Partners Praying Together



February 2024

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 Overseas Partners?

E ARE ASKING YOU to remember our each of our Australian dioceses as well as each of our each of 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
- 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
- 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

- Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation, for You have brought everything into existence. You are great and mighty in power. Be our strength in time of weakness, uphold us when we are down, protect us at all times. We thank You for the many blessings You shower on us.
- Pray for all those affected by flooding in the Northern Territory.
- Pray for those affected by extreme heat throughout Australia.
- Pray for all those in war zones, and those displaced by war, especially the people of the occupied Palestinian Territories and Israel, as well as the Ukraine.
- Give thanks for Australia's surf lifesavers and all that they do to keep the community safe.
- ♣ Pray for all those with eating disorders.
- Lord God, as we marvel afresh today at your majesty in humility, we give you great thanks for Jesus' coming as a baby to be our Saviour, bridging the gap of sin that separated us from our Father. Our thanks knows no bounds.

Prayer Points

from our

Overseas Partners



香港聖公會

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

- Pray for all the families in Hong Kong and Macau as we welcome the Year of the Dragon; for the reconciliation as we forgive past grievances, and for the rekindling of old friendships; for the elderly especially, in light of the ongoing emigration wave, and the families who may not be physically able to visit each other as a result.
- ♣ Pray for this year's Lent course, it being the first in a planned long-term effort in translating introductory texts and guided readers about the Anglican Church's rich history of writers and thinkers into Chinese.
- ♣ Pray for the poor and disenfranchised, in light of the continuing economic downturn in Hong Kong. Pray for the unheard and dismayed, especially those who are driven to self-harm or suicidal attempts.



日本聖公会

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai The Anglican Communion in Japan

Following the devastating earthquake on the Noto Peninsular on 1 January, give thanks for the work of the emergency services and those volunteering to help clear rubble and allow life to restart; and pray for all the victims and those still suffering

As the world and the Japanese church looks to deal with and prevent harassment of any kind, pray for all diocesan representatives as they meet this month, that they may find the right policies to adopt and support those who live with the legacy of harassment

- On the anniversary of the establishment of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, give thanks for the ministry of all churches, institutions, and dioceses of the NSKK and ask for God's guidance as it looks to the future
- ♣ Pray for all those suffering from Hansen's Disease and those who are marginalized as a result of this illness, and as the NSKK remembers them, ask that we might care for all who are sick in body, mind or spirit, just as Jesus would have us do
- Give thanks for the House of Bishops of the NSKK and ask God's blessings upon their meeting this month; that they may lead this church faithfully
- As we think of discrimination within society; please pray for the meetings this month of diocesan human rights' representatives and also the women's liaison conference and that God might inspire those discussions

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East

- The Staff and Volunteers of our al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza as they continue their healing ministry
- For all those refugees of the war, especially the Christians sheltering in St Porphyrios and Holy Family Churches in Gaza
- For an end to the bloodshed and violence that continues to afflict the land of our Lord's birth
- For a just and lasting peace for all of God's Children who live in the Holy Land.

The Anglican Church of Kenya

- Pray for His Grace the Archbishop, the Most Rev Dr Jackson Ole Sapit as he leads the Church amidst difficult politic climate in the Country.
- Pray for the Provincial Secretary, the Rt Rev Prof Joseph
 Galgalo as he assists the Archbishop and lead the national secretariat.
- → Pray for peaceful transition/bishops elections in three dioceses, namely Nakuru, Nyahururu and Nambale.
- Thank God for Children/students who sat and received their exam results and for parents to get enough resources to take them to the next level of their education



- Class eight students now joining form one in different schools in the country
- For students joining high institutions of learning including colleges and universities.
- ♣ Pray for peaceful coexistence between the President (Executive), Parliament (Legislature) and Judiciary that each will work in their spaces with honesty and integrity. The peace of the Church depends on the peace of the nation
- Pray for tolerance among our leaders with different political ideologies.
- ♣ Pray against the spirit of suicide among young people, especially men.



The Anglican Church of Melanesia

- ♣ Pray that people would care for the environment.
- Pray for good stewardship of creation.
- Pray for those having to deal with sea level rises that affects our Islands.
- Give thanks for Fr Nelson Bako, the new ACOM Mission Secretary, as he settles into his job. May God bless him and guide him in his work.



