

Partners Praying Together

June 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?

THIS 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, through 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.
- ✦ **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 enjoys peaceful elections – something not to be taken for granted.

Prayer Points
from our
Overseas Partners

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 in July, that preparations will be successful
- ❖ Lord Jesus by your Resurrection you gave us newness of life. We recommit our lives to you. Help us to give hope and strength to those who are weak and struggling in life today through the Word. Because Jesus the Word of God is ever present with and in us we are given hope, strength and courage to face the various storms of life. Amen.

The Church of the Province of South-East Asia

- ❖ Pray for effective mentoring and discipling of clergy and ministers of the word beyond theological training, to build godly characters, which includes freedom from emotional baggage from the past, who will in turn impact the next generation.
- ❖ Pray that the raising up workers of the gospel and spiritual leaders is effective in the diverse language groups and cultural context within the Province of South East Asia.

- ✦ Pray for all the theological institutions in the Province, i.e. Seminari Teologi Malaysia, Trinity Theological College, Anglican Training Institute, that we will be able to effectively train workers within the local church context on solid Biblical foundation.
- ✦ Pray for continuation of the works of mission and ministry through missionaries in the mission fields in Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam and Nepal, that succession of local leadership will be preserved.
- ✦ Pray for stepping up of personal discipleship among homogeneous groups i.e. youths, young professionals, men, women, housewives, grassroots workers, etc, to strategically reach the various sectors of society.

The Episcopal Church of South Sudan

- ✦ We thank God for the successful consecration of the Rt Revd Emmanuel Lomoro as the third bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Rokon.
- ✦ Give thanks for his enthronement in Rokon on 29 May (Seventh Sunday after Easter).
- ✦ The rainy season has started again where many dioceses will be affected by flooding in the internal church provinces of Jonglei, Eastern Bhar el Ghazal, and Upper Nile.
- ✦ Pray for the ECSS Board of Mission: they have discipleship trainings this month in two internal church provinces.

香港聖公會

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

- ✦ Pray for the General Synod which shall be held on 12-16 June 2022. The synod theme is “Enhancing the Church’s Public Ministry”.
- ✦ Pray for the official opening of the *United Court*, a transitional housing project at Yuen Long managed by the HKSKH Welfare Council.
- ✦ Pray for the living of 1,800 households (approximately 3,800 new residents) who will be moving-in.
- ✦ Pray for the ministry of the Church in Yuen Long.
- ✦ Pray for the local economy as the unemployment rate hit a record high in recent months.
- ✦ Pray for families and individuals suffering from poverty.

日本聖公会
The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
The Anglican Communion in Japan

- ✦ As the NSKK this month prays for the created environment and endeavors to promote the importance of a nuclear-free world, give thanks for all that God has blessed us with in nature and pray that we may be truly good stewards of that which is not ours.
- ✦ As the rainy season approaches, please pray for all who work outside and those who work within the water industry helping to reduce the risk of flooding and enabling life-giving water to get where it is needed most.
- ✦ As the NSKK and Japan as a nation remember the battle of Okinawa, we pray for those still living with painful memories; and we pray for the tensions existent today within that tiny prefecture which is home to the majority of US military bases in Japan.
- ✦ As the Anglican Convent of the Sisters of Nazareth closes at the end of this month, give thanks for their ministry over the years and pray for the future of Order vocations in the Japanese church. Also pray for the most valuable contributions to the life of the church made by women's associations of the NSKK.
- ✦ Pray for the leadership of NSKK and especially for the bishops of the church as they consider the future direction of the NSKK as they meet this month.
- ✦ Continue to give thanks for the work of doctors, nurses and medical professionals as they deal with the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, relegated from much of the news.

YOUR STAMPS FUND MISSION



A Monégasque postage stamp featuring the writer, Charles Péguy (1873-1914), who was well-known for his poems, *Les Cinq Prières dans la cathédrale de Chartres* (Five Prayers in Chartres Cathedral). They were written following a pilgrimage he made to give thanks for the healing of his son.

