

Partners in Prayer

The 2015 Prayer Diary



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Five Marks of Mission

Mission is the creating, reconciling and transforming action of God. The five Marks of Mission help us to think about God's mission locally and globally. Think about what these Marks of Mission mean for you.

ABM grounds all of its work in one or more of these Marks of Mission:

Witness to Christ's saving, forgiving and reconciling love for all people

Build welcoming, transforming communities of faith

Stand in solidarity with the poor and needy

Challenge violence, injustice and oppression, and work for peace and reconciliation

Protect, care for and renew life on our planet



Day **1**

**Jesus said to the disciples,
'I am among you as one
who serves.'**

Luke 22.27c

The Most Rev and Rt Hon
Justin Welby, the Archbishop
of Canterbury, during his
visit to Melbourne last year.
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The Anglican Communion

The Anglican Communion is the family of Anglican churches in over 165 countries. The network encourages unity through our diversity and connects over 85 million people who identify with the Anglican faith. We give thanks for the Anglican Communion and the four Instruments of Communion: the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lambeth Conference, the Anglican Consultative Council and the Primates' Meeting.

Blessed Trinity, Blessed Unity, we give you thanks and praise for all those with whom you have called us into fellowship within the Anglican Communion. Today we pray especially for:

- the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev and Rt Hon Justin Welby and the Lambeth Palace staff*
- the Primates' meetings; the Anglican Consultative Council; the Anglican Communion Office and staff*
- the appointment of a new General Secretary of the Anglican Communion*
- the work of the 10 Anglican Communion Networks*
- the ecumenical and interfaith dialogue, and the cooperative endeavours of the Anglican Communion*

God in each and every place, enable us to be a living witness to and an authentic expression of your universal and eternal love for all creation and all humankind. May our bonds of affection grow as we stand together in solidarity with the communities we serve through the life-giving self-giving of Jesus and the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Personal Prayers

The Anglican Church of Australia

ABM is the national mission agency in Australia of the Anglican Church. Twenty-three dioceses, formed into five provinces alongside many different organisations in areas such as education, health, mission, social welfare and communications are part of the national Anglican Church.

God of all hope and joy, we thank you for the Anglican Church of Australia, to which you have called us to belong. Today we pray especially for each diocese:

- *Adelaide (the Most Rev Dr Jeffrey Driver)*
- *Armidale (the Rt Rev Richard Lewers)*
- *Australian Defence Force Chaplaincy (the Rt Rev Ian Lambert)*
- *Ballarat (the Rt Rev Garry Weatherill)*
- *Bathurst (the Rt Rev Ian Palmer)*
- *Bendigo (the Rt Rev Andrew Curnow)*
- *Brisbane (the Most Rev Dr Phillip Aspinall)*
- *Bunbury (the Rt Rev Allan Ewing)*
- *Canberra and Goulburn (the Rt Rev Stuart Robinson)*
- *General Synod Office (General Secretary – vacant)*
- *Gippsland (vacant)*
- *Grafton (the Rt Rev Dr Sarah Macneil)*
- *Melbourne (the Most Rev Dr Philip Freier, Primate)*
- *Newcastle (the Rt Rev Greg Thompson)*
- *Northern Territory (the Rt Rev Dr Greg Anderson)*
- *North Queensland (the Rt Rev William Ray)*
- *North West Australia (the Rt Rev Gary Nelson)*
- *Perth (the Most Rev Roger Herft)*
- *Riverina (the Rt Rev Rob Gillion)*
- *Rockhampton (the Rt Rev David Robinson)*
- *Sydney (the Most Rev Dr Glenn Davies)*
- *Tasmania (the Rt Rev John Harrower)*
- *The Murray (the Rt Rev John Ford)*
- *Wangaratta (the Rt Rev John Parkes)*
- *Willochra (the Rt Rev John Stead)*

God of Love, may your light shine on this great South Land of the Holy Spirit that we may reconcile our past with our present conviction and future hope for this land and all its peoples in its beauty and diversity. Give us the courage and wisdom to proclaim and embody the good news in this place. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayers




ABM Board members Bishop Garry Weatherill of Ballarat (left) and Bishop Chris Jones from Tasmania (right), with former ABM Executive Director, Bishop Geoff Smith from Brisbane (centre).
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**We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul,
a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain,
where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered, having
become a high priest forever according to the order
of Melchizedek.**

Hebrews 6.19-20

Day 3

A woman with long, voluminous white hair stands in the doorway of a dark wooden building. She is wearing a white, short-sleeved, vertically striped button-down shirt and a long, colorful patterned skirt featuring palm trees and other tropical motifs. She is also wearing simple sandals. The doorway is framed by white-painted wood. To the right of the doorway is a large, dark wooden door. The background shows the interior of the building, which appears to be a simple structure with wooden floors and walls.

