

Partners Praying Together

April 2025



ABM's *Partners Praying Together* is designed to link our supporters with our partners. Each month we present the prayer requests we receive from our Overseas Partners. Together with that we have the feasts and commemorations from the lectionary, the Australian Cycle of Prayer (which allows you to pray for ABM's Australian Partners), and commemorations from the United Nations calendar. All of these are designed not to tell you *how* to pray, but to prompt you to pray in whatever way you prefer.

Let all who are faithful offer prayer to you. – Psalm 32.6a

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Who are ABM's Partners?

WE ARE ASKING YOU to remember our each of our Australian dioceses, our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partners (such as NATSIAC, Wontulp-Bi-Buya College and Nungalinga College), as well as our Overseas Partners. They 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 Anglicans in Development, we often relate to our partners both through the Church itself and through a particular Church's community development arm.

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 Ceylon
5. The Church of the Province of Central Africa (*the Zambia Anglican Council's Outreach Program*)
6. The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) (*the CPM's Development Desk, and the diocesan Development Desks*)
7. The Episcopal Church in the Philippines (*E-CARE, a community development organization of the ECP*)
8. The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East (*the Diocese of Jerusalem's Development Desk*)
9. The Philippine Independent Church – *Iglesia Filipina Independiente, IFI* (*VIMROD – the Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development of the IFI*)

Relational Partners

10. The Amity Foundation – an expression of the National Committee of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Churches in China
11. The Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia (*Anglican Missions Board, AMB*)
12. The Anglican Church of Hong Kong, the *Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui* 香港聖公會
13. The Anglican Church of Japan, the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai* 日本聖公会
14. The Anglican Church of Korea, the *Daehan Seonggonghoe* 대한성공회
15. The Church of Bangladesh
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
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 Vancouver, Honiara or Lahore, they need our prayers.

EACH DAY THIS MONTH

- ✙ God our Father, As Christ was welcomed into the Holy City, may we welcome Him into our lives and homes. May the King of Glory have rule in our hearts, that Your kingdom come here on earth as it is in heaven. Our gratitude and thanks know no bounds.
- ✙ Pray for all those in war zones, and those displaced by war, especially the people of the occupied Palestinian Territories, Lebanon and Israel, as well as Yemen and Ukraine. May a genuine ceasefire in Gaza come to pass so that reconstruction and rehabilitation can begin. May a genuine ceasefire come to pass in Ukraine.
- ✙ Pray for both the perpetrators and victim-survivors of intimate partner and family abuse. May they all receive the help they need.
- ✙ Pray that the drought in Victoria may be overcome by more rain.
- ✙ Pray that Australia may be spared an onslaught of political misinformation and disinformation from any source as the Federal election approaches;
- ✙ Give thanks for the opportunities of renewal and refreshment we might have over the Easter break.
- ✙ Father, we too spread our coats on the road for Jesus as we express our thankfulness for all You have done for us and the amazing extent of Your love for a sinful people. Alleluia.

Prayer Points

from our

Overseas Partners



The Anglican Church of Ceylon

- ✙ Pray for vocations for the ministry in the Diocese of Kurunagala – we need more full-time priests.
- ✙ Pray for Kurunagala Bishop's College. Since we have begun the process of starting a new school for the Diocese with the support of ABM AID, please pray for all our future endeavours for the much-needed mission of the Diocese.
- ✙ Pray for all of our activities during the season of Lent.
- ✙ Pray for the spiritual upkeep of all our members and clergy.
- ✙ Pray for the Sri Lankan government and leaders - let these changers establish good governance and justice in the Sri Lankan context.



香港聖公會

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

- ✙ Pray for our students who will be taking their public examination in April. Pray for their perseverance through this stressful time, and courage when facing both success and failures, knowing that in God, there is always hope.
- ✙ Pray for our province's Women's League, who will be holding their 21st general meeting in April. Pray for their ministry in helping the spiritual growth of female members of the church.
- ✙ Pray for the province's youth ministry and the upcoming study visit to the Taiwan Episcopal Church. Pray for a fruitful journey for all the participating members, that we may learn from our sister churches within the Communion.
- ✙ Pray for continued cooperation with the International Anglican–Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission (IARCCUM), following the joint Lenten retreat,

may the upcoming 'sermon clergy swap' in several of our parishes be a likewise enlightening event for both Anglicans and Catholics alike.

