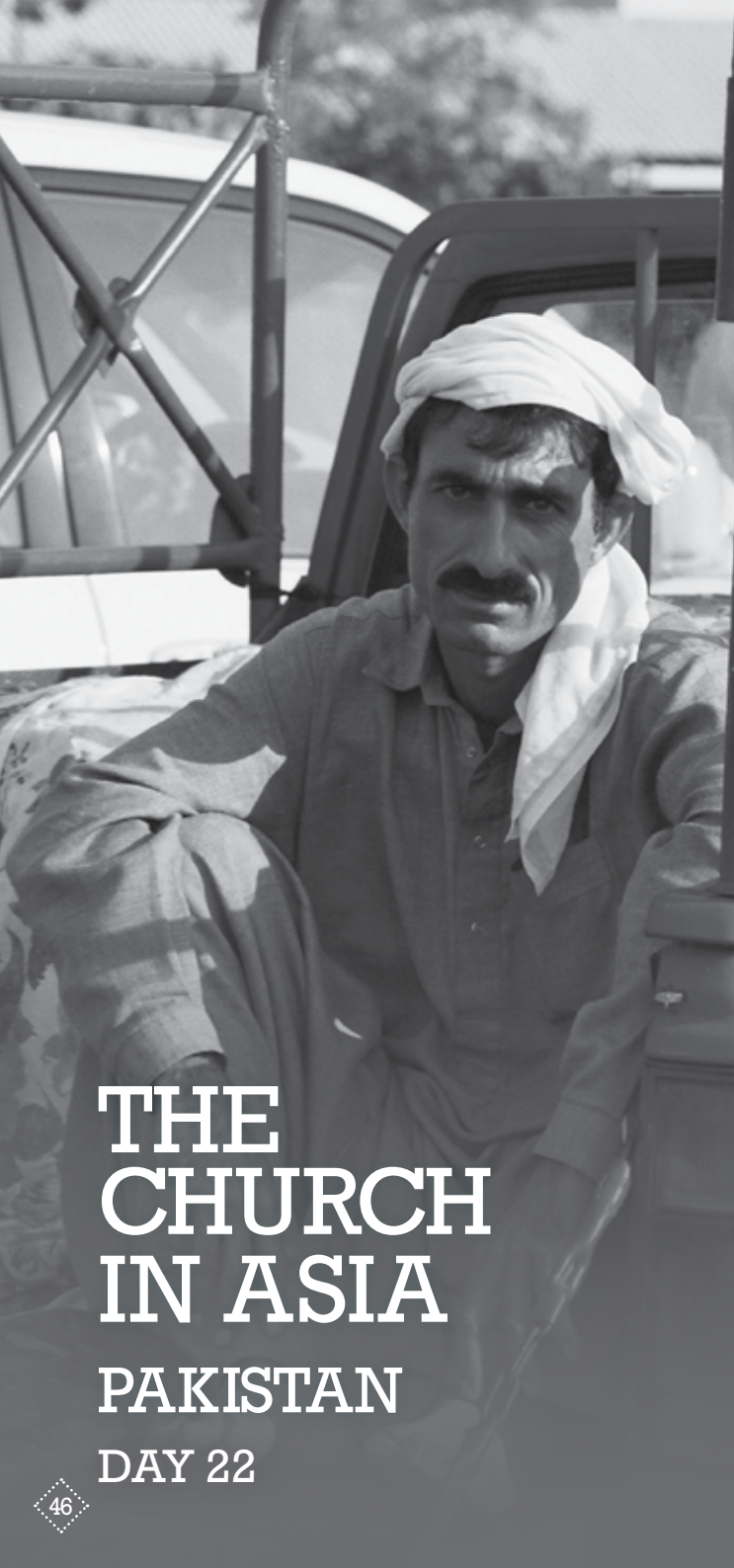
We pray for...