Pray... that God will open
to us a door for the word,
that we may declare the
mystery of Christ.

Colossians 4.3a

The Rev Yulki Nunggumajbarr prior to her
ordination at Numbulwar, in the Diocese of the
Northern Territory. © ABM/Gretel Hawtrey, 2009.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministry

ABM's Reconciliation Program brings love and hope to Indigenous communities around Australia. The program includes work supporting two colleges, clergy retreats and scholarships for Indigenous students. In the Northern Territory, Queensland and New South Wales, ABM works with both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans to support the ministry of Indigenous Australians with their own people and communities and to support programs of training and leadership development.

God of this ancient land, we praise you for the amazing diversity of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures that surround us in this place. Today we pray especially for:

- the ongoing work of reconciliation and justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in all facets of Australian society*
- all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and for stronger futures for their communities*
- ABM's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander program*
- the Rev Gloria Shipp, Chair of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC), and all members of NATSIAC*
- the work of the Diocese of the Northern Territory in Aboriginal ministry*
- Nungalinya and Wontulp-Bi-Buya theological colleges who work to equip people for ministry*
- Reconciliation Australia, and all organisations striving to develop and implement Reconciliation Action Plans*

God of Love and Source of Life, as you breathed life into the ancient peoples of this land, breathe life into us today that we may be a lively and visible witness to your love. Enable us to be reconciled to you and each other. May we inspire each other to be faithful in your mission of fullness of life for all people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Nippon Sei Ko Kai – **The Anglican Church of Japan**

The first Japanese Anglican Bishops were consecrated in 1923. Today the Nippon Sei Ko Kai continues its tradition of Christian witness in Japan through parishes, hospitals, schools, and social advocacy within not-for-profits. Through this work, the Church continues to support the many communities impacted by the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear radiation disaster of 2011.

Most merciful God, we bless you for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai and give thanks for the work it does to proclaim your saving love in Japan. Today we pray especially for:

- *the Most Rev Nathaniel Makato Uematsu, Archbishop of Japan and Bishop of Hokkaido, and for his clergy and people*
- *the Rt Rev Zerubbabel Katsuichi Hirota, the Rt Rev John Hiromichi Kato, the Rt Rev Stephen Takashi Kochi, the Rt Rev Laurence Yutaka Minabe, the Rt Rev Luke Ken-ichi Muto, the Rt Rev Andrew Yatuka Nakamura, the Rt Rev Andrew Yoshimichi Ohata, the Rt Rev Samuel Osamu Onishi, the Rt Rev Peter Ichiro Shibusawa, the Rt Rev David Eisho Uehara, and for their clergy and people*
- *the Rev Jesse Shin-Ichi Yahagi, Provincial Secretary*
- *those in Japan still dealing with the aftermath of the triple disaster in 2011 – earthquake, tsunami and nuclear radiation poisoning*
- *the island of Okinawa, that it may become demilitarised*
- *the upholding of Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution, which renounces war forever*

God of Grace, may the Son of Righteousness arise in us as we seek to discern and embody your mission today and tomorrow. Fill us with your Spirit of truth and peace and make us one and holy in your universal love. We pray in the name of Jesus your Son and our Saviour. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Many people joined together to celebrate the consecration of the Rt Revd David Eisho Uehara as Bishop of Okinawa. © Nippon Sei Ko Kai – The Anglican Church of Japan 2013.

Day 4



With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

Acts of the Apostles 4.33

Day 5

Brothers and sisters, holy partners in a heavenly calling, consider that Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, was faithful to the one who appointed him.

Hebrews 3.1-2a



Members of the 2014 General Synod gather around the Marsden Cross at Oihi Bay, site of the beginnings of Christian mission in Aotearoa – New Zealand. © Bishop Ngarahu Katene, 2014.