日本聖公会

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

The Anglican Communion in Japan



- ✠ As we give thanks for new beginnings, we pray for all who will be starting a new stage in life: in education or in work, and we ask God's blessing to be upon them in all their new endeavours
- ✠ Within this, we remember and pray for all clergy beginning new assignments as well as candidates for ordination who have recently graduated from seminary and are continuing their formation
- ✠ Give thanks for the election of Rev Barnabas Kobayashi as the Bishop of the Diocese of Osaka: pray for him and his family at his Consecration and also for the Diocese of Osaka going forward
- ✠ Please pray for the Extraordinary Meeting of the Diocese of Kyoto to be held this month (this meeting will either result in transition to becoming a Missionary Diocese, or lead to the election of a new diocesan bishop); pray for God's inspiration to be upon all delegates
- ✠ Give thanks for the new Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Kyushu and pray for its Consecration Ceremony taking place this month
- ✠ Give thanks for the new Mission to Seafarers centre in Kobe and for all those who care for seafarers in that port and throughout Japan

الكنيسة الأسقفية في القدس والشرق الأوسط

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East



- ✠ Pray for an end to the renewed violence in Gaza and a return to negotiations as previously agreed in the earlier ceasefire framework.
- ✠ Pray for the speedy release of all hostages and political prisoners through good-faith negotiations.
- ✠ Pray for strength of perseverance for our hospital staff and volunteers at Al-Ahli and St. Luke's Hospitals.
- ✠ Pray for protection of ethnic and religious minorities (including Christians) in Syria.



The Anglican Church of Kenya

- ✠ Thank God for the Anglican Church in Kenya fraternity under the leadership of His Grace, the Archbishop, the Most Rev Dr Jackson Ole Sapit.
- ✠ Pray for His Grace the Archbishop for divine wisdom and protection especially because of his new pronouncements that politicians will not be allowed to give speeches in Anglican Church sanctuaries. This is to uphold the sanctity of our worship spaces and protect them from utterances that defile worship places.
- ✠ Pray for our Bishops that God may grant them divine wisdom and patience as they lead the flock of Christ under their care in the various dioceses across the country.
- ✠ Thank God for successful consecration and enthronement services for Nairobi and Mt Kenya West Dioceses respectively. Pray for the Holy Spirit guidance for the new bishops as they take up leadership role in the respective dioceses:
 - The new bishop in Nairobi Diocese is the Rt Rev Jonathan Kabiru Kariuki – consecrated and enthroned on 16 March 2025
 - The new bishop in Mt Kenya West Diocese is the Rt Rev Gerald Mwangi Murithi – consecrated and enthroned on 23 March 2025
- ✠ Pray for the Diocese of Maseno East where the consecration service was halted due to a court case. Pray that this will be resolved amicably with a possibility of an out of court agreement and settlement, so as to allow the diocese to get a chief shepherd to lead the Christians in the said diocese.
- ✠ Thank God for the rains and pray for God to bless our land to yield its fruit and food for His people.
- ✠ Pray for political tolerance among leaders and citizens of different political persuasions, ideologies and stand.
- ✠ Pray for school going children that God will protect them from all harms and that they will be safe both in schools and at home.
- ✠ Pray for Spiritual leaders and Christians during this season of lent that they will experience renewal and restoration in their journey of faith.
- ✠ Pray for the President and political leaders for divine wisdom so as to practice integrity, honesty and fairness in their dealings and also seek for genuinely fight corrupt a cancer eating our families, society and heritage.
- ✠ Pray for the forth coming Safe Church Conference scheduled for 1-4 May 2025 in Nairobi, Kenya. Pray for delegates, speakers, journey mercies, service providers etc.