The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

- ♣ Pray for the political instability that has causes many businesses to close and many left jobless in the city.
- Pray for all students who are preparing to go back to school next week for God's wisdom and knowledge to be upon them.
- Pray for this generation not to adapt the way of Western culture in social media and sports.
- ♣ Pray for all the rebellious teenagers who are addicted to drugs and alcohol consumption.
- Give thanks for all the Prayer Intercessors who interceded for our Nation for the last 21 days of Daniel Fasting.

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Give thanks for Philippine National Bible Month and appreciation of the Bible in forming good values in the nation, and pray especially for the renewal of interest in the Bible in the life of the ECP through its continued emphasis on Bible Study fellowships and other Scripture-rooted activities.



- Pray for the upcoming 11th Provincial Synod of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines on 14-16 May 2023 and the pre-Synod preparations already underway as the province launches into the second half of its decade long Vision 2028 to become a Scripture-rooted, Spirit-fired, Discipled community of faith.
- Give thanks for the E-Care Foundation's Vegetable Rescue Operation to assist farmers in receiving a fair profit for their labor, and pray for an end to the manipulative trading system that dictates prices to below production costs and drives farmers into dumping their fresh produce on their fields and roadsides.
- Give thanks for the communication of the United Nations Special Rapporteurs on counter-terrorism and human rights to the Philippine Government, and pray for the protection of Human Rights Defenders, Church Workers, and Humanitarian Workers.
- Give thanks for the advocacy of Migrante International on behalf of Overseas Filipino Workers, and pray especially for its humanitarian appeal for clemency for human trafficking victim Ms. Mary Jane Veloso who remains imprisoned in Indonesia after more than a decade.

The Episcopal Church in South Sudan

- Let us thank God for three abducted women, who have been released from the Abyei Administrative Area and transported to Twic County.
- Let us thank God for the National Transitional Committee (NTC), a body charged with overseeing the implementation of the 2018 peace agreement, for launching the distribution of emergency food supply to forces in cantonment sites which is part of the preparation for the second phase for the training of the Necessary Unified Forces.

- Let us pray for the state government of Central Equatoria as authorities said that a consortium of development partners has revealed that plans are underway to ensure a stable water supply to Juba city and its environs come to execution.
- Let us continue to pray against sub-standard goods smuggled into the country as the South Sudan National Bureau of Standards (SSNBS) has intercepted 17 trucks carrying a variety of smuggled goods into the country.
- ♣ Let us pray for the judicial reforms committee as they conduct consultative meetings to ensure that South Sudan acquires a new-look judiciary to solve its problems.
- Let us continue to pray for an end to violence in Sudan, as the country is running out of food; millions are facing acute hunger, and delivering aid remains extremely challenging due to ongoing hostilities.
- Let us pray for Sudan as the International Organization for Migration revealed that the country grapples with the world's largest displacement crisis, revealing that over 7.7 million people have fled their homes since the conflict erupted.
- Let us pray for inmates at the Wau Central Prison in Western Bahr el Ghazal State as dozens of them are suffering from an unknown skin disease outbreak, characterized by itching and body pains.





Prepare the way of the Lord: a postage stamp from Suriname for Ash Wednesday.

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For access to the electronic version of *Partners Praying Together*, go to http://www.abmission.org/resources/missional-prayers

Pray for ABM

God of all,

bless the Anglican Board of Mission as it serves the Church in Australia and our partner churches overseas. Inspire its work and its vision that all may come to know your justice, your peace and your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Feb	Lectionary and ABM Commemorations and the Australian Cycle of Prayer	ABM Partner + development arm – where appropriate	see www.un.org/en/observances/ international-days-and-weeks for more information about each
Thu	The Anglican Church of Australia; The	The Anglican Church of Kenya	World Interfaith Harmony
1	Primate – Archbishop Geoff Smith; the General Secretary – Anne Hywood; the General Synod and the Standing Committee	 ADS-Eastern, a branch of the Anglican Church of Kenya's Anglican Development Services 	Week begins (till 7 Feb)
Fri 2	The Presentation of Christ in the Temple—Candlemas	 The Anglican Church of Melanesia 	World Wetlands Day
	 The Diocese of Adelaide – Archbishop Geoff Smith; Bishops Chris McLeod, Denise Ferguson and Tim Harris, the clergy and people 	• The ACOM Board of Mission See p. 6	
Sat 3	First Anglican Service at Sydney Cove, conducted by the Rev Richard Johnson, Sydney 1788	The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea	
	• The Diocese of Armidale – Bishop Rod Chiswell, the clergy and people	• Anglicare-PNG, a community development organization of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea	

