

Partners Praying Together



November 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 the people of Ukraine as they face the needless destruction of their country, and for the people of Russia as devastation is caused in their name; for the people of Europe as the energy crisis looms large as winter approaches; for the people of Myanmar and all other places where the people are under military rule; for the people of Tonga as they continue to deal with the after-effects of the eruption of the volcano Hunga Tonga–Hunga Ha'apai; for places where Covid-infections are still high; for those who mourn those who have died of Covid, both here and overseas; for those in Pakistan and Japan dealing with devastating floods; for those in Australia dealing with flooding and its aftermath; for all who struggle with the rising cost of basic foodstuffs, rent or mortgage payments and fuel costs; for all who are homeless, especially those who are people living with disabilities.
- ✠ Give thanks for the saints in our own lives and for all who point us towards Jesus; for those opening their hearts and homes for Ukrainian refugees; for those rolling out the monkeypox vaccine; for the declining Covid-19 infection and death rates in most places throughout the world; for the State Emergency Services and all who help others during natural disasters in Australia; or the Australian government's commitment to end violence against women and children within the next generation.

Prayer Points
from our
Overseas Partners

The Episcopal Church of South Sudan

- ✦ Thank God for a successful completion of the Week of Evangelism.
- ✦ Pray that people who were reached by the gospel would be able to remain in Christ for the rest of their life.
- ✦ Pray for the Diocese of Juba who will hold a special prayer on All Saints' Day – all the Church will march from St John's Parish to the Cathedral. May God stand by his Church and bring back peace as the Church remembers its saints in South Sudan.
- ✦ Remember to pray for the upcoming Peace Conference in November which will bring people from many countries around the world to Juba.
- ✦ Also pray for the upcoming House of Bishops meeting on November 10-13 in Juba; Pray that the Lord will inspire his servant, the Primate with wisdom to lead this meeting successfully.
- ✦ Pray for reduction of flooding in many parts of South Sudan where people are in dire needs of food, shelter and health.

香港聖公會

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

- ✦ Give thanks to the Lord that the COVID travel restrictions in Hong Kong are seeing the first signs of being lifted. May His mercies continue.
- ✦ May God guide all those who work in orphanages and schools, that the children under their care may grow up in a safe environment away from all abuses, and the abusers may realise their wrongdoing and find repentance.
- ✦ As the wealth gap widens, we pray for those living under the poverty line, whether be they unemployed or not. May they find dignity in life, and may the housing situation

in Hong Kong improve such that the poor need not be forced to live in cramped subdivided flats.

- ✦ As the 20th National Congress begins for the CCP, may God grant them true wisdom, and lead them to walk a path that is pleasing to God's eyes.

日本聖公会

The *Nippon Sei Ko Kai* The Anglican Communion in Japan

- ✦ As Japan experiences the beautiful colours of Autumn, give thanks for the wonder of God's creation and that we may enjoy the vivid colours all around us and always be in awe of our creator.
- ✦ Please pray for the Diocese of Kita-Kanto as they hold an election to choose their next bishop, and pray that the Japanese church may always be open to new forms of diocesan and provincial ministry.
- ✦ Give thanks for the youth of the NSKK as diocesan youth leaders meet this month to plan events for next year; ask God to bless and enable the younger generation to help revitalize an aging church.
- ✦ Please pray for all dioceses of the NSKK as they hold their diocesan synods this month, and ask God to inspire their discussions and decisions.
- ✦ Give thanks for Japan reopening its borders to visitors, but pray that the government and the church might always keep in mind and work to uphold the rights of all people, especially those of minority groups.
- ✦ Please pray for the Japanese government as it tries to resolve problems within the economy and for the Central Bank as it tries to support the Yen following serious weakening against other currencies, and all the issues this devaluation entails.



A stamp from France featuring St Martin of Tours (d. ca. 387). He was born in Szombathely, Hungary, the son of an army officer. Having served in the army himself, he made his way to Tours in France and became a hermit. Eventually he was proclaimed Bishop of Tours. His Feast Day is 11 November.