대한성공회

Daehan Seonggonghoe

The Anglican Church of Korea



- ✠ **Lenten Reflections:** Please pray that the faithful in the Anglican Church of Korea may enter deeply into the Lenten season, reflecting on the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. May this be a time of renewed understanding of the true meaning of Christ's coming and a deep experience of God's saving grace.
- ✠ **Clergy Retreats in the Diocese of Seoul:** Pray for the clergy retreats being held across the deaneries of the Diocese of Seoul. May these gatherings be a time of spiritual renewal and discernment, where clergy may seek God's will together and experience the unity of the Body of Christ in the love of the Lord.
- ✠ **Easter Celebrations Across the Church:** Please pray for the Easter Eucharistic celebrations and related events taking place in churches across our province. May this Easter be a joyful time of encountering the risen Christ, restoring our hope, and deepening our understanding of the Resurrection.
- ✠ **Prayers for our Bishops :** We ask your prayers for our bishops: Bishop Elijah Kim Jang-Hwan (Seoul), Bishop Titus Kim Ho-Wook (Daejeon), and Bishop Onesimus Park Dong-Shin (Busan). May they be filled with the joy of the resurrection and continue to care for God's people with the love of Christ.

The Anglican Church of Melanesia

- ✠ Pray for the safety of the Southern Cross Crews as they sail to New Zealand.
- ✠ Pray for all those affected by the earthquake in Vanuatu.
- ✠ Pray for us as we prepare for the Youth Convention in June.
- ✠ Pray for the ACOMSIC Games in June organised by the Education department.
- ✠ Pray for the Celebration of 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Anglican Church of Melanesia as a separate Anglican Province, also in June.
- ✠ Give thanks for the upcoming Melanesian Brotherhood centenary preparations. The Centenary celebrations will be held in September and October.
- ✠ Pray for the ongoing safe-guiding training in various religious orders. facilitated by the MBM ACOM departments.





The Church of the Province of Myanmar

- ✙ **Cessation of Civil War:** Pray for an end to the civil war in Myanmar and the establishment of genuine, lasting peace and reconciliation throughout the country.
- ✙ **Support for Affected Dioceses:** Of our nine dioceses, eight are located in war zones. Pray for the displaced individuals and refugees in these areas, including our church members.
- ✙ **Church Resilience:** The ongoing civil war has severely impacted the church in Myanmar—socially, economically, financially, psychologically, and spiritually. Pray for strength and resilience during these challenging times.
- ✙ **Protection for Youth:** Many young people are attempting to evade conscription laws by fleeing to neighboring countries, often without proper documentation. Pray for their safety and for their parents, who are experiencing immense distress.
- ✙ **Archbishop's Safety:** Pray for the Archbishop, who leads the Christian Peace Supporting Committee and faces threats to his life.
- ✙ **Construction Projects:** CPM has to build a church, an Anglican Peace Center, and a parsonage on government-donated land. These projects are to be completed within four to five years, despite lacking firm financial security. Pray for the necessary resources and support.
- ✙ **Christian Unity:** Pray for all Christian churches in Myanmar to unite in Christ.



The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

- ✙ Give thanks for the successful installation of the Most Rev Nestor D Poltic as the eighthth Prime Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP), and pray that the bonds of friendship expressed by both local ecumenical partners and international partners within the Anglican Communion will continue to strengthen and bear fruit as together we strive to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom to all people in all places.
- ✙ Pray for a continued intensification of activities towards the ECP's thrust to be a Scripture-rooted, Spirit-fired and Discipled Church, especially through increasing bible studies, numbers of lay ministers, and people pursuing theological studies.
- ✙ Give thanks for the ministry of Migrante International and pray with its USA chapter for the immediate release of all migrants unjustly detained, especially Filipino migrant

workers like Ms. Lewelyn Dixon, who have dedicated their lives to their families and communities.

