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*Rev Canon Robert Kereopa with AMB staff
and women from the House of Sarah, Fiji.*

“Prayer makes your heart bigger, until it is capable of containing the gift of God himself. Prayer begets faith, faith begets love, and love begets service on behalf of the poor.”

– Mother Theresa

If prayer connects us with God, it connects us with the family of God. As we pray with and for our partners around the world, let us remember that we are praying together and that our prayers are heard at a time when they are desperately needed by so many. All over the world there are those who are struggling to survive, living in poverty, living through conflict and facing disasters. As the family of God, it is up to us to stand in solidarity through love and through prayer with those who are suffering and with those doing God’s work. The Anglican Missions Board is grateful to maintain valuable partnerships around the world with churches who are spreading the love of God. Our Mission Partners through NZCMS are seeking to carry out God’s mission by sharing the Gospel and supporting critical projects and communities.

The church in New Zealand supports our partners not only financially but spiritually through constant prayer. As illustrated in Psalm 145v18:

“The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.”

Through prayer we can be assured that God is with us, that he hears us and that he is listening to the needs of all nations.

Your prayers are immensely valuable and greatly appreciated by all our partners.

May God bless you all.

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 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. It is envisaged that the negotiation on the sale of the land will take a number of years. The development plan for the subdivision has been submitted and it is anticipated that in 2017 subdivision will be approved by the relevant authorities.

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 have moved to Tacirua East. We pray for all the communities of Namara and Nadawa as they face upcoming changes, and that they will find strength and peace in the progress towards secure lands and homes and improved livelihoods.
- 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.

"I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord." Psalm 27: 13-14



DIOCESE OF POLYNESIA

PEOPLE OF FIJI

DAY 02

Today we pray for:

House of Sarah

Pray for the work of the House of Sarah, providing specifically Christian counselling in the region responding to gender inequality, discrimination and the elimination of violence against women and children. As well as providing referrals to services for women in need; the House of Sarah 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 agency of the Diocese of Polynesia. Since 2012, it has become the focal point for the disaster response and rehabilitation activities of the Diocese. Anglicare Polynesia monitors all the community development projects, ensuring that these are carried out to the highest standards. It coordinates the implementation of social justice projects. **Pray for Anglicare Polynesia and their work.**

We pray for...

- The Most Reverend Dr Winston Halapua – Primate, Archbishop, and Bishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia
- The Rt Rev Gabriel Sharma - studying at St John's College, Auckland
- Diocesan Secretary, Registrar John Simmons and the administration staff
- The Ven Lotumali'i Leatuao Larry Tupa'i-Lavea – Archdeacon of Aotearoa, New Zealand
- The Ven Sepiuta Hala'api'api – Archdeacon of Suva & Ovalau
- The Ven Henry Bull – Archdeacon of Vanua Levu & Taveuni
- Jo Sanegar and Rev Sereima Lomaloma, Projects Team 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.

“The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace. Psalm 29:11



DIOCESE OF POLYNESIA

SUPPORTING THE VULNERABLE

DAY 03

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

Provision of Wheelchairs

The wheelchair project was successfully begun in 2014 in recognition of the contribution and importance of elderly people and people with a disability who can be neglected and ignored in parishes, work places and communities.

In 2015, more wheelchairs were provided, in both Fiji and Tonga, for those housebound due to disabilities or frailty. Although this project focus is complete, **please pray for** those who are now able to engage in their community due to increased mobility and independence; and for future similar needs to be met.

Planned Drop In Centre for children who are victims of commercial sexual exploitation

The Diocese of Polynesia is planning to establish a drop-in centre for children who are victims of commercial sexual exploitation. This pilot project aims to set up a centre, based in Fiji, which will serve as a refuge to offer shelter, medical treatment, counselling, training and education to these children.

Pray for the pilot project, beginning in 2016, that it will be successful in providing a safe place as a Drop In Centre for these children at risk. Pray for all those working to lay the ground work for the Centre and pray for all agencies and individuals aiming to provide this safe place for girls to come and receive medical help, counselling, training for life and employment and loving Christian care.

Collect

God, you call the thirsty to drink the living water which only you can provide. Look with mercy on those today who are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring relief to the vulnerable; and inspire generosity and compassion in our hearts.