- The Most Rev Bolly Anak Lapok – Archbishop of the Province and Bishop of Kuching
- The Rt Rev Rennis Ponniah – Bishop of Singapore
- Bishop of Sabah – Position Vacant
- The Rt Rev John Yeo – Assistant Bishop of Sabah
- The Rt Rev Ng Moon Hing – Bishop of West Malaysia
- The Rt Rev Andrew Phang – Assistant Bishop of West Malaysia
- Phil & Becky Sussex - NZCMS Mission Partners serving in Cambodia - Dental work and education
- Anne & Anthony McCormick - NZCMS Mission Partners serving in Cambodia - Community Ministries
- The clergy and people of South-East Asia, for their ministry that is seeing the church grow rapidly
- The missionary Deaneries in Nepal, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam and Laos and their work and witness to the people of these nations.

Collect

O God, our Creator, who gave us all that we are and have: release us from self-love, to be able to share what we are, what we know, what we have, with one another and in the world which you love. In the name of Christ, who makes this a possibility.

“But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.” 1Thessalonians 5:8



THE CHURCH IN ASIA

PAKISTAN

DAY 22

Today we pray for Pakistan.

The Church of Pakistan is a union of Anglicans, Methodists, Presbyterians and Lutherans. Established in 1970, it is predominantly Anglican in theology and outlook, with Anglicans forming the bulk of the almost one million strong church.

As well as the current conflict, Christians in Pakistan have been the victims of significant religious persecution.

We give thanks for...

Pennell High School, Memorial Hospital, and Murree Christian School and for the witness of the staff to their students.

We pray for...

- The Most Rev Samuel Azariah – Primate of Pakistan and Bishop of the Diocese of Raiwind
- The Rt Rev John Samuel – Bishop of Faisalabad
- The Rt Rev Kaleem John – Bishop of Hyderabad
- The Rt Rev Saddiq Daniel – Bishop of Karachi
- The Rt Rev Irfan Jamil – Bishop of Lahore
- The Rt Revd Leu Paul – Bishop of Multan
- The Rt Rev Humphrey S. Peters – Bishop of Peshawar
- The Rt Rev Samuel Sant Masih Perviaz – Bishop of Sialkot
- The witness and ministry of the Church in times of conflict.

Collect

Eternal God, giver of love and peace, you call your children to live together as one family, give us grace to learn your ways and to do your will, that we may bring justice and peace to all people.

"He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:10-11



THE CHURCH IN ASIA

CENTRAL & SOUTH ASIA

DAY 23

Today we pray for Central and South East Asia.

Bangladesh

Bangladesh was part of the State of Pakistan, which was partitioned from India in 1947. After the civil war between East and West Pakistan ended in 1971, East Pakistan became Bangladesh. The Church of Bangladesh is one of the United Churches, formed by a union of Anglicans with Christians of other traditions.

We pray for...

- Dr Edric Baker serving in Bangladesh.

Philippines

Four dioceses were established in the Philippines by 1971. The Anglican Church consecrated its first Bishop in 1963 and became an autonomous Province in 1990.

We pray for...

- Dianne Bayley – NZCMS Mission Partner serving in the Philippines - Children's Ministries
- The people of the Philippines contending with regular extreme weather conditions and patterns.

Sri Lanka

The diocese of Colombo was established in 1845 with the second of its dioceses, Kurunegala, established in 1950. The province of Sri Lanka is under the Archbishop of Canterbury.

We give thanks for...

- The Christian presence in these countries of men and women who live their faith in the face of persecution by Muslims and Hindus.

Collect

Lord, open our eyes that we may see you in our brothers and sisters. Lord, open our ears that we may hear the cries of the hungry, the cold, the frightened, the oppressed. Lord, open our hearts that we may love one another as you love us. –
Mother Teresa

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1Thessalonians 5:16-18



THE CHURCH IN AFRICA

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF TANZANIA

DAY 24

Today we pray for Tanzania.

Inaugurated in 1970 following the division of the Province of East Africa into the Province of Kenya and the Province of Tanzania, the Church of Tanzania was influenced by both NZCMS and the Universities Mission to Central Africa. Consequently its 27 dioceses represent both the Evangelical and Anglo-Catholic traditions – though both are equally committed to the work of evangelism.

As in other parts of Africa, the Church in Tanzania is experiencing rapid growth and is working hard to train clergy and build churches.

We give thanks for...

- The growth of the Anglican Church of Tanzania and its relationship with the Church in New Zealand.

We pray for...