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Te Hahi Mihinare ki Aotearoa ki Niu Tirenī, ki Nga Moutere o Te Moana Nui a Kiwa – the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia – celebrates the unity and diversity of the Anglican community in these islands. The Church had its beginnings in 1814 and today there are three cultural strands known as tikanga. Tikanga Pakeha has seven dioceses which cover NZ. Tikanga Maori has a single diocese with five episcopal areas that cover all of NZ. There are also Maori chaplaincies out of NZ. Tikanga Pasefika encompasses the Diocese of Polynesia (Fiji, Tonga, Samoa and the Cook Islands) as well as congregations in NZ, principally in Auckland, the world's largest Polynesian city.

God of the sea and of the islands, we give you thanks for the three cultural strands which make up the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. Today we pray especially for:

- *the three Archbishops, the Most Rev William Brown Turei, the Most Rev Philip Richardson, and the Most Rev Dr Winston Halapua, their clergy and people*
- *the people of Christchurch, and their bishops, the Rt Revs Victoria Matthews and John Gray, as they continue to rebuild the city and diocese*
- *the General Secretary, the Rev Michael Hughes, and the General Synod Office staff*
- *the Anglican Missions Board, New Zealand, the Rev Canon Robert Kereopa, Executive Officer and their staff*
- *CMS New Zealand and the Rev Steve Maina, National Director*
- *St John's Theological College, Auckland, and the Principal/ Manukura, the Rev Canon Tony Gerritsen, and faculty*
- *the Three Tikanga Youth Commission and Commissioner, the Rev Michael Tamihere*
- *the launch of a 'Decade of Mission' at a provincial Missions Conference*

God of Love, bless those who are near and those who are far from us. Bless those who are familiar and those who are strangers to us. Bless those who are kindly disposed to us and those we are uncertain of. Surprise us in the joyful moments when we are together that we may find a new closeness, new friendships and new relationships of trust. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Ecumenical Relationships

The building of ecumenical relationships is important to much of ABM's work and ABM has a number of ecumenical partnerships throughout its community development work. The National Council of Churches in Australia, encourages ecumenical dialogue and in doing so unites Churches of varied histories of place, experience and theology, through a common faith and confession in the Lord Jesus Christ.

God who calls us to be one, we give you thanks and praise for the bonds which join the Churches together and for your Spirit who encourages us to come still yet closer. Today we pray especially for:

- *the work of the National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA) and for its 19 members (Anglican Church of Australia, Antiochian Orthodox Church, Armenian Apostolic Church, Assyrian Church of the East, Chinese Methodist Church in Australia, Churches of Christ in Australia, Congregational Federation of Australia, Coptic Orthodox Church, Greek Orthodox Church, Indian Orthodox Church, Lutheran Church of Australia, Mar Thoma Church, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Roman Catholic Church, Romanian Orthodox Church, The Salvation Army, Serbian Orthodox Church, Syrian Orthodox Church, Uniting Church in Australia)*
- *the NCCA's Executive and its President, the Rev Dr Mike Semmler, and for the Acting General Secretary, the Rt Rev Philip Huggins*
- *the work of the state- and territory-based ecumenical bodies*
- *ABM's Ecumenical Development Partners: Act for Peace, Adventist Relief and Development Agency, Australian Lutheran World Service, Caritas Australia, Churches of Christ Overseas Aid, Quaker Service Australia, The Salvation Army, Transform Aid International and UnitingWorld*

In the diversity of your creation, Maker of all, you call us to be many and one. Give us a fresh vision of your peace as we seek to heal the divisions of the past. Make us receptive and open to a new present and future together as we strive to fulfil the hope of your Son and our Saviour Jesus Christ, that all may be one as you are one. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Let anyone who has an ear listen to
what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Revelation 3.22



The Rev Dr James Collins speaks at the commissioning of the Rev John Barr as President of the NSW Ecumenical Council. © Michael Thompson, 2014.

Day 7

May mercy, peace and love
be yours in abundance.

Jude 1.2

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Reconciliation and Peace

Encouraging reconciliation and supporting the restoration of peaceful relations in its partner countries is central to many of ABM's projects around the world. The Church serves many who are vulnerable and ABM supports the building of inclusive communities that inspire harmony and promote safety. The first mark of mission asks us to witness to Christ's saving, forgiving and reconciling love for all people.