“And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the Gospel without fear.” Philippians 1:14



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 and its Archdeacon The Ven Taimalelagi Tuatagaloa
- The Archdeaconry of Tonga and its Archdeacon The Ven Amanake Tu'itavake
- The Archdeaconry of American Samoa and its Archdeacon The Ven Taifai To'omata
- 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.

“Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.” Psalm 90:14-15



DIOCESE OF POLYNESIA

YOUNG PEOPLE

DAY 05

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.

"Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvellous deeds. Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, til I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come." Psalm 72: 17-18



DIOCESE OF POLYNESIA

MISSION SUPPORT

DAY 06

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

Twenty-one stipendiary clergy and six non-stipendiary clergy are partly supported in their ministries by funds provided by the Anglican Missions Board. "Mission Support" contributes to their ministries in their communities. Undergirded by the 2013 Diocese Synod theme "In Christ We Move Together", clergy and laity work together to proclaim the Gospel in a multi-cultural and multi-religious society.

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.

"Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and one of mind." Philippians 2: 1-2



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 ministry formation and outreach.

We pray for...

- The Most Rev Clyde Igara – Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
- The Rt Rev. Tennyson Bogar - Bishop of Dogura
- The Rt Rev. Denny Guka – Bishop of Port Moresby
- The Rt Rev Lindsley Ihove – Bishop of Popondetta
- The Rt Rev Dr Nathan Ingen – Bishop of Aipo Rongo
- The Rt Rev Allan Migi – Bishop of New Guinea Islands
- The clergy and lay people of Papua New Guinea
- Margaret Poynton – NZCMS Mission Partner serving as Executive Assistant to Archbishop Clyde
- Carol Rogers – NZCMS short term Mission Partner teaching at the local school in Kapuna
- The staff of the National Office
- The finance project for the Anglican Church of PNG led by John Tapiata

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.

“The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.” Psalm 37: 23-24



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 for future priests, as well as programmes for their families.

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.

We pray for...

- Father Peter Moi – Principal of Newton College
- Father Peter Mandep – Principal of Kerina College
- The chaplains and staff in the Anglican Elementary and secondary schools that they may influence others for good.
- All the students and 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.

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.” Psalm 100: 4-5



NEW ZEALAND AND OUR PARTNERS

SHORT TERM
MISSION TEAMS

DAY 09

Every year New Zealanders leave our shores to support mission projects 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 2016; that the work they begin will continue to improve people's 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 2015
- the short term mission teams that travelled in 2015 including teams from:
  - Diocese of Waiapu pilgrimage to Papua New Guinea
  - Parish of Sydenham-Beckenham & South West Christchurch to Thailand and Nepal
  - St. Stephen's, Whangaparoa to Kondoa, Tanzania;
  - and the upcoming
  - Nelson Youth Leaders' trip to Kiribati in April 2016

Collect

Guide all who work in your service Lord. Keep them safe in all danger, strengthen them in all troubles and give them such sure trust in you that they may serve you without fear.

"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 3:14



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**
  - Most Rev'd Philip Richardson (Chair)
  - Most Rev'd Winston Halapua
  - Most Rev'd Clyde Igara
  - Rev'd Michael Hughes
  - Mr Charles Hemana
  - Rev'd Dawn Daunauda
  - Rev'd Amy Chambers
  - Rev'd Jacynthia Murphy
  - Mr Jo Sanegar
  - Mrs Mary Estcourt
  - Mr Sakiusa Tubuna
  - Rev'd Steve Maina
- **The staff of Anglican Missions**
  - Canon Robert Kereopa – Chief Executive Officer
  - Metua Takairangi – Executive Assistant
  - Rev'd Mike Hawke – Church Support Officer
  - John Tapiata – Accountant
  - Sudesh Wasoori – Accounts Officer
  - Linda Dear – Communications Administrator
  - Patricia Cooper – Database and Resources

Collect

God of love, we praise 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.

“If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.” Psalm 139: 9-10



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: Ross, Jane, Simon, Tony, Nicky, Nigel and Elizabeth
- our mail out volunteers who assist us in sending out our publications
- 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

God of love, we praise 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.

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.” Psalm 111:10



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 Shelley Vette. 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
- Medicine and social justice in Uganda
- Dental and education ministry in Cambodia
- Outreach by Religious Communities in Melanesia and Papua New Guinea.