- ✠ Give thanks that The Episcopal Church in the Philippines has officially passed a resolution urging all constituents to advocate for a clean, honest, and peaceful electoral exercise as the Philippines prepares for the upcoming mid-term elections on May 12, and pray that the ECP constituency, as an expression of being Scripture-rooted, Spirit-fired, Discipled individuals and communities of faith, will denounce and refrain from participating in any act of vote-buying and vote-selling, and to collectively demonstrate that its congregations are worshipping and faithful communities that strictly adhere to Christian values.
- ✠ Give thanks for The Communion Forest initiative, especially for the recent ecumenical mass mangrove planting activity in the ECP Visayas Missionary Diocese with the Iglesia Filipina Independiente at the Barangay Tabon Coastal Area in Batan, Aklan, and pray for continued ecumenical and community collaboration as together we strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

The Episcopal Church of South Sudan

- ✠ Please continue to pray for the Church in its endeavour to engage the government to resolve the ongoing conflict in Upper Nile.
- ✠ It seems now impossible for the 2018 political agreement to be implemented due to many reasons. There is no political will to implement it. Pray that the will may somehow be found.
- ✠ The economic situation of the country is setting an alarm, as many citizens including the organized forces are struggling to find food for their families.





The Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa

Prayer Focus this month:

Province de l'Eglise Anglicane de Congo

WEEK 1

A Prayer for the Leadership of the Church and the Nations

With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand,

– Psalm 78.72

We come into the fourth month of the year with grateful hearts and to lift up fervent and incessant prayers to God as we bring before Him the Province of Congo under the **Most Rev Dr Andre Titre George**. We remember and pray for the College of Bishops, Clergy and Lay Leaders who (together with the Primate) provide both spiritual and temporal leadership to the members of the Church and their communities. We remember in our prayers the national leadership in the Congo and in all the other places where the ministry of the Church is shared. We pray for unity and single-mindedness among the ministers (both the ordained and lay) and also among the political, social and tribal leaders who, together with the church, work towards the well-being of the people, their prosperity and the peace of the nation. Join us to pray that the leaders (both spiritual and temporal) will be guided by wisdom to provide accountable leadership and stewardship and be enlightened by the Holy Spirit in their pursuit for justice, peace and respect for each other in their various faith and tribal communities.

WEEK 2

A Prayer for Mercy, Healing and Fruitfulness

Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing, to declare that the Lord is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him."

– Psalm 92.12-15

In the second week of April, we pray for fruitfulness, good health and mercy for God's people in the Province of Congo and within the boundaries of the country of the Democratic Republic of Congo. We pray for the constituent dioceses of the province and the provinces of the country. We pray that the country and its peoples will increase and multiply in all their undertakings and be healed of all their infirmities and diseases. We pray for God's mercy and healing of the trauma suffered by the many families and communities

affected by the ongoing conflict, especially in the eastern part of the Congo and those who have been affected directly and indirectly by the political and economic instability in the country. Join us to pray for the safety of women, young girls, children and the elderly who are adversely impacted by the conflict and for those who have been displaced in neighbouring countries. Join us to pray for the various health and humanitarian ministries of the Church and for all those whose work and ministries bring healing and restoration to the sick, the traumatized and those challenged emotionally and psychologically within the dioceses of the province and their communities.

WEEK 3

A Prayer for Peace

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 4.7

In the third week of the month, we invite you to join us to pray for the peace of the Church and the country of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. We pray for the peaceful co-existence of the various political, tribal and faith groups in the country and their neighbours especially the Republic of Rwanda, whose support for the M23 rebel group is of grave concern. We pray for all whose efforts and actions engender peace among the people and faith groups and pray for God's peace to undergird the ministries and mission of the Church and in the nation and for the pursuit of justice and godly actions in governance, commerce and trade, education and life-moulding actions and within the various institutions of the nation and the Church. We pray that the country of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and its neighbours will know and experience the peace of Christ in their challenging political and socio-economic circumstances. We pray for peaceful social and political relations between the various ethnic groups and peoples as well as political parties and faith groups in the country and for the betterment of the nation and its people.