Prince of Peace, you came to us so that we might be reconciled to God. Today we pray especially for:

- *innocent people caught up in all areas where conflict rages (among them South Sudan, Gaza, Syria, Northern Iraq, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya and the Southern Philippines)*
- *your strength and guidance when all seems lost*
- *your forgiveness when religion is used as an excuse to grab power, land, or other resources*
- *your blessing on all who seek peace*
- *the implementation of ABM's Reconciliation Action Plan with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people*
- *reconciliation initiatives within Australia, and for similar initiatives beyond our shores*

God of Peace, when greed forgets compassion, when ideology forgets humanity, and when corruption forgets innocence, help us to remember your free gift of grace, your way of generosity and integrity of life. Enable us by your Spirit of Peace to live fully into the vision of your reign on earth as in heaven. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Memorial stone at the Peace observatory in South Korea. The inscription on the stone reads 'Deep Sorrow'. © ABM/Julianne Stewart, 2014.

The Anglican Church of Melanesia

ABM's work with the Anglican Church of Melanesia spreads throughout the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. Projects that assist communities include work with water and sanitation, parenting programs, literacy and disaster preparedness and risk reduction. These island communities face significant challenges with minimal infrastructure and threat of environmental changes. People supported by the Anglican Church of Melanesia and ABM are trained to educate and build resilience in their wider communities.

Living God, the call to proclaim the gospel in Melanesia led to the formation of ABM in 1850. Now, in our day, we pray especially for:

- *the Most Rev David Vunagi, Archbishop of Melanesia, and Bishop of Central Melanesia*
- *The Rt Revs Alfred Hou, Alfred Karibongi, James Ligo, Richard Naramana, Sam Sahu, Ben Seka, George Takeli, Nathan Tome, Patterson Worek, and for their clergy and people*
- *Dr Abraham Hauriasi, General Secretary and Joses Togase, Deputy General Secretary*
- *the Rev George Elo, Mission Secretary; and the Rev John Sovan, Deputy Mission Secretary*
- *Leviah Apunga, Provincial Accountant, and Seniorita Gete, Finance Officer*
- *Beverley Rihai and Gracetella Smith, Literacy Coordinators*
- *Sr Doreen Awaiasi, Head Sister, and all the sisters who staff the Christian Care Centre, a refuge for women and children*

God of Love, we dedicate our lives to your honour and glory, as we seek to live our lives in peace, to build a stronger and more compassionate community and to seek your justice for others as well as for ourselves. Give us the courage we need to face our difficulties and find new ways to build your reign on earth. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Jesus saw two brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Matthew 4.21b-22



Day 9



Be patient until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

James 5.7-8

The Church of the Province of Central Africa

ABM works with the Zambia Anglican Council (ZAC), which oversees the province's work in that country, supporting their Gender and Governance Program. This program focuses on gender sensitisation of church and communities, addressing gender-based violence and ensuring messages about gender equality reach out into the grassroots and up into church leadership and various levels of government. ABM also supports the staff at St John's Seminary in Kitwe.

Trinity of love, we give you thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Central Africa, and in particular for the Zambia Anglican Council. Today we pray especially for:

- *the Most Rev Albert Chama, Archbishop of Central Africa and Bishop of Northern Zambia*
- *The other Zambian bishops, the Rt Rev Derek Kamukwamba, the Rt Rev William Mchombo, the Rt Rev Robert Mumbi, the Rt Rev David Njovu and for their clergy and people*
- *the Zambia Anglican Council (ZAC) which oversees Anglican work in the country*
- *Wilson Sumaili, General Secretary of ZAC*
- *Grace Mazala Phiri, National Programs Director of ZAC*
- *ZAC staff in the five dioceses of the Anglican Church in Zambia*
- *the Rev Francis Mwansa, the staff and ordinands at St John's Seminary*
- *the women and men participating in the Gender and Governance program*
- *the communities of all denominations who work with ZAC*

Living Word, we thank you for the life we receive through our Baptism into Christ and for what we experience and learn through the life of your holy church. May your word become flesh in our daily lives, and deepen our commitment to care, community and justice wherever you call us to be. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Internally-Displaced People, Asylum Seekers and Refugees

ABM's work seeks to challenge violence, injustice and oppression and work for peace and reconciliation – the fourth mark of mission. In doing so, ABM's concern is to support refugees, asylum seekers and internally-displaced persons (IDPs). In recent years ABM has assisted IDPs and refugees in Gaza, Syria, South Sudan, Northern Iraq, the Democratic Republic of Congo and southwest Ethiopia. We continue to pray for all those affected by conflict, particularly those in war-torn countries who seek refuge and asylum.