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

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.

"The Lord announces the word, and the women who proclaim it are a mighty throng." Psalm 68:11



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.

In New Zealand -

We pray for...

- **Christian World Service (CWS)**
  - Pauline McKay – National Director and all the staff. 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.
- **The Anglican Chinese Mission**
  - and their ministry to Chinese in New Zealand, especially their mission to
    - continue to reach out to the early migrants from China, who speak Cantonese
    - developing outreach to local born Chinese, who speak English
    - making connections and reaching out to recent Chinese migrants, who are Mandarin speaking.
  - for the leadership of Pastor Henry Yap.
- **Bible Society of New Zealand**
  - Please pray for Bible Society NZ, especially for their 'Pass It On' campaign aimed at children and young people in NZ. Pray that the range of resources including a variety of Bible applications (apps) will lead to every child in NZ having the opportunity to experience the Bible.

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 the unity, and keep it faithful to your word, so that, breaking bread together, we may be one with Christ in faith, love, and service.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7



NEW ZEALAND AND OUR PARTNERS

NEW ZEALAND
CHURCH
MISSIONARY
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.

Since its founding in 1892, NZCMS has been sending New Zealanders to all corners of the earth. With such a long history in the life of the Church in New Zealand, NZCMS is working hard to mobilise God's people for mission. This includes encouraging churches about what God is up to here and worldwide, equipping groups to serve their local communities, and sending out Mission Partners to engage in a variety of capacities throughout the world.

We pray for...

- The NZCMS Society, Steve Maina the National Director, and the support team in New Zealand
- The men and women who have left their homes and families to serve overseas
- The legacy of missionaries everywhere – that their lives and work will have eternal impact
- All of the NZCMS Mission Partners.

In particular we pray for

- Murray and Féy Cotter who are serving in Albania in Church planting and team leadership
- Katie Bennett who is in Spain working to plant Churches
- The Thornberrys who are Missional Nomads serving in Europe and North Africa
- [redacted] who are continuing to explore opportunities for mission while on a period of leave
- Rosie who is currently preparing for future ministry while on study leave at the Trinity School for Ministry in USA.

Collect

We pray O God, for your Church throughout the world, that Christians may respond to your love by committing themselves to the service of your kingdom, with faith strengthened by a living experience of Christ's presence, and with the freedom and courage to follow where Christ leads. Amen.

"I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death."

Philippians 1:20



NEW ZEALAND AND OUR PARTNERS

ANGLICAN
INDIGENOUS
NETWORK (AIN)

DAY 15

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 Aboriginals 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 Kito Pikaahu – Convenor; and
- for the upcoming new Secretary General of the AIN to be elected during 2016
- 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.

“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.” Psalm 24:1-2



NEW ZEALAND AND OUR PARTNERS

LOCAL MISSION
DAY 16

Today we pray for mission in New Zealand. We 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 and with responsibility for the Māori Diocese of Te Waipounamu
- The Rt Rev Ngarahu Katene – Bishop of Te Manawa o te Wheke
- The Rt Rev Muru Walters – Bishop of Te Upoko o Te Ika
- 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

Lord, give us hope to look forward to happy tomorrows. Give us courage to face the hardships without losing hope.

Give us faith so that the joy of receiving Christ will lead us to serve our neighbours.

Give us appreciation for the gifts we have received that we might use them responsibly daring to give friendship and love.

Give us Christmas throughout the year.

“Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.” Psalm 55:22



NEW ZEALAND AND OUR PARTNERS

ANGLICAN
CHURCH OF
AUSTRALIA

DAY 17

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 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

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all thy faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry each may serve thee in holiness and truth to the glory of thy name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

“Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose.” Philipians 2:12-13



NEW ZEALAND AND OUR PARTNERS

MINISTRY TO
MIGRANTS &
REFUGEES
& 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 & Refugees

We pray for...

- New Zealand Churches seeking to minister to immigrants and refugees. Pray especially for the recent extra support needed for an increased number of refugees, mainly from Syria settling in NZ
- The Reverend Viti Whippy from the Diocese of Polynesia in Fiji
- Rev Daniel Pillay, who is responsible for evangelism to migrants from Polynesia; and
- Ven Edward Subramaniam, as he assists in ministering to 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.