- The Most Revd Jacob Erasto Chimeledya – Archbishop of Tanzania and the bishops and clergy of the 27 dioceses, especially:
 - Rev Dr Dickson Chilongani – Bishop (Elect) of Central Tanganyika
 - The Rt Rev Sadock Makaya – Bishop of Western Tanganyika
 - The Rt Rev Aaron Kijanjali – Bishop of Kagera
 - The Rt Rev Dr Mwita Akiri – Bishop of Tarime
 - The Rt Rev Dr Given Gaula – Bishop of Kondoia
- The Provincial administration and the staff
- NZCMS Mission Partners serving in Tanzania
 - Iri and Kate Mato – Pastoral Support
- The companion diocese relationship between the Diocese of Wellington and the Diocese of Kagera.

Collect

God Bless Africa; Guard her children; Guide her leaders
And give her peace, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

*"May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."
1 Thessalonians 5: 23*



THE CHURCH IN AFRICA

EDUCATION IN TANZANIA

DAY 25

Today we pray for education and the educators in Tanzania. We also pray for the New Zealanders who are serving in the schools in Tanzania.

We pray for...

- The students and their families at the various Provincial and Diocesan theological colleges as they train for ministry
 - St. John's University of Tanzania – Dodoma
 - St Philip's Theological College – Kongwa
 - St Mark's Theological College – Dar es Salaam
 - Msalato Theological College – Dodoma
- The resources for more schools to be built in Tanzania to give the young men and women of that country a greater hope and future
- Principals, staff, and students of the Anglican Schools
 - Holy Trinity School – Dodoma
 - Canon Andrea Mwaka School – Dodoma
 - The Mvumi Secondary School and hospital –Dodoma
 - Good Shepherd Secondary School – Kagera
- The Carpenter's Kids Ministry
- NZCMS Mission Partners serving in Tanzania
 - Cliff and Irene Studman – Education (Short Term)

We give thanks for...

- the partnership of the Wellington Diocese in raising the funds to build Good Shepherd Secondary School in Kagera.

Collect

O God, whose Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom, by your Holy Spirit, hold the church in unity, and keep it faithful to your word, so that, breaking bread together, we may be one with Christ in faith, love and service.

"You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed."

1 Thessalonians 2:10



PARTNERS IN AFRICA

SOUTHERN AFRICA

DAY 26

Today we pray for the Province of Southern Africa. It is the oldest province in Africa. The 28 dioceses of the Province extend beyond the Republic of South Africa and include Mozambique, the Republic of Namibia, the Kingdom of Lesotho, the Kingdom of Swaziland and Angola.

We pray for...

- The Most Rev Dr Thabo Makgoba – Archbishop of Southern Africa and the bishops and clergy of the 28 dioceses
- Father Michael Lapsley SSM and the work of The Institute for Healing of Memories
- The rebuilding of communities in Angola and Mozambique
- The fight against poverty and HIV/AIDS.
- The churches of Southern Africa who have sent out many fine missionaries globally

We give thanks for...

- The Institute for Healing of Memories which “seeks to contribute to the healing journey of individuals, communities and nations”. Their work “is grounded in the belief that we are all in need of healing, because of what we have done, what we have failed to do, and what has been done to us” (*Institute for Healing of Memories*, 2011).

Collect

Open the heavens, Holy Spirit, for us to see Jesus interceding for us; may we be strengthened to share his baptism, strengthened to share his cup, and ready to serve him forever.

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other just as in Christ God forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32



PARTNERS IN AFRICA

CENTRAL AFRICA & UGANDA

DAY 27

Today we pray for the Province of Central Africa and the Province of Uganda.

The Province of Central Africa includes Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe and has 15 diocese within it. The Province of Uganda has 27 dioceses.

We pray for...

- The Most Revd Albert Chama – Archbishop of Central Africa and the bishops and clergy of the 15 dioceses
- The Rt Rev John Osmer – Assistant Bishop of Lusaka
 - Pray also for his work with refugees
- The Most Revd Stanley Ntagali – Archbishop of Uganda and the bishops and clergy of the 27 dioceses
- Nick and Tessa Laing who are serving in Uganda in medicine and social justice support.