Jesus the Refugee, you and your earthly family knew the heartbreak of having to leave everything behind and flee to safety in Egypt. Today we pray especially for:

- *all who have been displaced from their homes by natural or human-caused disasters in their countries*
- *all who flee to other countries from persecution in their own*
- *the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) as it assesses the claims of asylum seekers*
- *refugees adjusting to their new life in Australia*
- *all refugee advocates in Australia*
- *governments around the world, that they may respond compassionately to mass movements of people forced out of their homes in dire circumstances*

God of the Journey, in our journey through life we feel out of place at times and at other times we know we are at home. We pray with compassion and a deep yearning for justice for each and every person who is forced to flee their homeland. May each find welcoming people and places free from terror, fear and mistrust and may our restless hearts find our true home in your love. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Personal Prayers



Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod.

Matthew 2.14-15

During the recent conflict in Gaza, thousands were treated at the Diocese of Jerusalem's Al-Ahli Arab Hospital. © ABM/ Julianne Stewart, 2013.

Day 11



Because there is one bread,
we who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one bread.

1 Corinthians 10:17

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

For many years, ABM has partnered with the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP). ECP's ministry started with, and remains strongly focussed on, certain indigenous peoples in the North (the Igorots) and the South (the Tedurays). The ECP has seven dioceses, with the newest being the Diocese of Davao. The church sees community development and social justice as part of its mission. Episcopalians are a small minority compared to other Christian denominations in the country. As well as the community development work, ABM also supports ECP's vibrant Christian education program.

God of glory, we give you thanks and praise for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. Today we pray especially for:

- *the Most Rev Renato Abibico, Prime Bishop of the ECP*
- *the Rt Rev Brent Alawas, the Rt Rev Dan Bustamante, the Rt Rev Joel Casimina, the Rt Rev Joel Pachao, the Rt Rev Dixie Tielabao, the Rt Rev Alex Wandag, their clergy and people*
- *Atty Floyd Lalwet, Provincial Secretary and National Development Officer, E-CARE*
- *Bridget Ladao, Provincial Treasurer*
- *Farida Pasiwen, ECP-ABM Development Liaison Officer*
- *Dominga Anosan, Community Based Development Program Officer*
- *the Evangelism and Christian Education Department and its work*

Sending God, you send us out to be the joyful bearers of your love and light through our ministry and mission in your name. Help us to be the witnesses who hear, the disciples who follow and the apostles who lead others to the truth which sets all people free. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who was sent that we may also be sent. Amen.

Personal Prayers

The Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan (ECSS&S)

ABM is currently partnering with the Church to provide emergency support to the people affected by ongoing violence in South Sudan. There are many challenges resulting from this conflict and there are hundreds of thousands of internally displaced people who need assistance. The work of the Church in South Sudan is highly respected and the Church was strongly involved in mobilising people to vote in the referendum in 2011. ABM continues to support the work of the ECSS&S Health Commission which seeks to build and staff health centres in rural and remote areas.

Jesus, you are our Saviour in the storm. We ask you to remember all those who live through turbulent times. Today we pray especially for:

- *the Most Rev Daniel Deng Bul Yak, Archbishop of South Sudan and Sudan, and Bishop of Juba*
- *the people, clergy and bishops of all 31 dioceses of ECSS&S, especially those in places riven by conflict*
- *John Augustino Lumori, Provincial Secretary*
- *the work of the ECSS&S Health Commission, and Kwaje Charles Philip, the Health Coordinator*
- *reconciliation and peace for all people in South Sudan and in Sudan affected by ongoing conflict*
- *the relief efforts of the Church's Sudan Development and Relief Agency, SUDRA, under the leadership of the Rev Joseph Loabe El-hag*
- *Anglican partners from all over the world who are working to help the ECSS&S to serve your kingdom*

God of peace and justice, help us to see the way ahead in the midst of the complexities of life. Bring your healing to our relationships, to those near and far, that we may rejoice in your presence as one blood and one people in your creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayers

He welcomed them, and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed to be cured.

Luke 9.11b



A South Sudanese woman at the opening of the Ofrika Health Centre in Torit Diocese, which ABM supports. © ABM/Beth Snedden, 2013.