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Nov	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
Tue 1	All Saints' Day <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> 	
Wed 2	All Souls' Day <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> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists
Thu 3	Richard Hooker, priest and teacher († 1600) <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> 	
Fri 4	Day for Anglicans and Roman Catholics to pray for one another <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> 	

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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> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Tsunami Awareness Day
Sun 6	Pentecost 22 <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"> International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict
Mon 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> 	
Tue 8	The saints, martyrs, missionaries and teachers of the Anglican Communion <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, IFI</i>) <i>VIMROD – the Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development of the IFI</i>) 	
Wed 9	<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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Week for Science and Peace begins (till 15 Nov)

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Thu 10	<p>Leo of Rome, bishop and teacher († 461)</p> <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> 	
Fri 11	<p>Martin, Bishop of Tours († ca. 387)</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. 4</p>	
Sat 12	<p>Charles Simeon, evangelist († 1836)</p> <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>See p. 5</p>	
Sun 13	<p>Pentecost 23</p> <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"> World Antibiotic Awareness Week begins (till 19 Nov)
Mon 14	<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 Diabetes Day

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Tue 15	<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 	
Wed 16	<p>Margaret of Scotland, queen, helper of the poor († 1093)</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 Tolerance
Thu 17	<p>Hilda of Whitby († 680) Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln († 1200)</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 Philosophy Day
Fri 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 	

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Sat 19	<p>Elizabeth of Hungary, princess and philanthropist († 1231)</p> <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"> World Toilet Day <p><i>Remember especially ABM AID's Water, Sanitation and Hygiene projects and those who participate in them.</i></p>
Sun 20	<p>Christ the King</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> <p><i>See p. 4</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims Africa Industrialization Day World Children's Day
Mon 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"> World Television Day
Tue 22	<p>Ember Week begins (Prayers for the ordained ministry of the Church are appropriate)</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 	

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Wed 23	Clement of Rome, bishop and martyr († ca. 100) <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 	
Thu 24	<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 	
Fri 25	James Noble, first Aboriginal person to be ordained († 1941) <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 Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women <p><i>Remember especially ABM AID's projects that address gender-based violence and those who participate in them.</i></p>
Sat 26	<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) 	
Sun 27	Advent I Year A's liturgical cycle begins today <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Willochra – the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USPG (UK and Ireland) 	

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Mon 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 	
Tue 29	<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 Solidarity with the Palestinian People <p><i>Remember especially our projects in the Holy Land and those who participate in them.</i></p>
Wed 30	<p>Andrew, apostle and martyr</p> <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"> Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare

There are no Displacements or Omissions in November this year.

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

I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of prosperity and security. – Jeremiah 33.6b

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN AFRICA. Large proportional increases in Covid case numbers have recently been seen in Mauritania, Mali and Eswatini. Large numbers of new cases have been reported recently by South Africa, Nigeria and Réunion.

Spread your protection over them, O Lord:
So that those who love your name may exult in you.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN THE AMERICAS. Large proportional increases in Covid case numbers have recently been seen in Honduras, Bermuda and Curaçao. Large numbers of new cases have been reported recently by the USA, Brazil and Chile.

Spread your protection over them, O Lord:
So that those who love your name may exult in you.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS AROUND THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. Large proportional increases in Covid case numbers have recently been seen in Morocco and Kuwait. Large numbers of new cases have been reported recently by Qatar, Iran and the United Arab Emirates.

Spread your protection over them, O Lord:
So that those who love your name may exult in you.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA. Large proportional increases in Covid case numbers have recently been seen in Timor Leste. Large numbers of new cases have been reported recently by India, Indonesia and Bangladesh.

Spread your protection over them, O Lord:
So that those who love your name may exult in you.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN EUROPE. Large proportional increases in Covid case numbers have recently been seen in San Marino, Austria and Greece. Large numbers of new cases have been reported recently by Germany, France and Italy.

Spread your protection over them, O Lord:
So that those who love your name may exult in you.

AND WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN OUR OWN REGION, THE WESTERN PACIFIC. Large proportional increases in Covid case numbers have recently been seen in Mongolia, Papua New Guinea and Singapore. Large numbers of new cases have been reported recently by China, Japan and South Korea.

Spread your protection over them, O Lord:
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** Statistics are the latest available from the WHO and are accurate as of 19 October 2022.*

Both infection rates and death rates are decreasing in almost all the world.