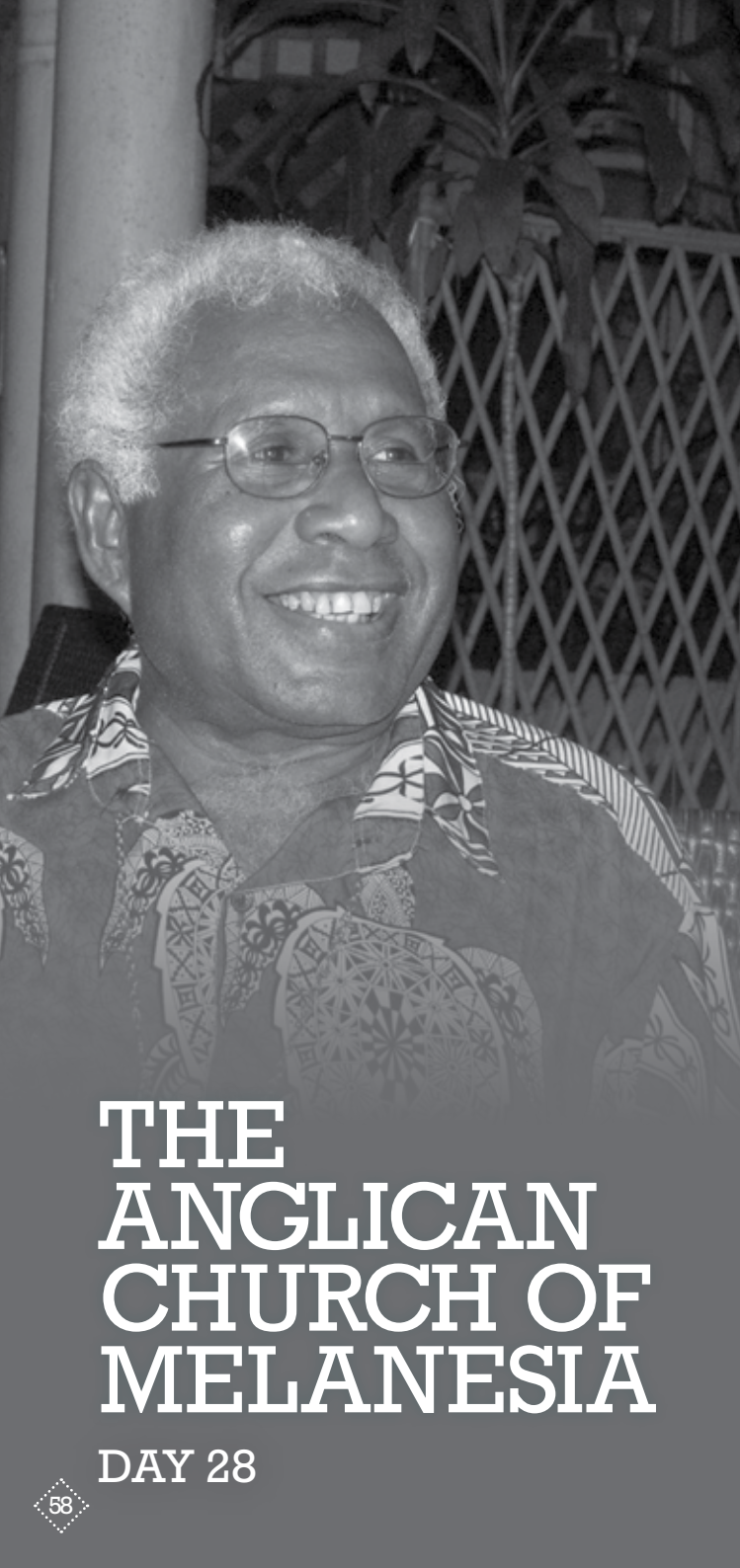
We give thanks for...

- the vitality of the Church and its witness in times of hardship
- the companion relationship between the Diocese of Dunedin and the Diocese of Eastern Zambia.

Collect

Creator God, you have made us not in one mould, but in many: so deepen our unity in Christ that we may rejoice in our diversity.

“Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.” 1Thessalonians 4:11-12



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF MELANESIA

DAY 28

Today we pray for the Church in Melanesia. Initially part of the Church of the Province of New Zealand, the Anglican Church of Melanesia became a separate province in 1975. It includes Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and New Caledonia.

We pray for...

- The bishops, clergy and people of the eight dioceses
 - The Most Rev David Vunagi – Archbishop of Melanesia and Bishop of Central Melanesia
 - The Rt Rev Ben Seka – Bishop of Central Solomons
 - The Rt Rev Alfred Karibongi – Bishop of Huanuato'o
 - The Rt Rev Samuel Sahu – Bishop of Malaita
 - The Rt Rev George Takeli – Bishop of Temotu
 - The Rt Rev James Ligo – Bishop of Vanuatu
 - The Rt Rev Richard Naramana – Bishop of Ysabel
 - The Rt Rev Patteson Worek – Bishop of Banks & Torres
- The Melanesian Board of Mission
- The staff of the Provincial office.
- Church schools and vocational training centres, staff and students
- Continued peace and reconciliation among the peoples
- Literacy programmes and those whose lives are enriched through them
- The work of the Christian Care Centre, established by the Sisters of the Church and the Sisters of Melanesia in Honiara to minister to victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

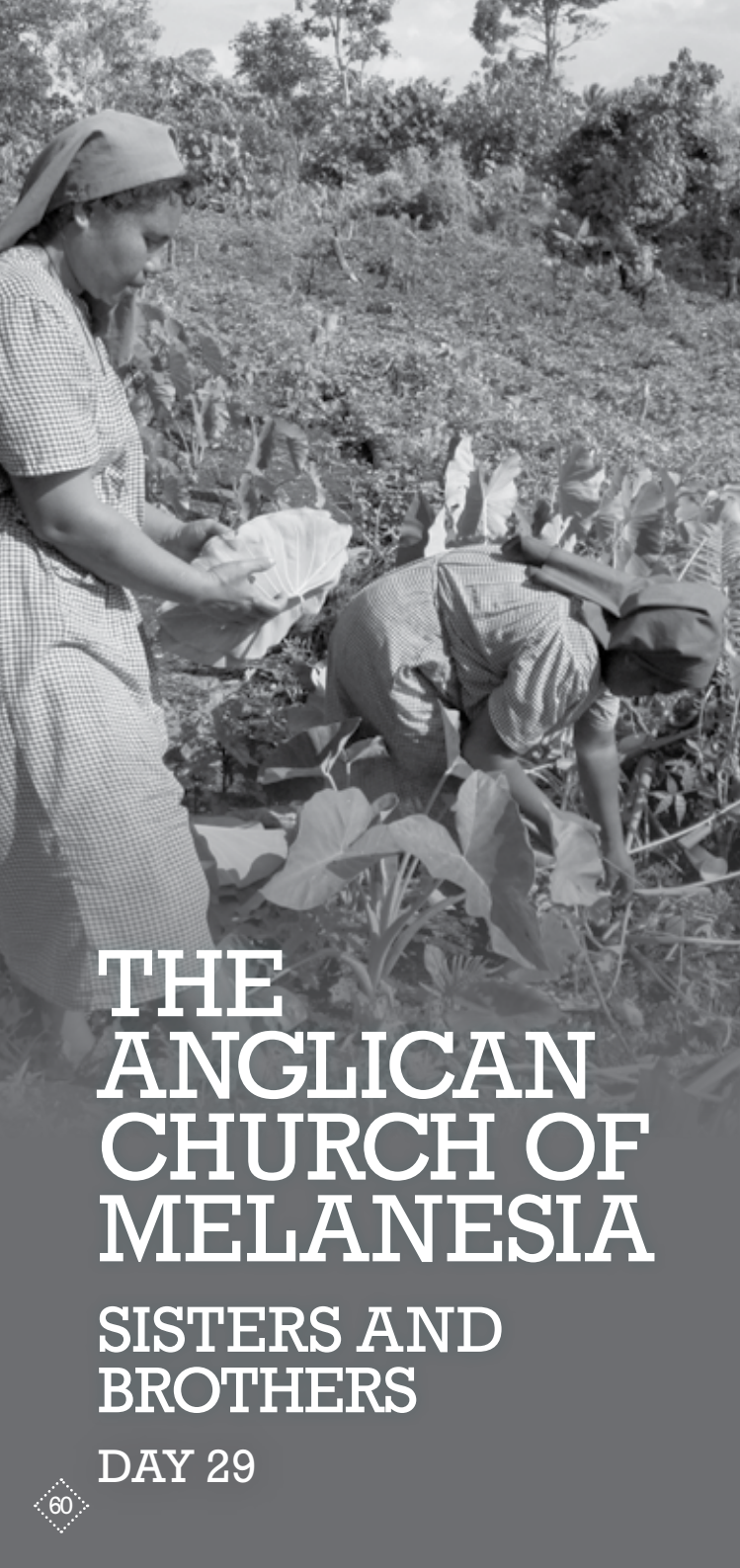
We give thanks for...