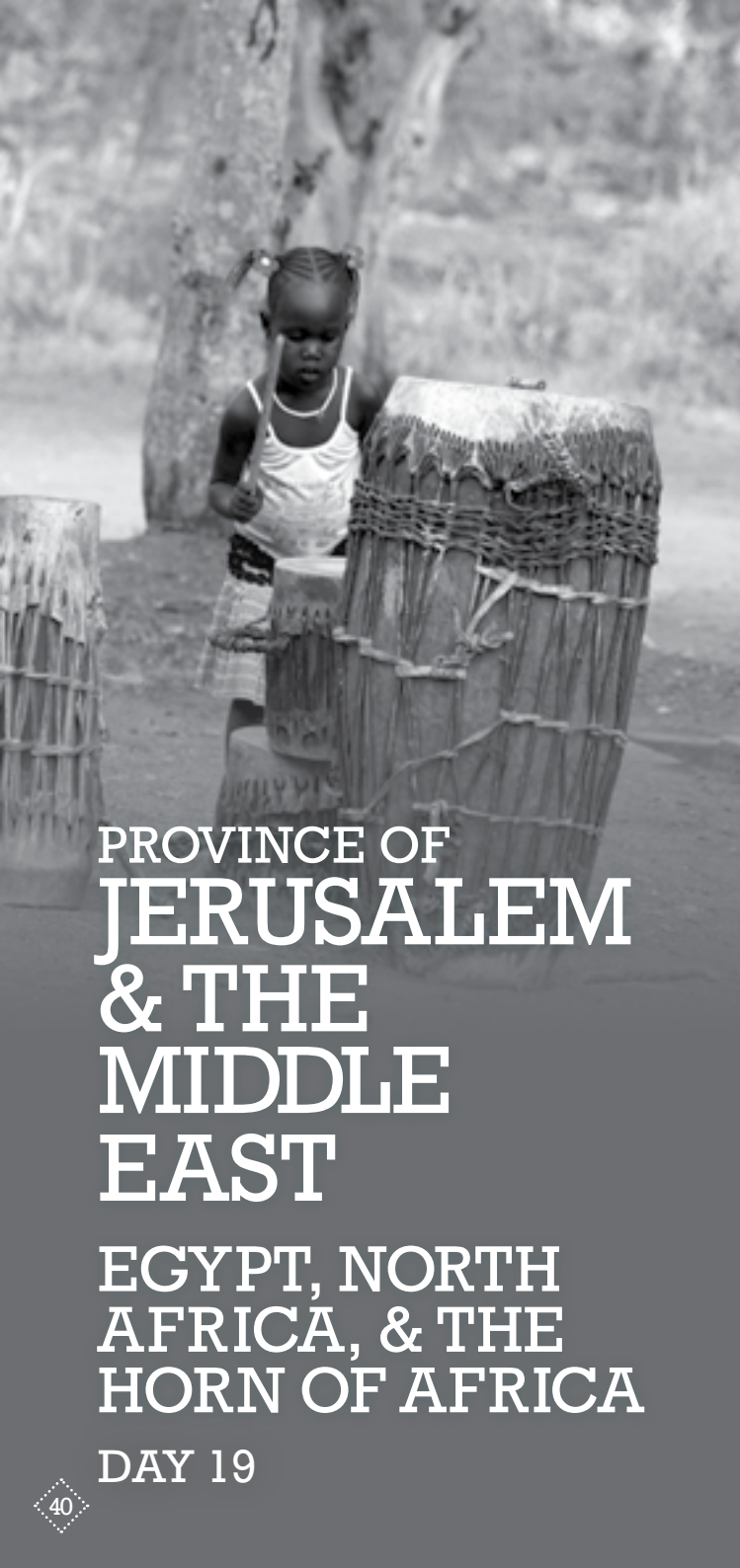
We pray for...

- The Chaplains to Seafarers in the busy ports of Auckland and Wellington
- The 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.