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| June | 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 |
|------------------|---|---|--|
| Wed 1 | <p>Justin, martyr at Rome († ca. 167)</p> <p><i>Week of Prayer for Reconciliation continues (till 3 June)</i></p> <p><i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity continues (till 4 June)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Australia; The Primate – Archbishop Geoffrey 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> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Day of Parents |
| Thu 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Adelaide – Archbishop Geoffrey Smith; Bishops Chris McLeod, Denise Ferguson and Tim Harris, the clergy and people | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Melanesia <i>The ACOM Board of Mission</i> | |
| Fri 3 | <p>The Martyrs of Uganda († 1886)</p> <p>Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, martyr († 1977)</p> <p>John XXIII, Bishop of Rome († 1963)</p> <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 <i>Anglicare-PNG, a community development organization of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea</i> <p>See p. 4</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Bicycle Day |

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| Sat 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 of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression |
| Sun 5 | <p>Pentecost – Whitsunday</p> <p><i>Ember Week: Prayer for the Church's ordained ministry</i></p> <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> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Environment Day International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported & Unregulated Fishing |
| Mon 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 organization of the ECP</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Russian Language Day |
| Tue 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Brisbane – Archbishop Phillip Aspinall; Bishops Jeremy Greaves, John Roundhill and Cameron Venables, 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> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Food Safety Day |

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| Wed 8 | <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 of the IFI</i>) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Oceans Day |
| Thu 9 | <p>Columba of Iona, abbot and missionary († 597)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn – Bishop Mark Short; Bishops Carol Wagner and Stephen Pickard, 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 | |
| Fri 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>Anglican Missions Board, AMB</i> | |
| Sat 11 | <p>Barnabas, apostle and martyr</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Gippsland – Bishop Richard Treloar, the clergy and people | <p>The Anglican Church of Hong Kong (<i>Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui</i> 香港聖公會)</p> <p>See p. 5</p> | |

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| Sun 12 | Trinity Sunday <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) <i>See p. 6</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Day Against Child Labour |
| Mon 13 | Anthony of Padua, missionary and preacher († 1231) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia – Bishop Chris McLeod, Aboriginal clergy and people | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Korea | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Albinism Awareness Day |
| Tue 14 | 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 Blood Donor Day |
| Wed 15 | Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer († 1941) <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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of Ceylon | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Elder Abuse Awareness Day |
| Thu 16 | Thanksgiving for the Holy Communion <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 of Family Remittances |

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| Fri 17 | <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 Day to Combat Desertification and Drought |
| Sat 18 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of North West Australia – Bishop Garry Nelson, the clergy and people | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of South India | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day for Countering Hate Speech Sustainable Gastronomy Day |
| Sun 19 | Pentecost 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy; Bishops Jeremy James TSSF, Kate Wilmot, 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) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict |
| Mon 20 | <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> <p>See p. 5</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Refugee Day |

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| Tue 21 | <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 Yoga International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice |
| Wed 22 | <p>Alban, first British martyr († ca. 209)</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 | |
| Thu 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"> UN Public Service Day International Widows’ Day |
| Fri 24 | <p>The Birth of John the Baptist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of the Murray – Bishop Keith Dalby, the clergy and people | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns | |
| Sat 25 | <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"> Day of the Seafarer |

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| Sun 26 | Pentecost 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Wangaratta – Bishop Clarence Bester, the clergy and people. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund (Canada) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking UN International Day in Support of Victims of Torture |
| Mon 27 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Willochra – Bishop John Stead, the clergy and people | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> USPG (UK and Ireland) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day |
| Tue 28 | <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 | |
| Wed 29 | St Peter and St Paul, apostles and martyrs <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 the Tropics |
| Thu 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Asteroid Day International Day of Parliamentarism |

Displacements and Omissions this year

5 May: Boniface of Mainz, bishop and missionary († 754)

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 11,780,000 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are South Africa (3,879,434), Morocco (1,165,795), Tunisia (1,041,789), Egypt (515,645) and Libya (501,954).

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 155,483,297 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are the United States (82,613,620), Brazil (30,688,390), Argentina (9,134,182), Colombia (6,095,316) and Mexico (5,752,441).

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

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN ASIA, where there have been 131,385,054 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are India (43,123,801), South Korea (17,795,357), Vietnam (10,696,630), Japan (8,355,303) and Iran (7,228,051).

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 212,902,190 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are France (29,245,171), Germany (24,535,087), the United Kingdom (22,203,799), Russia (18,264,836) and Italy (17,057,873).

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 7,916,111 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are Australia (6,497,556), New Zealand (1,046,670), French Polynesia (72,836), Fiji (64,812) and New Caledonia (61,185).

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** Figures are the latest available from the European Centre for Disease Control and accurate as at 19 May 2022.*