WEEK 4

A Prayer for Love

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. – 1 John 4.7-8

In the fourth week of April, we join together to pray for enduring love among the various tribes, communities and the members of the various dioceses of the Province of Congo and in the country. Join us to pray for love among people of differing faith, tribes, and political and economic affiliations in the constituent dioceses and the country of the Congo. We pray that all people of faith and none will bear the burden of loving one another and experience the same in their personal and communal lives even as they

undertake their various missions and ministries in love and in service to each other. We pray that policies, programmes, actions and thoughts of leaders and members of the church and other faith communities, as well as those of the political leadership, will be directed and motivated by love for one another regardless of gender, ethnicity, creed, and nationality; that the mission of the church will be motivated and undergirded by genuine love for all people of faith and none, acknowledging that all are created in the image and likeness of our Sovereign Lord. Pray for all who are socially disconnected, lonely and without any social connection or support.

Additional Prayers

Thanksgiving and Celebration

✠ *Diocese of Northern Zambia*

We join the Rt Rev John Kafwanka and the members of the Standing Committee of the Anglican Diocese of Northern Zambia to give thanks to God for the success of their first meeting in 2025. The meeting received and approved reports of activities and mission developments in all Archdeaconries, Committees and across ministries (MU, MAF, Youth, St Veronica). The Standing Committee also approved the process to develop a Five-Year Strategic Plan, which aims to draw contributions from all ministries and Archdeaconries. Join us to pray for grace as this process of Strategic Plan development gets underway.

✠ *Anglican Diocese of Mauritius – Province of the Indian Ocean*

We join the Rt Rev Joseph Stenio Andre, his family and the Anglican Diocese of Mauritius to give thanks to God for the Fifth Anniversary of his Episcopacy in the Diocese. The Diocese of Mauritius is one of the eight (8) dioceses in the Indian Ocean province. Bishop Joseph Stenio Andre took over from the Most Rev Ian Ernest, the immediate past Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome, who was also the Primate of the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. The Anglican Church has been in Mauritius since 1854 and as we thank God for Bishop Stenio, we pray for God's blessings on his family, ministry and the Church.

✠ *Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

We join the Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACSA) to thank God for the success of the Episcopal Synod during which a Communique was released requiring every parish in the province to appoint Safeguarding Officials who will be dedicated to keeping people safe from abuse. The synod, held in Benoni, Gauteng, South Africa from 22 to 26 February, also approved the preparations towards the Elective Assemblies for the Dioceses of Pretoria and Port Elizabeth whose Bishops retired since the last General Synod in September 2024. The Episcopal Synod also prayed for the Rt Rev Steve Moreo, Bishop of the Diocese of Johannesburg who attended his last meeting of the ACSA Synod of Bishops before his retirement later in the year.

The Archbishop and Primate of ACSA, the Most Rev Dr Thabo Makgoba assisted by the Dean of the Province, the Rt Rev Stephen Diseko prayed for the retiring bishop. We wish Bishop Moreo well in the next phase of his personal, family and ministerial lives.

✠ *St Nicholas Seminary – Internal Province of Ghana*

We join the St Nicholas Seminary community, the Board of Governors, Faculty and Seminarians to thank God for the act of benevolence received from the National Council of the Anglican Women's Fellowships (AWF) who as part of their annual visit to the seminary donated an amount of GHC 60,000 towards the completion of the Female Hostel block in the seminary. While thanking the AWF, we kindly invite other benevolent groups in and outside Ghana to come to the aid of the Seminary. We pray for God's blessings on the mission and ministry of the AWF and for the growth and expansion of its ministries.

✠ *The Diocese of Luapula, Zambia – Church of the Province of Central Africa*

We join the Church of the Province of Central Africa (CPCA) under the leadership of the Most Rev Albert Chama, the College of Bishops and the Councils of Registrars and Chancellors and all the members of the Standing Committee to give thanks to God for the success of the meetings of the Provincial Standing Committee and the Episcopal Synod during which the Very Rev Japhet Pondan was elected as the Second Diocesan Bishop of the Luapula Diocese in Zambia. Before his election, the Very Rev Pondan was the Dean of the Cathedral Church of Michael and All Angels in the Diocese of Northern Zambia. Our prayers are with Very Rev Pondan, his family and the Diocese of Luapula as they prepare towards his Episcopal Ordination, Consecration and Enthronement at a date to be announced.