“In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.” Psalm 95:4-5



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 the Province of Jerusalem & the Middle East and Bishop in Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa
  - The Rt Rev Dr Grant LeMarquand, Assistant Bishop for the Horn of 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
  - NZCMS Mission Partners in the Middle East –
    - one working in refugee support; and
    - two others in community development.
- (Note: names not included for security reasons)

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

You have bound us together in this bundle of life, give us grace to understand how our lives depend on the courage, the industry, the honesty, and the integrity of our fellow men and women; that we may be mindful of their needs, grateful for their faithfulness and faithful in our responsibilities to them; Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

“Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.” Psalm 113:2-3

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, centered 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. Two key places of mission service are Christ Church in Aden, with its eye clinic; and St George, Baghdad, where the compound includes clinics and a kindergarten.

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 Most Rev Suheil Dawani – Bishop in Jerusalem
- The Rt Rev Michael Lewis – Bishop in Cyprus and the Gulf
- The Rt Rev Azad Marshall – Bishop in Iran
- The Holy Land Institute for the Deaf
- The Al Ahli Hospital and its staff
- St George's College, the Dean The Very Rev. Gregory Jenks, and the worldwide outreach of the College
- Christians in war zones who are affected by disorder in Syria, Iraq, Egypt and the Yemen
- 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

Almighty God you kindled in us, the light of your Spirit in the hearts of your faithful people; may we by the same spirit have a right judgement in all things; and evermore rejoice in your love and power.

“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.” Psalm 122:6-7



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 Rt Rev Ng Moon Hing – Archbishop of the Province of the Anglican Church in South East Asia
- The Rt Rev Rennis Ponniah – Bishop of Singapore
- The Rt Rev Melter Jiki Tais – Bishop of Sabah
- The Rt Rev John Yeo – Assistant Bishop of Sabah
- The Rt Rev Ng Moon Hing – The Bishop of West Malaysia
- The Rt Rev Jason Selvaraj and the Rt Rev Charles Samuel – Assistant Bishops of West Malaysia
- NZCMS Mission Partners in Asia; in particular
  - Phil & Becky Sussex (with 4 children) - Dental work and education; and
  - Anne & Anthony McCormick – Social work and Patient recovery.
- 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

Loving God, we thank you for those who have served you so faithfully in spreading the Gospel to the people of Asia. We thank you for the priests and their families, for doctors, educators, evangelists, technicians and all those who use their gifts to help others. We ask that you will keep them safe and prosper their work and that those who support them at home may be faithful in prayer.

“He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes, with princes of his people.” Psalm 113:7-8



THE CHURCH IN ASIA

PAKISTAN

DAY 22

Today we pray for Pakistan.

The Church of Pakistan is a union of Anglicans, Methodists, Scottish Presbyterians and Lutherans. Established in 1971, it is predominantly Anglican in theology and outlook.

The Christian community in Pakistan has been significant in contributing to the development of the nation, however faces challenges due to discrimination and 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 Irfan Jamil – Bishop of Lahore
- The Rt Rev Alwin Samuel – Bishop of Sialkot
- The Rt Rev John Samuel – Bishop of Faisalabad
- The Rt Rev Leo Roderick Paul – Bishop of Multan
- The Rt Rev Humphrey S. Peters – Bishop of Peshawar
- The Rt Rev Kaleem John – Bishop of Hyderabad
- The Rt Rev Saddiq Daniel – Bishop of Karachi
- The witness and ministry of the Church in times of conflict.

Collect

O Creator and mighty God, you have promised strength for the weak, rest for the labourers, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, undying love. O Creator and mighty God, help us to continue in your promise.

“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Philippians 3:20



THE CHURCH IN ASIA

CENTRAL &
SOUTH ASIA

DAY 23

Today we pray for Central and South East Asia.

We pray for...

NZCMS Mission Partners serving in Central and South Asia in the following areas:

- Educational Consultancy;
- Human Trafficking Prevention;
- Administration;
- Community Ministry;
- Community Development; and
- Education and International Student Ministry.

(Note: names not included for security reasons)

Bangladesh

Bangladesh was originally part of the State of Pakistan, and from 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 give thanks for...

- the life and work of Dr Edric Baker serving in Bangladesh and creating the Kailakuri Health Care Project; and **we pray for** the ongoing work of this Centre and their care, especially for the extreme poor.