Day 13

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Revelation 21.6b



Children in St Peter's Parish
with their new water tank
in Vanuatu. © ABM/
Isabel Robinson, 2014.

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

This year is the final year in which the world, including ABM and its partners and supporters, will work towards achieving the MDGs, which have been 'the most successful anti-poverty push in history' according to an August 2014 statement from the UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon. 'Global poverty has been cut in half. More girls are in school. More families have better access to improved water sources. More mothers are surviving childbirth and more children are living healthier lives. We are making huge inroads in fighting malaria, tuberculosis and other killer diseases.' In 2016, the world and the Church will be working with a new set of sustainable development goals.

Creator of the universe, help us to hear your call to be as a light to the world. As you seek to transform the world, show us where and how we can join in. Today we pray especially for all initiatives that seek to:

- *eradicate extreme poverty and hunger*
- *achieve universal primary education*
- *promote gender equality and empower women*
- *reduce child mortality by two thirds for children under five*
- *improve maternal health*
- *combat HIV and AIDS, malaria and other diseases*
- *ensure environmental sustainability*
- *develop a global partnership for development by establishing fair and transparent world trade rules, debt relief along with more and better quality aid*

God of creation, we thank you for the life you give us through this plentiful earth. Help us to be good stewards of its bounty and its beauty; to share what we have with justice; and to conserve the natural world for future generations. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayers

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

The Mission of the Anglican Church in Hong Kong is based on the Five Marks of Mission. The Church has three dioceses and a missionary area. It also operates a number of social services including a welfare council, educational institutions and children's services and homes.

God, our strength and hope, we give you thanks for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui and we ask you to bless the Church as it proclaims the Good News to the people of Hong Kong. Today we pray especially for:

- *the Most Rev Dr Paul Kwong, Archbishop of Hong Kong, also Bishop of Hong Kong Island and of the missionary district of Macau*
- *the Rt Revd Timothy Kwok, Bishop of Eastern Kowloon, the Rt Rev Dr Andrew Chan, Bishop of Western Kowloon, and for their clergy and people*
- *The Rev Peter Koon, Provincial Secretary General, and the Rev Kenneth Lau, Assistant Provincial Secretary General*
- *the work of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council and for its member agencies*
- *the training of seminary students and lay people at the Ming Hua Theological College*
- *the work of Sheng Kung Hui Education Services, which operates two tertiary institutions, over 30 secondary schools, more than 50 primary schools, over 50 kindergartens and nurseries, and one special education school, located all over Hong Kong and Macau*
- *the Religious Education Resource Centre, established to provide spiritual and religious learning materials for both students and Christians of all ages*

God of Love, where life is complex, help us to find the simple truth. Where things seem simple, help us to appreciate their complexity. Guide us as we face the contradictions of life, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who taught that the first will be last and the last first. Amen.

Personal Prayers



Archbishop Paul Kwong blesses water in the font at St John's Cathedral.

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One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Ephesians 4.5

Day 15

**Prepare your minds for action;
discipline yourselves; set all your
hope on the grace that Jesus Christ
will bring you when he is revealed.**

1 Peter 1.13

A student at St Paul's Primary School, Dogura in
Papua New Guinea. © ABM/Julianne Stewart, 2012.

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

A long history with the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea sees ABM continue its work to support the Church as it serves rural and urban squatter communities along with urban squatter communities in the areas of health and education, as well as to raise awareness of gender issues. In PNG only 59% of females are literate and much work is to be done to improve the status of women. ABM also funds projects which aim to strengthen the Church through evangelism and clergy training initiatives as well as to empower local communities through livelihood programs.

God of every generation that has been and is yet to be, we praise and thank you for the longstanding links that exist between the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and the Anglican Church of Australia. Today we pray especially for:

- *the Most Rev Clyde Igara, Archbishop of Papua New Guinea*
- *the Rt Rev Alan Migi, the Rt Rev Nathan Ingen, the Rt Rev Lindsley Ihove, the Rt Rev Tennyson Bogar, and their clergy and people*
- *the Diocese of Port Moresby as it elects a new bishop*
- *Samson Chicki, Provincial Secretary*
- *Heni Meke, National Director of Anglicare PNG*
- *Jeffrey Kaka, Coordinator of the Church Partnership Program*
- *Dick Kolai, Project Coordinator in Aipo-Rongo Diocese*
- *Maclaren Handere and Mary Tago, Project Coordinators in Popondota Diocese*