Various Prayers

✠ *Anglican Diocese of Goma – Province of the Congo*

We lift up prayer for the worsening humanitarian situation in the eastern province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo as fighting between the national army and the rebel group, M23 escalates. In a statement issued in the early days of the fighting, the Anglican Bishop of Goma, the Rt. Rev. Martin Gordon described people as being "terrified in their homes" as fighting continues to escalate. The Bishop called on the international community to act immediately and decisively for peace in Eastern DRC. Bishop Martin described the situation in the city of Goma as having "...no power and many areas with no water. The M23 seems to have control of large parts of the city. The Congolese army are resisting in other areas. Civilians are being caught in the crossfire. Bodies are lying in the streets." Reports monitored so far indicate a grave humanitarian situation with over 3,000 people confirmed dead and over 35,000 people displaced both within the Congo and in neighbouring countries of Burundi, Tanzania and other countries, with some swimming across dangerous waters to try to get away from the ravaging war.

✠ *The Impact of the Closure of the USAID Projects*

Please pray for all Anglican development work across the continent which is losing USAID funding so suddenly leading to loss of jobs, food, medication and other critical support for thousands who depended on USAID-supported projects. From Kenya, the Executive Director of Kenya's Anglican Development Services (ADS), revealed that USAID's abrupt exit has seriously affected the organization with a loss of KShs 200million [\$1,550,387] USAID annual support. He indicated that ADS's income is at its lowest, including that which caters for anti-retroviral drugs for communities ravaged by HIV/AIDS. "We don't know how to continue; 150 of our staff members have been affected. We have put them on unpaid leave as we figure a way out." Health, economic empowerment, HIV prevention, referrals to HIV facilities, smart farming for food security, climate change, orphans and vulnerable children are some of the development agency's programmes that have been affected by the sudden closure of USAID funding.

✠ *Republic of Kenya*

Join us to pray for peace, justice and tranquillity amidst the political wranglings between the various political parties, the National Assembly, the Senate and the various Arms of Government which is adversely affecting the ordinary citizen. The ever-rising cost of living, high taxes and levies keep pushing people at the margins over the economic cliff affecting especially those in the informal sector. The legal battles between the Judiciary Service Commission and the beleaguered Judges of the Supreme Court and other legal battles involving different arms of government threaten to grind the wheels of governance to a screeching halt. Let us pray "that God will guide the President and give him wisdom and justice; that God's ministers will serve him faithfully and His royal people joyfully that in the valley of the shadow of death, God will protect his people with his rod and staff and as trees planted by the waterside, God will grant His people the fruit of the Spirit and send them out as the salt of the earth and the light of the world." (Excerpts from Our Modern Service Prayer Book, Anglican Church of Kenya).

Upcoming Events

✠ *CAPA Triple Event:*

Please join us to pray for the CAPA Triple Event which takes place in 2025.

The Primates, in their October meeting, approved the dates and themes for the events as follows:

CAPA ASSEMBLY Date: 9th-11th June (Arrival will be 8th June)

Theme: CAPA – an authentic instrument of Anglican Mission in Africa

CAPA@45

This will be an evening event of celebration and awards for the 45 years of ministry of CAPA. Primates approved the suggestion for awards to be given to some deserving individuals, partners and institutions.