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Sun 4	Epiphany 5The Diocese of Ballarat – Bishop GarryWeatherill, the clergy and people	 The Church of the Province of Central Africa The Zambia Anglican Council's Outreach Program 	International al Day of Human Fraternity
Mon 5	The Martyrs of Japan, crucified at Nagasaki († 1597) 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 	
Tue 6	The Diocese of Bendigo – Bishop Matt Brain, the clergy and people	 The Episcopal Church in the Philippines E-CARE, a community development organisation of the ECP See p. 7 	International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation
Wed 7	• The Diocese of Brisbane – Archbishop Jeremy Greaves, Bishops Cameron Venables and John Roundhill, the clergy and people	 The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East The Diocese of Jerusalem's Development Desk See p. 5	

Thu 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) 	
Fri 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	
Sat 10	Ministry to the Forces – Bishop Grant Dibden, chaplains and members of the Armed Forces	 The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia The Anglican Missions Board, AMB 	 International Day of the Arabian Leopard World Pulses Day
Sun 11	 Epiphany 6 or the Last Sunday after the Epiphany The Diocese of Gippsland – Bishop Richard Treloar, the clergy and people 	• The Anglican Church of Hong Kong – Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui – 香港里公會 See p. 4	 International Day of Women and Girls in Science

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Mon 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. 4	International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism
Tue 13	Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia – Bishop Chris McLeod, Aboriginal clergy and people	The Anglican Church of Korea	World Radio Day
Wed 14	 Ash Wednesday Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander People of Australia – Torres Strait clergy and people 	The Church of Bangladesh	
Thu 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	
Fri 16	The Diocese of Newcastle – Bishop Peter Stuart; Bishops Charlie Murry and Sonia Roulston, the clergy and people	The Church of North India	

Sat	Holy Innocents' Day	•	The Church of Pakistan	•	Global Tourism Resilience
17	(if not observed on 28 December)				Day
	 The Diocese of North Queensland – Bishop Keith Joseph, the clergy and people 				
Sun	Lent 1	•	The Church of South India		
18	 The Diocese of North West Australia – Bishop Garry Nelson, the clergy and people 				
Mon 19	The Diocese of Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy; Bishop 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)		
Tue 20	William Grant Broughton, first Bishop of Australia († 1853)	•	The Episcopal Church of South Sudan	•	World Day of Social Justice
	The Diocese of the Riverina – Bishop Donald Kirk, the clergy and people	•	The Church's Health Commission, the Education Commission, and the Development and Relief Agency, SUDRA		
Wed 21	The Diocese of Rockhampton – Bishop Peter Grice, the clergy and people	•	The Episcopal Church of Sudan	•	International Mother Language Day

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Thu 22	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	
Fri 23	Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr († ca. 155) • The Diocese of Tasmania – Bishop Richard Conde, Bishop Chris Jones, clergy and people	Nungalinya College, Darwin	
Sat 24	 Matthias, Apostle and Martyr The Diocese of the Murray – the Ven Simon Waters (Administrator), the clergy and people 	Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns	
Sun 25	 Lent 2 The Diocese of the Northern Territory – Bishop Greg Anderson, the clergy and people 	Episcopal Relief and Development (USA)	
Mon 26	The Diocese of Wangaratta – Bishop Clarence Bester, the clergy and people.	The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (Canada)	

Tue	George Herbert, parish priest, poet († 1633) The Diocese of Willochra – Bishop Jeremy James TSSF, the clergy and people	USPG (UK and Ireland)	
Wed 28	Anglicare Australia: Chair, Bishop Chris Jones; Executive Director, Kasy Chambers	Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy	
Thu 29	Theological Colleges and Church Schools of the Anglican Church of Australia	• Anglican Discipleship – Jesus- Shaped Life	
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4 February – Anskar, missionary bishop in Sweden († 865)

14 February – Cyril († 869) and Methodius († 885), missionaries to the Slavs



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Personal Prayers



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