God of beauty and brokenness, as we face the pleasure and pain of life, help us to know your presence in every situation and seek you in life's joyful and difficult times. Move us with compassion when we see others suffer. When we need support help us to be humble and courageous enough to receive it. When others celebrate what is good and wholesome in life, make us ready to share their joy and invite others to share ours as well. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Anglican Witness

Recognising that there is much happening in the Communion in regards to evangelism and church growth work, Anglican Witness is a forum for sharing ideas, experiences, skills and mutual support in order to encourage church growth. The Evangelism and Church Growth Initiative of the Anglican Communion aims to be a resource hub for church growth, discipleship, youth and children ministries and other forms of evangelism.

God, you call us all to proclaim the Good News to the world. We give you thanks for Anglican Witness, and ask that you empower the Churches of the Anglican Communion by your Spirit to be effective evangelists. Today we pray especially for:

- *the Rt Rev Patrick Yu, Convenor of Anglican Witness; the Rt Rev Ng Moon Hing, Co-Convenor*
- *the members of the Anglican Witness Core Group*
- *the Rev John Kafwanka, Director for Mission, Anglican Communion Office*
- *all those who seek to make Christ known to the world around them, particularly those who work in difficult or dangerous contexts*

God of today, for what we have learnt from the past and for continuity in the midst of change, we give you thanks. Help us to be a living witness to your love in all we say and do. Inspire us with your Spirit of Life as we experience this new day. Give us a bold vision of a new future as we cherish the present moment as your gift to us here and now. Keep us fresh and lively. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayers



People gather near a river in preparation for their baptisms. © Diocese of West Malaysia 2014.

You were washed, you were sanctified,
you were justified in the name of the Lord
Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6.11b

Day **17**



We have our hope set on the living God,
who is the Saviour of all people.

1 Timothy 4.10b

A side chapel of the Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour in Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo, Sri Lanka. It reflects local cultural decor. © Diocese of Colombo, Church of Ceylon 2014.

The Churches of South Asia

Throughout South Asia, ABM prays for the Church of Bangladesh, the Church of Ceylon, the Church of North India, the Church of Pakistan and the Church of South India. All part of the Anglican Communion, these diverse Churches are united by their Christian mission to share God's love with their local communities.

God of earth and heaven, we give you thanks and praise for the work of the Churches of South Asia. May your Spirit guide them as they seek to follow your Son. Today we pray especially for:

- *the Most Rev Paul Sarker, Moderator of the Church of Bangladesh and Bishop of Dhaka, and for his clergy and people*
- *the Rt Rev Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey, Bishop of Columbo, and the Rt Rev Greg Shantha Kumar Francis, Bishop of Kurunagala – the two bishops of the Church of Ceylon – and for their clergy and people*
- *the Most Rev Dr Philip Marandih, Moderator of the Church of North India and Bishop of Patna, and for his clergy and people*
- *the Most Rev Samuel Azariah, Moderator of the Church of Pakistan and Bishop of Raiwind, and for his clergy and people*
- *the Most Rev Govada Dyvasirvadani, Moderator of the Church of South India and Bishop of Krishna-Godavari, and for his clergy and people*

Ever present God, help us to be mindful of your Spirit within, between and around us, as we live and move and have our being. Guide our conversations; travel with us on our journeys; support us in times of trouble; enliven our times of celebration; and assist us in our efforts to fulfil your mission. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayers

The Anglican Alliance

The Anglican Alliance for development, relief and advocacy supports the Anglican family of churches and agencies to work for a better world which sees an end to poverty and injustice. The Alliance coordinates emergency responses across the Communion and seeks to be an agent of change, with online education of church development workers on the ground. The Alliance also works to support people in the Anglican Communion to find their voice in advocating for justice.

Holy Spirit, Advocate and Guide, you bring comfort and encouragement to those in need. Today we pray especially for:

- *the Rev Rachel Carnegie and the Rev Andrew Bowerman, Co-Directors of the Anglican Alliance, and the team that supports them*
- *other provincial Anglican mission, development and relief agencies of the Anglican Alliance: Episcopal Relief and Development – USA; the Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund – Canada; Us (formerly USPG) – UK and Ireland; the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa (CAPA); HOPE Africa – South Africa*
- *other members of the Anglican Alliance: Anglican Crisis Relief Outreach and Support, Singapore; Anglican Overseas Aid; the Church Missionary Society; the Mothers’ Union*
- *the specialised development ministries of the Anglican Church*

God of love, send us the help of your Spirit as comforter and advocate, to make us strong and speak boldly of your truth in our lives and the life of the world in which we live. Combine the many and different gifts you give us and enable us to stand in solidarity with each other for the wellbeing of all your people and the glory of your name. We pray in the compassion of Jesus. Amen.

