



July 2022 - Covid-19 Special Edition

Because of the RAPID CHANGES brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic across the globe much of ABM's normal project work has been disrupted. Because of that, we have asked our Overseas Partners to supply us with prayer points that reflect the situation in their country. Included in this edition of *Partners Praying Together* are the prayer points that we have received. We have included these so that you can show prayerful concern for them as they, who like us are 'wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world' (as the prayer from Compline puts it), adjust to living in a time of global pandemic. You'll also find the usual things we would normally have: the feasts and commemorations from the lectionary, the Australian Cycle of Prayer, and commemorations from the United Nations calendar. All the material is designed to inform your prayers for our Overseas Partners, the bishops and dioceses of our Church and for wider global concerns. With the Psalmist let us pray, 'Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, Lord, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice' (141.2).

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Who are ABM's Overseas Partners?

HIS MONTH WE ARE ASKING YOU not only to remember our each of our Australian dioceses as they grapple with the Covid-19 pandemic, but also each of our each of our Overseas Partners as they deal with it too. Our Overseas Partners consist of Activity Partners (with whom we currently have joint activities), Relational Partners (with whom we have historical relationships) and Networking Partners (with whom we work overseas, or with whom we share information). We have, as the well-used Anglican phrase describes it, strong bonds of affection for all of them. Because our overseas work involves both the Church, through our Church-to-Church Unit, and communities, though our Anglicans in Development Unit, we often relate to our partners both through the Church itself and through a particular Church's community development arm. So, as you pray, we ask you to remember each of our Partners (and their community development arms) some of whom are more able to weather through the coronavirus storm than others:

Activity Partners

- 1. The Anglican Church of Kenya (ADS-Eastern, a branch of the Anglican Church of Kenya's Anglican Development Services)
- 2. The Anglican Church of Melanesia (The Anglican Church of Melanesia's Board of Mission)
- 3. The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (Anglicare-PNG, a community development organization of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea)
- 4. The Church of the Province of Central Africa (the Zambia Anglican Council's Outreach Program)
- 5. The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) (the CPM's Development Desk, and the diocesan Development Desks)
- 6. The Episcopal Church in the Philippines (E-CARE, a community development organization of the ECP)
- 7. The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East (the Diocese of Jerusalem's Development Desk)
- 8. The Philippine Independent Church Iglesia Filipina Independiente, IFI (VIMROD the Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development of the IFI)

Relational Partners

- 9. The Amity Foundation an expression of the National Committee of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Churches in China
- 10. The Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia (Anglican Missions Board, AMB)
- 11. The Anglican Church of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui 香港聖公會
- 12. The Anglican Church of Japan, the Nippon Sei Ko Kai 日本聖公会
- 13. The Anglican Church of Korea
- 14. The Church of Bangladesh
- 15. The Church of Ceylon
- 16. The Church of North India
- 17. The Church of Pakistan

- 18. The Church of South India
- 19. The Church of the Province of South East Asia (covers Malaysia and Singapore)
- 20. The Episcopal Church of South Sudan (the Church's Health Commission, the Education Commission, and the Development and Relief Agency, SUDRA)
- 21. The Episcopal Church of Sudan

Networking Partners

- 22. Episcopal Relief and Development (USA)
- 23. The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (Canada)
- 24. USPG (UK and Ireland)
- 25. Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy
- 26. Anglican Discipleship Jesus-Shaped Life
- 27. CAPA, the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa
- 28. The Mothers' Union

Please remember all our partners in your prayers. Whether they are in Port Moresby, London or Seoul, they need our prayers.

Information from our Partners regarding Covid-19 will be put up on our website as it comes to hand.

EACH DAY THIS MONTH

- ♣ Pray for all those affected by Covid-19 worldwide, especially those who mourn the loss of loved ones; for those suffering from long Covid; for all those who are currently infected, especially children; for all whose businesses or employment has been affected by the pandemic; for all who have contracted influenza or monkeypox; for the people of the Ukraine, and for all like them who suffer the misery of conflict around the world; all who struggle with the rising cost of basic foodstuffs, rent or mortgage payments and fuel costs; all who are homeless on our streets at this very cold time of year.
- Give thanks for the medical staff who have been working so tirelessly; for the development of vaccines; for the way in which people have been flexible and managed to cope despite the difficulties; for all those who have shown kindness to their neighbours throughout the course of the pandemic so far; for the way that churches have been able to use technology to keep in touch with their communities; for the fact that Australia enjoyed a peaceful transition of power from one Federal Government to another something not to be taken for granted.