AABC III

Date: 11th-15th June (Early arrivals from 10th June and departures on 16th)

Theme and sub-themes:

Main Theme: The African Anglican Mission Agenda

Sub-Themes:

- a. The Africa Anglican Spirituality and Identity
- b. Holistic Gospel Proclamation for a Self-Sustaining Anglican Church in Africa
- c. The Anglican Church's Response to the paradoxes of the continent
 - i. Poverty in the midst of plenty
 - ii. Environmental and Climate Justice
 - iii. Gender-Based Violence and the integrity and safety of women and girls
- d. An Africa Anglican Youth Ministry Agenda

Please join us to pray towards the success of the Triple Events and for the needed resources. Pray especially for the work of the Planning Committee under the leadership of Archbishop Jackson Ole Sapit, Primate of Kenya and the Vice Chairman of CAPA.

Pray for CAPA's Ministry

We invite you to pray for CAPA's work in the year 2024 and for our role expressed as in the acronym SPAACER

- ✦ **Sustainability** – of the Church's presence and ministry on the continent
- ✦ **Public Image** – shaping and upholding a positive image of the Anglican Church within Africa and in the global space.
- ✦ **Accompanying** – Provinces in various processes and initiatives, including peace building
- ✦ **Advocacy** – Shaping, coordinating, and participating in advocacy initiatives with Provinces and other organizations.
- ✦ **Coordinating** – creating safe space for Provinces to interact and engage on relevant

pastoral issues with some sense of coherence.

- ✦ **Equipping** – the Church leadership at various levels with appropriate skills for effective functioning as transformational leaders
- ✦ **Renewing** – Church life and fellowship between the provinces as well as their commitment to the Africa transforming agenda

For resource support and commitment to ...

- ✦ 2024 Core Budget funding and Programmes
- ✦ Church and Community Mobilization Process (CCMP) Envisioning and Facilitators' training in Eswatini
- ✦ Sustainable Theological Education in Africa in 2024

National Days

Join us to remember and pray this month for the Independence Anniversaries and/or National Days of –

4 April	The Republic of Senegal: Independence Day
18 April	The Republic of Zimbabwe: National Day
26 April	The United Republic of Tanzania: Union Day
27 April	The Republic of Siera Leone: Independence Day
27 April	The Republic of South Africa: Freedom Day
27 April	The Togolese Republic: Togolais National Day

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Apr	Lectinary 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
Tue 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Australia; The Primate – Archbishop Geoff Smith; the General Secretary – Anne Hywood; the General Synod and the Standing Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Kenya <i>ADS-Eastern, a branch of the Anglican Church of Kenya's Anglican Development Services</i> See p. 6 	
Wed 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Adelaide – Archbishop Geoff Smith; Bishops Chris McLeod, Tim Harris, and Sophie Relf-Christopher, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Melanesia <i>The ACOM Board of Mission</i> See p. 7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Autism Awareness Day
Thu 3	Richard of Chichester, bishop († 1256) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Armidale – Bishop Rod Chiswell, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea 	
Fri 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Ballarat – Bishop Garry Weatherill, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of the Province of Central Africa <i>The Zambia Anglican Council's Outreach Program</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action
Sat 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Bathurst – Bishop Mark Calder, the clergy and people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of the Province of Myanmar <i>CPM's Development Desk, and the diocesan Development Desks</i> See p. 8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Conscience

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Sun 6	<p>Lent 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Bendigo – Bishop Matt Brain, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Episcopal Church in the Philippines <i>E-CARE, a community development organisation of the ECP</i> <p><i>See p. 8</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Sport for Development and Peace
Mon 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Brisbane – Archbishop Jeremy Greaves, Bishops Cameron Venables, John Roundhill and Sarah Plowman, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East <i>The Diocese of Jerusalem's Development Desk</i> <p><i>See p. 5</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda World Health Day
Tue 8	<p>Georgiana Molloy, pioneer church leader and botanist from Western Australia († 1843)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Bunbury – Bishop Ian Coutts, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Philippine Independent Church – (<i>Iglesia Filipina Independiente</i>, IFI) <i>VIMROD – the Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development</i> 	

