

Partners Praying Together

September 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 of time and space, You call us to discern Your presence in the world: grant us wisdom to perceive You, grant us the courage to work with you, and grant us the power to proclaim You. Above all, grant us a heart to love and serve you.
- ✠ Pray for all those in war zones, and those displaced by war, especially the people of the occupied Palestinian Territories, Lebanon, Iran and Israel, as well as Yemen, Sudan and Ukraine. May genuine and lasting ceasefires in Iran, Israel, Gaza and Ukraine come to pass so that reconstruction and rehabilitation can begin.
- ✠ Pray for the safety of healthcare workers as they make home visits throughout Australia.
- ✠ Pray for housing reform in Australia that makes the problem better.
- ✠ Pray for fairness in the use of language tests for migrants to Australia
- ✠ Pray for the safety of police as they go about their jobs throughout Australia
- ✠ Lord God, Your ray may be costly but to whom else could we go? For you alone, Lord, have the words of eternal life and we offer You ourselves.

Prayer Points

from our

Overseas Partners

香港聖公會

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



- ✙ For ecumenism and ever stronger bonds, for unity despite differences, especially following the "Pulpit Swap" where Anglican and Catholic bishops preached at each other's cathedrals; for the fundraising concert in September for the Anglican Centre in Rome.
- ✙ For the Province's Youth Ministry; their work in bringing the Church and the younger Hong Kongers closer together, bridging the generation gap that underpins so much of the division in our social fabric, and for the September "Dinner with the Archbishop" gathering, for open hearts and ears that the Church will welcome the young as Jesus did.
- ✙ For Minghua Theological College; their mission in bringing theological education in both deeper and more accessible ways to Hong Kong and Macau, and their new Master of Christian Studies sources beginning this September.

For access to the electronic version of the worldwide

Anglican Cycle of Prayer 2023–2026, go to

anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer/download-the-acp.aspx

日本聖公会

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

The Anglican Communion in Japan



- ✠ Give thanks for all who are called to vocations in the NSKK and pray for those undertaking exams this month
- ✠ Pray for the leadership of the Anglican Church in Japan and worldwide, that they may not be stuck in the past but also look to new models of ministry as the church faces growing secularization and indifference
- ✠ Give thanks for the contribution of all members of the Women's Association of the NSKK and as they meet this month to welcome new members of their Executive, pray for their leadership and that God may bless all their efforts
- ✠ Please pray for the diocese of Kyoto as it meets this month to confirm its future direction as a missionary diocese
- ✠ Give thanks for the consecration of the new bishop of Kobe, Basil Yashiro and pray for his ministry as his diocese faces difficult decisions
- ✠ As schools and colleges return to session, pray for all students and their teachers

**The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem
and the Middle East**

كنيسة الأسقفية في القدس والشرق الأوسط



- ✠ For an end to the war in Gaza, release of all captives, and a full delivering of relief supplies to those in desperate need.
- ✠ Pray for an end to the starvation in Gaza and a rapid ceasefire leading to the end of the war.
- ✠ Pray for protection for our medical staff and patients at Al-Ahli Anglican Hospital.
- ✠ Pray for the dismissal of the case against Layan Nassir, parishioner of St Peter's, Birzeit, who faces additional military detention from a politically motivated charge at a hearing next week.
- ✠ Pray for protection from settler and IDF attacks against Palestinians in the West Bank, including the Christian village of Taybeh.



The Anglican Church of Kenya

- ✙ Thank God for transitions in the Provincial office where five staff have retired from Church service and that the thanksgiving and retirement service on 27th August be successful.
- ✙ Thank God for a successful Church and Community Mobilization Process conference held at Kabarak University between 19th – 22nd August 2025.
- ✙ Thank God for success of the just conclude Kenya Anglican Youth Organisation conference (KAYO) from 18th to 22nd August 2025 in ACK Diocese of Malindi.
- ✙ Pray for school going children as they open school for the third and final term this year.
- ✙ Pray for tolerance among our political leaders.



대한성공회

Daehan Seonggonghoe

The Anglican Church of Korea

- ✙ **9 September – Diocese of Seoul Clergy Workshop:** Please pray for the upcoming clergy workshop of the Diocese of Seoul on September 9. The theme of this year's workshop is "*Small Groups, Big Change: The Present and Future of Church Small Groups.*" The program will include Bible study, case presentations on small groups, and a lecture on vision. Pray that this workshop will encourage the growth and spread of small group ministries throughout the Anglican Church of Korea, so that many members may experience biblical teaching, practical application, spiritual formation, and fellowship. Pray also that many will be rooted more deeply in Christ, and that small group activities may become a vital expression of missional practice.
- ✙ **20 September – Mothers' Union Korea 100th Anniversary Celebration:** Please pray for the Mothers' Union in Korea as they celebrate their 100th anniversary on September 20. May all the preparations and plans be fulfilled according to God's will, and may each person take responsibility in their given tasks. Above all, may the whole celebration bring glory to God. On this day, a thanksgiving Eucharist will be held, together with the blessing of the commemorative book "*100 Years of the Mothers' Union in the Anglican Church of Korea.*" Please pray that those who attend may come

to recognize how God has guided and sustained the Mothers' Union with love and grace throughout the past century, lifting them up in times of trial and hardship.