The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

- ♣ Pray for all health workers as hospitals struggle to cope with the number of Covidrelated and winter flu patients.
- ♣ Pray for those sleeping rough and those who look out and care for them.
- Give thanks for Anglican Missions and the Diocese of Polynesia as they continue to support the people of Tonga recovering from the volcanic eruption and tsunami earlier this year. Bless everyone who has been contributing to this important work.
- Give thanks for the growing collaboration between Anglican Board of Missions, Anglican Overseas Aid and Anglican Missions as they jointly support and advocate for the world's poorest.
- ♣ Pray for those in Aotearoa New Zealand who are struggling with the recent cost of living increase. We pray especially for children.

The Anglican Church of Kenya

- ♣ Prayer for the national election: Our country will be going through a national election on 9th August 2022. Kindly pray for a peaceful campaign and a peaceful election. Pray for peace to prevail before, during and after the election; that no Kenyan lives will be lost or affected by the process and the outcome of the election.
- ♣ Pray for the church in Kenya to remain the light and the salt of the earth: During this time of election, some churches compromise and end up not representing Christ. Pray that all church leaders will remain focused and play their prophetic role in directing this nation into Godly ways, instil moral values and help the leaders realize God's given mandate of servant leadership.

- Tough economic times: Many lives have been affected by hard economic times caused by high inflation of basic commodities. Remember those who are struggling in your prayers.
- Finally, Covid-19 is slowly coming back: pray that it will not disrupt lives again as we were starting to regain normalcy.

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

- Please continue to pray for Dogura Diocese, New Guinea Islands Diocese and Port Moresby Diocese, asking God to strengthen leadership and the management of resources for God's mission.
- ♣ Pray for the continuing development of Newton Theological College, where students are trained before their ordinations.
- ♣ Pray for Anglicare PNG as they work hard to stabilize their finances.
- ♣ Pray for the Anglican National Office staff, based in Lae, that God may guide and encourage them in their work.
- ♣ Pray for all those who are struggling as the cost of goods and services increase
- ♣ Pray for the upcoming national election this month, that preparations will be successful, and the election will proceed peacefully.
- ♣ Lord Jesus, by the coming of the Holy Spirit your disciples were empowered to go out to all the world with the good news of your kingdom. We pray that you would send that same Spirit to us so that we may proclaim your gospel of love, peace and hope to the people of Papua New Guinea.

The Church of the Province of South-East Asia

- ♣ Thank the Lord for the recently completed Provincial Synod and Provincial Standing Committee. Pray that we the Province review its constitution, we will make necessary amendments to anticipate and accommodate further growth and creation of new dioceses in the future.
- The Diocese of Sabah celebrates her 60th Anniversary this year. Pray that as we reflect upon the past 60 years of the Diocese and beyond, we will be reminded that we serve a missionary God who desires that "none should perish". Pray that we will re-commit ourselves to the heartbeat of the Father to make disciples of all nations.
- # Enabling of the Holy Spirit upon the Archbishop, Bishops, clergy, pastors, evangelists, lay leaders in every specific ministry to meet the challenges in mission and ministry. Speak the blessings of good health on them and their families.
- ♣ Pray for wisdom and sensitivity as the Province prepares Safe Church guidelines in the various cultural context and social settings.

Pray for Malaysia, home to three dioceses in the Province, as the nation prepares for the next general election. Pray that the Church will play her role in nation building to bless Malaysia.

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East

- For peace and justice in Jerusalem to be real not rhetorical;
- ♣ For our Muslim neighbours and hosts in the majority of the countries we serve;
- ♣ For God's ancient people the Jews;
- ♣ For an end to tyranny and repression wherever they are found;
- ♣ For the resolution of political sclerosis in Iraq.

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

- Give thanks for the successful election of the 6th Diocesan Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines. We pray for the episcopal ministry of Bishop-elect Benny Lang-akan.
- ★ We continuously pray for eventual decrease of petroleum and other basic commodities prices in the country and around the world.
- ♣ Pray for the Philippines and for the transition of new leaders, that they make wise and just decisions for the country.
- ♣ Pray for the peaceful resolution of the community boundary conflict between two tribes in the Diocese of Northern Philippines which escalated into a tribal war between these communities.

The Episcopal Church of South Sudan

- ♣ Pray for the Rt Revd Emmanuel Lomoro, the third bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Rokon, as he begins his episcopal ministry in his diocese;
- ♣ Pray for the many dioceses that will be affected by flooding in the internal church provinces of Jonglei, Eastern Bhar el Ghazal, and Upper Nile during this rainy season.
- ♣ Pray for the ECSS Board of Mission and the discipleship trainings that they run throughout the Church

香港聖公會

The Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui The Anglican Church of Hong Kong

- ♣ Give thanks for the completion of all the meetings of the 9th General Synod and the successful elections of all members in the various committees and commissions.
- ♣ Pray for the 25th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR Government and the continual developments of the city as a bridge between the East and the West in both cultural and economic areas.
- ♣ Pray for the HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College under the leadership of Archbishop Emeritus Paul Kwong as the new principal.