Wed 9	<p>William Law, priest and teacher († 1761)</p> <p>Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian († 1945)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn – Bishop Mark Short; Bishops Carol Wagner and Vanessa Bennett, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Amity Foundation – an expression of the National Committee of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Churches in China 	
Thu 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry to the Forces – Bishop Grant Dibden, chaplains and members of the Armed Forces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia <i>The Anglican Missions Board, AMB</i> 	
Fri 11	<p>George Augustus Selwyn, first missionary Bishop of New Zealand († 1878)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Gippsland – Bishop Richard Treloar, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Hong Kong – <i>Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui</i> – 香港聖公會 <p><i>See p. 4</i></p>	
Sat 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Grafton – Bishop Murray Harvey, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Japan – <i>Nippon Sei Ko Kai</i> – 日本聖公会) <p><i>See p. 5</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Human Space Flight
Sun 13	<p>Lent 6 – Palm Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia – Bishop Chris McLeod, Aboriginal clergy and people 	<p>The Anglican Church of Korea – Daehan Seonggonghoe – 대한성공회</p> <p><i>See p. 7</i></p>	

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Mon 14	Holy Monday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander People of Australia – Torres Strait clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of Bangladesh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Chagas Disease Day
Tue 15	Holy Tuesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <i>See p. 4</i>	
Wed 16	Holy Wednesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Newcastle – Bishop Peter Stuart; Bishops Charlie Murry and Sonia Roulston, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of North India 	
Thu 17	Holy Thursday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of North Queensland – Bishop Keith Joseph, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of Pakistan 	

Fri 18	<p>✚ Good Friday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of North West Australia – Bishop Darrell Parker, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of South India 	
Sat 19	<p>Holy Saturday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy; Bishops Kate Wilmot, Hans Christiansen and David Bassett, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) 	
Sun 20	<p>Easter Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of the Riverina – Bishop Donald Kirk, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Episcopal Church of South Sudan <i>The Church’s Health Commission, the Education Commission, and the Development and Relief Agency, SUDRA</i> <i>See p. 9</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese Language Day
Mon 21	<p>Easter Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Rockhampton – Bishop Peter Grice, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Episcopal Church of Sudan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Creativity and Innovation Day
Tue 22	<p>Easter Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Sydney – Archbishop Kanishka Raffel; Bishops Peter Lin, Chris Edwards, Michael Stead, Gary Koo, Peter Hayward, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NATSIAC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Mother Earth Day

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Wed 23	Easter Wednesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Tasmania – Bishop Richard Conde, Bishop Chris Jones, clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nungalinga College, Darwin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Book and Copyright Day English Language Day Spanish Language Day
Thu 24	Easter Thursday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of the Murray – the Ven Simon Waters (Administrator), the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pray for the staff and students of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns, as they grieve the college's closure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Immunization Week (till 30 April) International Girls in ICT Day International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace
Fri 25	Easter Friday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of the Northern Territory – Bishop Greg Anderson, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Episcopal Relief and Development (USA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Delegate's Day World Malaria Day
Sat 26	Easter Saturday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Wangaratta – Bishop Clarence Bester, the clergy and people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alongside Hope (formerly the Primate's Fund for World Relief and Development, Canada) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day World Intellectual Property Day

Sun 27	Easter 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jeremy James TSSF, the clergy and people	<ul style="list-style-type: none">USPG (UK and Ireland)	
Mon 28	St Mark, evangelist and martyr (<i>trans.</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Anglicare Australia: Chair, Bishop Chris Jones; Executive Director, Kasy Chambers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">World Day for Safety and Health at Work
Tue 29	Catherine of Siena, spiritual teacher († 1380) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Theological Colleges and Church Schools of the Anglican Church of Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Anglican Discipleship – Jesus-Shaped Life	
Wed 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">CAPA, the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa <i>See p. 10</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">International Jazz Day
Displacements and/or Omissions this month:			
6 Apr – Frederic Barker, Bishop of Sydney and pioneer of theological Education and of the General Synod(† 1882)			
21 Apr – Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, teacher († 1109)			
23 Apr – George, martyr († ca. 303)			
25 Apr – Mark, evangelist and martyr (transferred to 28 April)			

Personal Prayers



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