- ✠ **29 September – 135th Anniversary of the Anglican Church of Korea:** 29 September marks the 135th anniversary of the founding of the Anglican Church of Korea. On All Saints' Day, 1 November 1889, Archbishop Benson of Canterbury consecrated Charles John Corfe as the first Bishop of Korea at Westminster Abbey. Bishop Corfe (known in Korea as Bishop Ko Yo-han) arrived in Jemulpo (Incheon) on 29 September 1890. We give thanks for the 135 years during which God has established the Anglican Church in this land, expanded the kingdom of God, and united us with the worldwide Anglican Communion. Please pray that the Church in Korea may now respond to this grace by going forward as a renewed missionary church, proclaiming the gospel of Christ to the world. Pray also that the Spirit of reconciliation may be poured upon us so that we may serve as a bridge in the ecumenical and interdenominational movement for unity.

The Anglican Church of Melanesia

- ✠ Pray for the Community of the Sisters of Melanesia. They will be having their festivity on the 27th of September. They will admit new Novices and some will be released from their vows.
- ✠ Pray for the Community of the Sisters of the Church. The sisters will consecrate one of their sisters, Sr Catherine Rosa, who will take his life profess vows in September.
- ✠ Pray for the Melanesian Brotherhood which will will celebrate its centenary in Vanuatu and PNG from 21st to 28th September.
- ✠ There will be a series of board meetings happening in September as well. Pray for the success of these meetings.



The Episcopal Church of South Sudan

- ✠ Please pray for families displaced due to climate change. Many people become homeless due to the heavy rains that have caused flooding in many states in South Sudan.



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Mon 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> 	
Tue 2	<p>The Martyrs of New Guinea († 1942)</p> <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> <i>See p. 7</i> 	
Wed 3	<p>Gregory of Rome, bishop and teacher († 604) Eliza Darling, pioneer social reformer in NSW († 1886)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Armidale – Bishop Rod Chiswell, the clergy and people 	The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea	

Thu 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Ballarat – Bishop Garry Weatherill, Bishop Scott Lowery, 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 of Charity
Fri 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 CPM's Development Desk, and the diocesan Development Desk 	
Sat 6	<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> 	
Sun 7	<p>Ordinary Sunday 23</p> <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> See p. 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies International Day of Police Cooperation World Duchenne Awareness Day

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Mon 8	Birth of Mary, Mother of the Lord <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</i> – the <i>Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Literacy Day
Tue 9	The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn – Bishop Mark Short (Primate-Elect); 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day to Protect Education from Attack
Wed 10	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> 	
Thu 11	Mother Esther CHN, founder of the Community of the Holy Name (Melbourne) († 1931) 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 See p. 4 	

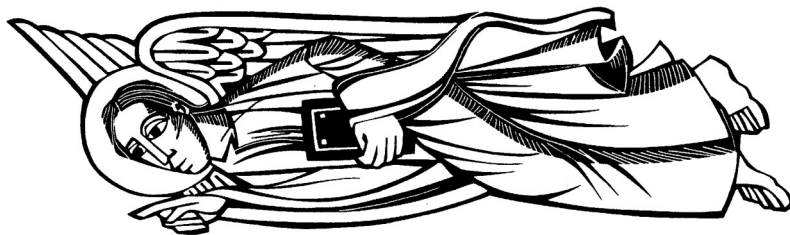
Fri 12	The Diocese of Grafton – Bishop Murray Harvey, the clergy and people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Japan – <i>Nippon Sei Ko Kai</i> – 日本聖公会) <i>See p. 5</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation
Sat 13	<p>Cyprian of Carthage, bishop and martyr († 258)</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 <i>See p. 6</i></p>	
Sun 14	<p>Ordinary Sunday 24</p> <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 	
Mon 15	<p>HOLY CROSS DAY (displaced from yesterday)</p> <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 	The Church of Ceylon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Democracy

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Tue 16	<p>Ninian of Galloway, bishop and missionary († ca. 432)</p> <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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer International Day for Interventional Cardiology International Day of Science, Technology and Innovation for the South
Wed 17	<p>Hildegard of Bingen, abbess and spiritual writer († 1179)</p> <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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Patient Safety Day
Thu 18	<p>John Ramsden Wollaston, priest and missionary of Western Australia († 1856)</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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Equal Pay Day

Fri 19	<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) 	
Sat 20	<p>John Coleridge Patterson, first Bishop of Melanesia, martyr († 1871)</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. 7</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Cleanup Day
Sun 21	<p>Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist and Martyr <i>or Ordinary Sunday 25</i></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"> International Day of Peace
Mon 22	<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 	

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Tue 23	<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"> Nungalinya College, Darwin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International of Sign Languages
Wed 24	<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. 	
Thu 25	<p>Sergius of Moscow (of Radonezh), abbot and teacher († 1392)</p> <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"> World Maritime Day
Fri 26	<p>Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester († 430)</p> <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 Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons
Sat 27	<p>Vincent de Paul, priest and worker with the poor († 1660)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeremy James TSSF, the clergy and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USPG (UK and Ireland) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Tourism Day

Sun 28	Ordinary Sunday 26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglicare Australia: Chair, Bishop Chris Jones; Executive Director, Kasy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy 	International Day for Universal Access to Information
Mon 29	Michaelmas <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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste
Tue 30	Jerome, priest and biblical scholar († 420) <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. 8</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Translation Day
Displacements and/or Omissions this month: 15 Sept – Holy Cross Day (displaced from 14 September)			



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