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

Sri Lanka

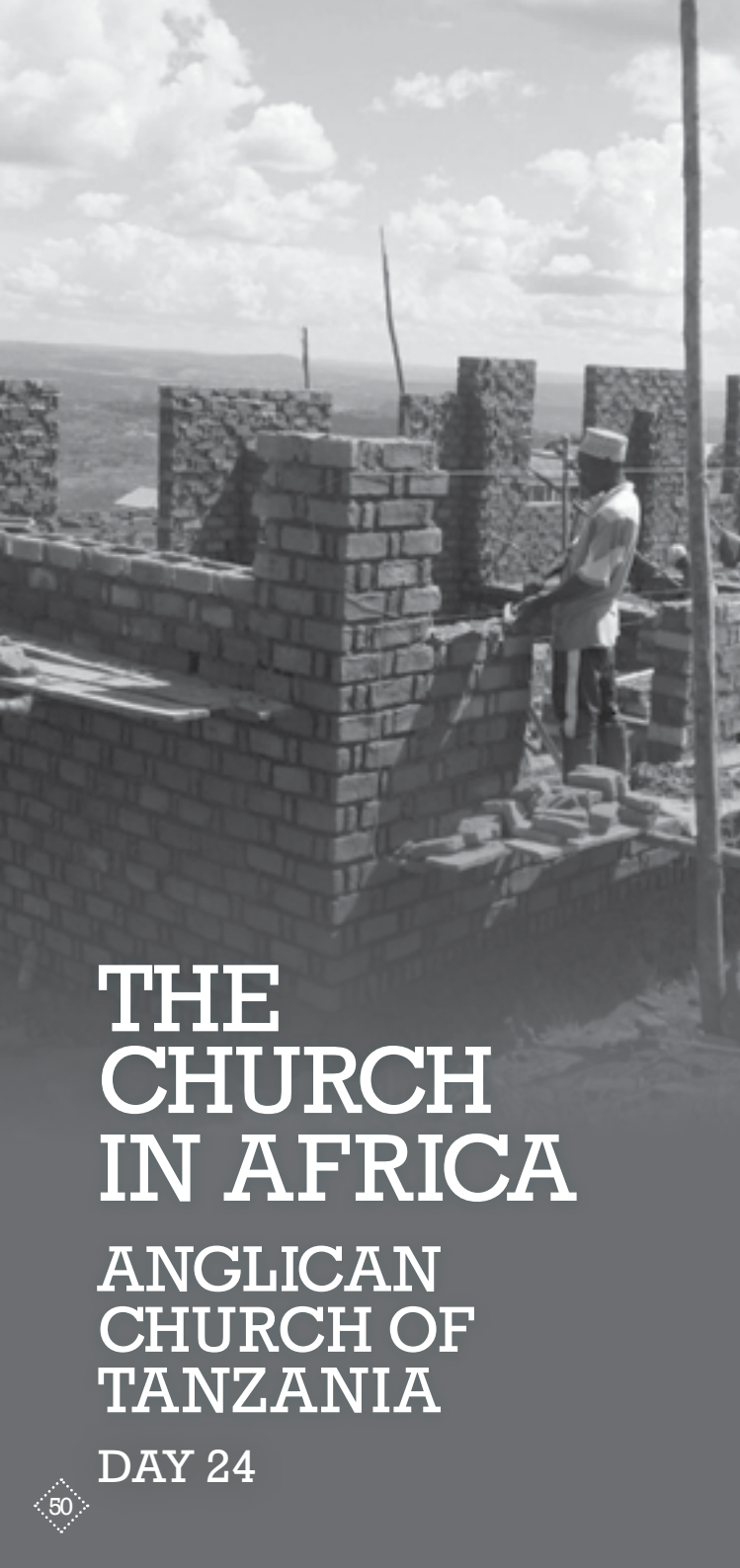
The province of Sri Lanka (2 dioceses) is under the Archbishop of Canterbury.

We give thanks for the Christian presence in these countries of men and women who live their faith often in the face of persecution.

Collect

Loving God, we thank you for those people who have served you so faithfully in spreading the Gospel to the people of Asia. We ask that you keep them safe and prosper their work.

“The poor will see and be glad – you who seek God, may your hearts live! The Lord hears the needy and does not despise his captive people.” Psalm 69:32-33



THE CHURCH IN AFRICA

ANGLICAN
CHURCH OF
TANZANIA

DAY 24

Today we pray for Tanzania.