- the Outreach and Evangelism work of the Province
- the companion diocese relationship between the Diocese of Nelson and the Diocese of Malaita (Solomon Islands), in particular with Bishop Sam and Rosemary Sahu.

Collect

O Jesus be the canoe that holds me up in the sea of life, be the rudder that helps me in the straight road, be the outrigger that supports me in times of temptation, let your Spirit be my sail that carries me through each day. Keep my body strong so I can paddle steadfastly on in the voyage of life.

*"For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ."
1 Thessalonians 5:9*



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF MELANESIA

SISTERS AND
BROTHERS

DAY 29

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Today we pray for the Sisters and Brothers of the many religious orders in the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

We pray for...

- their work and witness in the communities they serve – especially their work among those who have suffered as a result of civil conflict
 - The Melanesian Brotherhood
 - Community of the Sisters of Melanesia
 - Community of the Sisters of the Church
 - The Society of Saint Francis
- The work of the Anglican Church of Melanesia with Anglican Missions to assist these communities in becoming self-sufficient. There are several projects to kick-start these new initiatives of the Church and these religious communities. These vegetable farming, poultry farming, and sewing projects assist the communities with improved diets and clothing, as well as the ability to sell extra produce and cloth items to local businesses and restaurants to fund the costs of the missions the orders undertake.

We give thanks for...

- For the **Christian Care Centre** ministry of the Community of the Sisters of Melanesia and the Community of the Sisters of the Church in Honiara ministering to victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

Collect

Jesus, you walked the way of the cross for love of your people; when our courage fails, may we call to mind the seven martyred Melanesian Brothers and be strengthened to serve you.

*“Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.”
1 Thessalonians 5:15*

Sisters of the Church. Photo: Sr Kathleen Kapei

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The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are eight goals to be achieved by 2015 that respond to the world's main development challenges. We pray for wisdom and guidance for the world leaders as we work together to complete these difficult yet important goals and set new goals for the next 15 years.

Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

Goal 2: Achieve universal primary education

Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women

Goal 4: Reduce child mortality

Goal 5: Improve maternal health

Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases

Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability

Goal 8: Develop a Global Partnership for Development

We pray for...

- NGO's working these areas – especially in the fields of poverty, health and education.

We give thanks ...

- For the progress made in many areas. Some of the MDGs have been reached ahead of schedule thanks to the brilliant work completed around the world. "The proportion of people living in extreme poverty has been halved at the global level... Over 2 billion people gained access to improved sources of drinking water ... The hunger reduction target is within reach." (Millenium Development Goals Report 2013, United Nations Development Programme)

Collect

Kind and generous God, you prepare a feast for all people.

May we prepare for your banquet by putting on the garment of love that springs from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and a genuine faith.

Help us to bring the lost and lonely, the poor and those in need to your feast where all are fed.

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God"
Matthew 5:8

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FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY

DAY 30



PEOPLE IN CRISIS

DAY 31

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Throughout the world many millions of people are constantly living in crisis. While most of these people are in developing countries, 2011 and 2012 saw a number of natural disasters hit first world countries.

Whether a disaster is natural, like a cyclone, or our own creation, like war, the human toll is devastating.

Today we pray for those who have been affected by disasters, and give thanks for those who have helped in recovery efforts.

We pray for...