日本聖公会

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai The Anglican Communion in Japan

- Give thanks for Ecumenical cooperation between churches in Japan, and as the Roman Catholic Church in Japan prepares for its Synod in 2023, representatives of the Anglican, Evangelical Lutheran and National Christian Council in Japan will join together with the Japanese Catholic Conference of Bishops for an ecumenical service; pray for closer working relations;
- Please pray for all bishops of the NSKK and their spouses who are traveling to the Lambeth Conference in England, that they may make good connections with other dioceses worldwide and be refreshed and inspired for mission within Japan;
- # Give thanks for the continued decrease in number of those contracting COVID-19 nationwide and for the work of all in the medical industry;
- ♣ Please pray for all refugees from Ukraine being welcomed to Japan, and that this may cause the Japanese government to examine how it admits refugees in general and realize it needs to open its doors more;
- # Give thanks for the reopening of borders to international tourists and pray for a continual relaxing of restrictions for those able to visit the country;
- Please pray for all who are finding the rising cost of living difficult to bear and pray for wisdom for the government as it considers how to deal with this issue.

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July	Lectionary and ABM Commemorations and the Australian Cycle of Prayer	ABM Partner + development arm – where appropriate	UN Days see www.un.org/en/observances/ international-days-and-weeks for more information about each
Fri I	 Coming of the Light (1871) The Anglican Church of Australia; The Primate – Archbishop Geoffrey Smith; the General Secretary – Anne Hywood; the General Synod and the Standing Committee 	The Anglican Church of Kenya ADS-Eastern, a branch of the Anglican Church of Kenya's Anglican Development Services See p. 4	
Sat 2	The Diocese of Adelaide – Archbishop Geoffrey Smith; Bishops Chris McLeod, Denise Ferguson and Tim Harris, the clergy and people	The Anglican Church of Melanesia The ACOM Board of Mission	
Sun 3	 Pentecost 4 or Thomas, apostle and martyr If not observed on 21 December The Diocese of Armidale – Bishop Rod Chiswell, the clergy and people 	The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea Anglicare-PNG, a community development organization of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea See p. 5	International Day of Cooperatives
Mon 4	The Diocese of Ballarat – Bishop Garry Weatherill, the clergy and people	The Church of the Province of Central Africa The Zambia Anglican Council's Outreach Program	

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Tue 5	• The Diocese of Bathurst – Bishop Mark Calder, the clergy and people.	The Church of the Province of Myanmar CPM's Development Desk, and the diocesan Development Desks	
Wed 6	 John Fisher, bishop, and Thomas More, martyrs († 1535) The Diocese of Bendigo – Bishop Matt Brain, the clergy and people 	The Episcopal Church in the Philippines E-CARE, a community development organization of the ECP See p. 6	
Thu 7	The Diocese of Brisbane – Archbishop Phillip Aspinall; Bishops Jeremy Greaves, John Roundhill and Cameron Venables, the clergy and people	The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East The Diocese of Jerusalem's Development Desk See p. 6	
Fri 8	The Diocese of Bunbury – Bishop Ian Coutts, the clergy and people	The Philippine Independent Church – (Iglesia Filipina Independiente, IFI) VIMROD – the Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development of the IFI)	

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Sat 9	The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn – Bishop Mark Short; Bishops Carol Wagner and Stephen Pickard, the clergy and people	The Amity Foundation – an expression of the National Committee of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Churches in China	
Sun 10	 Pentecost 5 Ministry to the Forces – Bishop Grant Dibden, chaplains and members of the Armed Forces 	The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia Anglican Missions Board, AMB See p. 4	
Mon II	 Benedict of Nursia, abbot († 550) The Diocese of Gippsland – Bishop Richard Treloar, the clergy and people 	The Anglican Church of Hong Kong (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui 香港聖公會) See p. 7	• World Population Day
Tue 12	The Diocese of Grafton – Bishop Murray Harvey, the clergy and people	• The Anglican Church of Japan (Nippon Sei Ko Kai 日本聖公会) See p. 7	