Inaugurated in 1970, 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 continued growth of the Anglican Church of Tanzania through the work of local evangelists; and for 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 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 Kondo
- The Provincial administration and the staff
- NZCMS Mission Partners serving in Tanzania – Peter & Christine Akester – Theological Education and Pastoral Support
- The companion diocese relationship between the Diocese of Wellington and the Diocese of Kagera.

Collect

Lord, we thank you that our churches are like big families. Let your spirit of reconciliation blow over all the earth. Let your Christians live your love. We praise you in Europe's cathedrals, in America's offerings and in our African songs of praise. Lord we thank you that we have brothers and sisters in all the world. Be with them that make peace.

"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:12-13



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 and Universities in Tanzania.

We pray for...

- The students and their families at the various Provincial and Diocesan theological colleges as they train for ministry; and we pray for the leadership of these Colleges and University – for wisdom, safety, good financial management and the provision of quality training for students...
  - 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; and for Joshua Rutere as he leads the college & students
- 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

Dear Lord, give me the grace to hold the past lightly and to lay claim to the future. May my reverence for old wood and my eagerness for the new seasons, enrich this present time of growth and find their rightful place in greenness of now.

“Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long.” Psalm 25:4-5



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, founding member and Director of The Institute for Healing of Memories and the work of this Institute
- 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; and for their work promoting unity, toleration, mutual respect and cooperation within the Province.

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, website*).

Collect

Spirit of God, binding families and nations into living, forgiving communities, break though the fear and prejudice that often destroys relationships. Bring to our own homes an understanding of love, and to our world fresh visions of peace.

“I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.” Psalm 130:5



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 dioceses 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 Osmers – Assistant Bishop of Lusaka
  - Pray 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
- Miriam Tillman who is serving in Togo in pharmacy 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

Servant God, grant us opportunity, to give us willingness to serve you day by day; that what we do and how we bear each other's burdens, may be our sacrifice to you.

“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ” Philippians 1:9-10



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 new Archbishop of Melanesia and Bishop of Central Melanesia – to be elected Feb 2016 & consecrated Feb 2017
  - The Rt Rev Ben Seka – Bishop of Central Solomons
  - The Rt Rev Alfred Karibongi – Bishop of Hanuato'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 Ellison Quity – Bishop elect of Ysabel (to be consecrated Feb 2016)
  - The Rt Rev Patteson Worek – Bishop of Banks & Torres
- The Melanesian Board of Mission
- The staff of the Provincial office
- Church schools, vocational training centres, staff and students
- Jonathan & Tess Hicks (with 4 children) - NZCMS Mission Partners serving in the Solomon Islands in theological education
- 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.