- The Islands of the Pacific and their continuing struggle with the impact of climate change, drought, and cyclones
- Pray for the people of Seddon, Canterbury, and Japan who are dealing with the long term effects of the earthquakes
- The people recovering from cyclones in the United States
- All those in crisis, that they may be resilient and have God's protection through their difficulties
- Church leaders who shepherd their congregations through times of peril
- Aid workers who go to the help of people in the most desperate of situations
- Christians affected by political turmoil, especially those in Egypt, Syria, and Iraq.

We give thanks for...

- The development of the Anglican Alliance initiative in The South Pacific and its focus on development, relief and advocacy
- Anglicare Polynesia and its work and preparation for disaster relief in Polynesia.

Collect

Tender God, your justice is our peace, your peace is our hope, your presence, our delight! Give us this day and always a bread of freedom to share, a cup of hope to pour on the earth.

"I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst" John 6:35

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CHRIST IS BORN!

In the Morning

The Gathering

The People Gather

The Gathering Prayer

Said in Unison

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the centre of this sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen.

The Gathering Psalm of Praise

Psalm 51: 16, 11 – 13

Open my lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

Gospel of the Day

As appointed

Response

Reflect and Respond to the Gospel of the Day

- What word(s), idea(s), or sentence(s) stand out for you in the Gospel of the Day? (Reread the Gospel.)
- What is Jesus (the Gospel) saying to you?

- (Reread the Gospel.)
- What is Jesus (the Gospel) calling you to do?

Apostle's Creed

Officiant and People together

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

- who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary,
- suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
- he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
- he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and
- he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

- the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
- the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Prayer

Prayers

Individual and Group Prayers of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication (ACTS)

Collects

This and/or other Collects, as appointed, are said or sung:

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

See page 74

CHRIST HAS DIED

At Noon

The Gathering

The People Gather

The Gathering Prayer

Said in Unison

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the centre of this sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen.

The Gathering Psalm of Praise

From Psalm 113

Give praise, you servants of the LORD;
praise the Name of the LORD.

Let the Name of the LORD be blessed,
from this time forth for evermore.

From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the Name of the LORD be praised.

The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens.

Gospel of the Day

As appointed

Response

Reflect and Respond to the Gospel of the Day

- What word(s), idea(s), or sentence(s) stand out for you in the Gospel of the Day? (Reread the Gospel.)
- What is Jesus (the Gospel) saying to you? (Reread the Gospel.)
- What is Jesus (the Gospel) calling you to do?

Prayer

Prayers

Individual and Group Prayers of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication (ACTS)

Collects

This and/or other Collects, as appointed, are said or sung:

Blessed Saviour, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved, for your mercys sake. Amen.

or this

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you": regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

See page 74

CHRIST IS RISEN

In the Early Evening

The Gathering

The People Gather

This devotion may be used before or after the evening meal .

The Gathering Prayer

Said in Unison

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the centre of this sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen.

The Gathering Hymn of Praise

O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Gospel of the Day

As appointed

Response

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Prayer

Prayers

Individual and Group Prayers of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication (ACTS)

Collects

This and/or other Collects, as appointed, are said or sung:

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN

At the Close of Day

The Gathering

The People Gather

The Gathering Prayer

Said in Unison

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the centre of this sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen.

The Gathering Psalm of Praise

Psalm 134

Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,
you that stand by night in the house of the LORD,

Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD,
the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

Gospel of the Day

As appointed

Response

Reflect and Respond to the Gospel of the Day

- What word(s), idea(s), or sentence(s) stand out for you in the Gospel of the Day? (Reread the Gospel.)
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- What is Jesus (the Gospel) calling you to do?

Prayer

Lord, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Saviour,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see

A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

Prayers

Individual and Group Prayers of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication (ACTS).

Prayers for ourselves and others may follow. It is appropriate that prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings of the day and penitence for our sins be included.

Collects

This and/or other Collects, as appointed, are said or sung:

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace: and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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Blessing

Officiant: The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. *Amen.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

How do I use Partners in Prayer?

Partners in Prayer has a page for each of the 31 days possible in a month. For example, if it’s the 15th of the month, use **Day 15** on page 32. This is a guide only so if you have a particular desire to pray for a specific place - don’t let the day stop you.

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