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Wed 13	Sydney James Kirkby, bishop, pioneer of outback ministry and of the Bush Church Aid Society († 1935)	The Anglican Church of Korea	
	 Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia – Bishop Chris McLeod, Aboriginal clergy and people 		
Thu 14	Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander People of Australia – Torres Strait clergy and people	The Church of Bangladesh	
Fri 15	The Diocese of Melbourne – Archbishop Philip Freier; Bishops Andrew Curnow, Paul Barker, Genieve Blackwell, Brad Billings, Kate Prowd, the clergy and people	The Church of Ceylon	• World Youth Skills Day
Sat 16	The Diocese of Newcastle – Bishop Peter Stuart; Bishops Charlie Murry and Sonia Roulston, the clergy and people	The Church of North India	
Sun 17	 Pentecost 6 The Diocese of North Queensland – Bishop Keith Joseph, the clergy and people 	The Church of Pakistan	

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Mon 18	The Diocese of North West Australia – Bishop Garry Nelson, the clergy and people	The Church of South India	Nelson Mandela International Day
Tue 19	The Diocese of Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy; Bishops Jeremy James TSSF, Kate Wilmot, the clergy and people	The Church of the Province of South-East Asia (covers Malaysia and Singapore, with missionary congregations in Nepal, Indonesia, Thailand and some parts of Indo-China) See p. 5	
Wed 20	The Diocese of the Riverina – Bishop Donald Kirk, the clergy and people	The Episcopal Church of South Sudan The Church's Health Commission, the Education Commission, and the Development and Relief Agency, SUDRA See p. 6	 International Moon Day World Chess Day
Thu 21	• The Diocese of Rockhampton – Bishop Peter Grice, the clergy and people	The Episcopal Church of Sudan	

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Fri 22	 Mary Magdalene The Diocese of Sydney – Archbishop Kanishka Raffel; Bishops Peter Lin, Chris Edwards, Michael Stead, Gary Koo, Peter Hayward, the clergy and people 	NATSIAC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council	
Sat 23	The Diocese of Tasmania – Bishop Richard Conde, Bishop Chris Jones, clergy and people	Nungalinya College, Darwin	
Sun 24	 Pentecost 7 The Diocese of the Murray – Bishop Keith Dalby, the clergy and people 	• Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns	
Mon 25	James, apostle and martyr • The Diocese of the Northern Territory – Bishop Greg Anderson, the clergy and people	Episcopal Relief and Development (USA)	World Drowning Prevention Day
Tue 26	 Anne, mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary The Diocese of Wangaratta – Bishop Clarence Bester, the clergy and people. 	The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (Canada)	
Wed 27	The Diocese of Willochra – Bishop John Stead, the clergy and people	USPG (UK and Ireland)	

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Thu 28	Anglicare Australia: Chair, Bishop Chris Jones; Executive Director, Kasy Chambers	Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy	World Hepatitis Day
Fri 29	 Mary and Martha of Bethany Theological Colleges and Church Schools of the Anglican Church of Australia 	Anglican Discipleship – Jesus- Shaped Life	
Sat 30	 William Wilberforce, social reformer († 1833) Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia 	CAPA, the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa	 International Day of Friendship World Day against Trafficking in Persons
Sun 31	 Pentecost 8 Religious Orders of the Anglican Church of Australia 	Mothers' Union	

Displacements and Omissions this year

31 July: Joseph of Arimathea

31 July: Ignatius of Loyola, priest and founder of the Society of Jesus († 1556)

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers throughout the world ...

Peace, peace, to the far and the near, says the Lord; and I will heal them. – Isaiah 57.19

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN AFRICA, where there have been 11,937,718 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are South Africa (3,979,126), Morocco (1,175,604), Tunisia (1,043,540), Egypt (514,008) and Libya (502,076).

Spare your people, O Lord, And heal them by your mighty power.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN THE AMERICAS, where there have been 160,090,765 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are the United States (85,515,980), Brazil (31,456,865), Argentina (9,311,720), Colombia (6,117,847) and Mexico (5,823,844).

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WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN ASIA, where there have been 135,192,948 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are India (43,230,101), South Korea (18,229,288), Vietnam (10,731,812), Japan (9,032,197) and Iran (7,233,688).

Spare your people, O Lord, And heal them by your mighty power.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN EUROPE, where there have been 218,724,508 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are France (29,910,679), Germany (26,854,389), the United Kingdom (22,395,790), Russia (18,379,583) and Italy (17,758,795).

Spare your people, O Lord,

And heal them by your mighty power.

AND WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN OUR OWN REGION, OCEANIA, where there have been 9,196,406 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are Australia (7,568,100), New Zealand (1,242,497), French Polynesia (73,106), Fiji (65,217) and New Caledonia (62,623).

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* Figures are the latest available from the European Centre for Disease Control and accurate as at 20 June 2022.