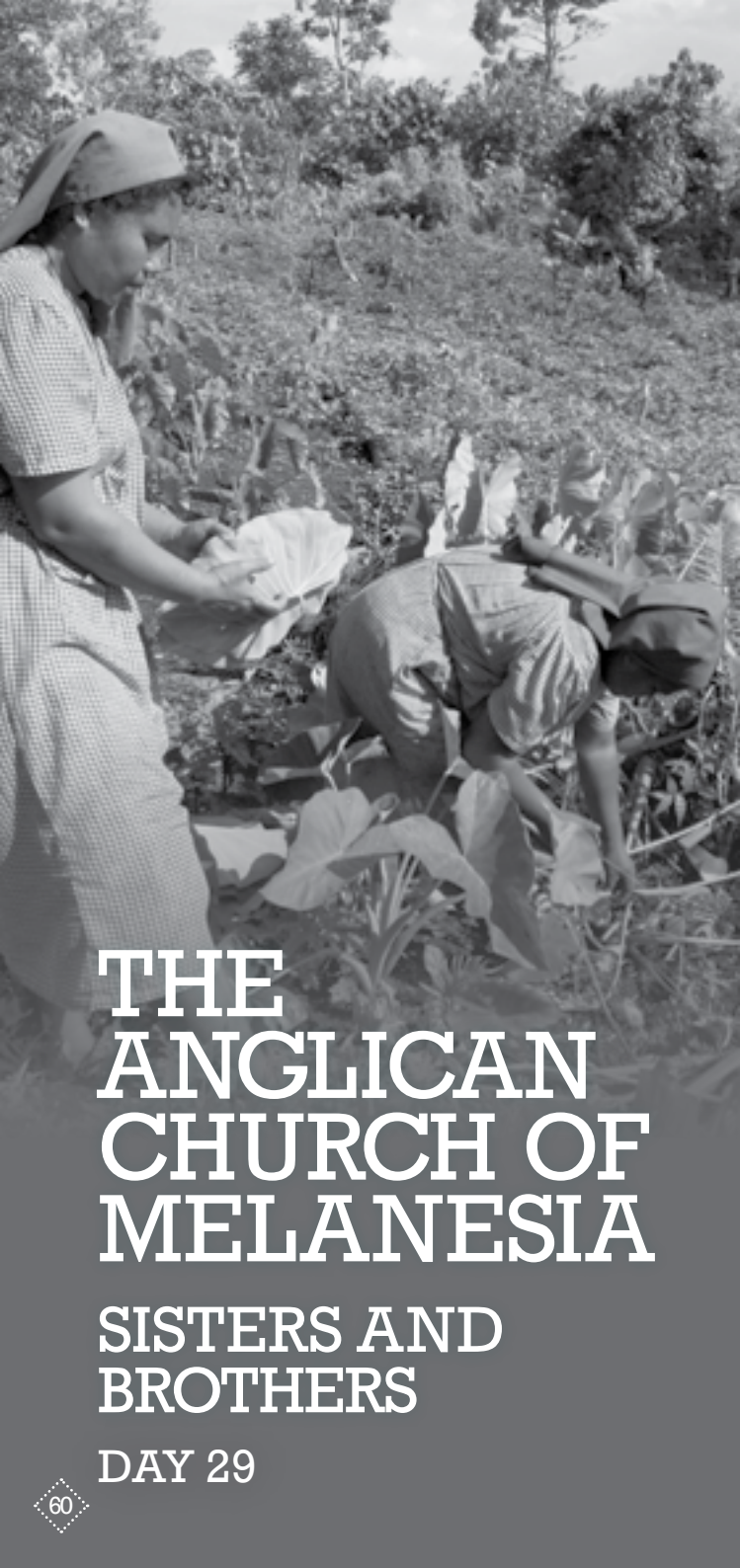
We give thanks for...

- 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.

"Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit." Psalm 32:2



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF MELANESIA

SISTERS AND
BROTHERS

DAY 29

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 underway. These include vegetable farming, poultry farming, and sewing projects to 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...

- 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

Lord we know 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 morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.” Psalm 143:8



FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY

DAY 30

In 2000, world leaders entered into a commitment to meet eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to be achieved by 2015. These 8 goals have been translated into wide-ranging practical steps and much has been achieved. A recent UN report outlines the progress and what is still to achieve. This year countries adopted a new sustainable development agenda and work is continuing to end poverty, promote prosperity and well-being for all, as well as protecting the environment and addressing climate change. We continue to pray for wisdom and guidance for the world leaders as we work together on these difficult yet important goals.

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 in these areas – especially in the fields of poverty, health and education.

We give thanks ...

- For the progress made in many areas. "The MDGs helped to lift more than one billion people out of extreme poverty, to make inroads against hunger, to enable more girls to attend school than ever before and to protect our planet." (United Nations Millennium Development Goals Report 2015)

Collect

Almighty God, whose way is in the sea and whose paths are in the great waters, grant to our leaders of every community, creed and party, sure wisdom and pure purpose, and inspire our many people with calmness and self-restraint, that we live as members of your family in future fellowship within our common heritage, now and in the years to come.

"Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Psalm 82:3



PEOPLE IN CRISIS

DAY 31

Throughout the world many millions of people are constantly living in crisis. 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, Nepal and Japan who are dealing with the long term effects of earthquakes
- The people recovering from Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu and others affected by cyclones around the World
- 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
- Governments, countries, churches and communities who are opening their doors and supporting the recent influx of refugees, especially from Syria, as people flee war in their homeland
- 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

O Jesus, your light pierces the darkness, your truth makes us whole, your love bursts into our lives, your joy fills our needy souls because we know that you are alive.

"What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ" Philippians 3:8

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

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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.

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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 mercy's 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

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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

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:

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

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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

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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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