Personal Prayers

The Rev Rachel Carnegie, Co-Director of the Anglican Alliance, on a visit to ABM in September 2014.
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If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

1 Corinthians 12.26

Day **18**



Day 19

Jesus said, 'My teaching
is not mine but his
who sent me'.

John 7.16



The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Church programs that ABM supports in Myanmar vary from education, food security, water and sanitation, and community-based development projects to the funding of the provincial development desk in Yangon. The partnership will also continue to provide dioceses with resources such as Bibles and prayer books.

Gracious and eternal God, you shower unnumbered blessings on each of us every day. We thank you for the unfailing grace you have shown to the Church of the Province of Myanmar. Today we pray especially for:

- *the Most Rev Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon*
- *the Rt Rev David Nyi Nyi Naing, the Rt Rev Samuel Htan Oak, the Rt Rev James Min Dein, the Rt Rev Stylo, the Rt Rev John Wilme, the Rt Rev John Zau Li, their clergy and people*
- *the Rev Canon Saw Mark Maung Doe, General Secretary*
- *the Rev Alan Kyaw Myo Naing, Director of the Evangelism and Mission Department*
- *U San Lin, Director, and Daw Joy Hla Gyaw, Consultant, of the Provincial Development Desk*
- *Ettrict San Hoo, Project Coordinator in Toungoo Diocese, and Thien Lin and Hawi Htaik, Project Coordinators in Sittwe Diocese*

God of Love, come with gentle strength to bless us with life, to heal our wounds and sustain us with your free gift of grace. Enable us to overcome the barriers which beset us, to find new ways to bring your justice and peace to our communities. May young and old rejoice together as we see visions and dream dreams of the fulfilment of your reign on earth as in heaven. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayers

The Anglican Church of Kenya

Many rural communities in Kenya face harsh climate conditions which lead to poverty. Additionally some areas have experienced civil unrest and violence. ABM and Church leaders in Kenya hope that the partnership between ABM and the Church will continue to grow and to bring transformation to the lives of people through the church's work in food security, water and sanitation, micro enterprise development, HIV/AIDS awareness, and environmental conservation. ABM also supports the church in leadership training and a Sunday School program.

Jesus, son of Mary, Son of God, you are the Living Water. Bless all those who thirst for you. Hear our supplications as today we pray especially for:

- *the Most Rev Dr Eliud Wabukala Archbishop of Kenya and Bishop of All Saints' Cathedral Diocese*
- *Anglican Development Services – Eastern (ADS-E), Esther Musili, Executive Director, and John Mutua, Program Manager*
- *the dioceses where Anglican Development Services – Eastern work with ABM funding: the Rt Rev Joseph Kanuku (Bishop of Makueni), the Rt Rev Joseph Mutungi (Bishop of Machakos), and their clergy and people*
- *the Rt Rev George Mechumo (Bishop of Bungoma), and the parishes in his diocese and in other parts of Kenya where the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has been established*
- *the Ven Canon Kistos Khisa and Wilson Mutuku, Project Coordinators*
- *all the children whose relationship with God will deepen this year through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd's programs*

God of all, for your love in creation, for your life giving Spirit within and between us, and for the servant leadership of Jesus, we give you thanks and praise. Enable us to listen to the needs of our community, to discern the gifts of your Spirit within and beyond the body of Christ, and to transform needs and gifts into new ventures of faithfulness in our ministry and mission together, in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Day **20**

**Jesus said, 'This is the work of God,
that you believe in him
whom he has sent'.**

John 6.29

Makakya Community-Based
Organisation. © ABM/
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Day **21**



A person living with HIV receives practical support from Amity Foundation. © ABM/Isabel Robinson, 2014.

**Let people learn to devote themselves to good works
in order to meet urgent needs,
so that they may not be unproductive.**

Titus 3.14

Amity Foundation, China

The Amity Foundation was created almost 30 years ago by Bishop Ting and other Chinese Christians to promote education, social services, health, community development and to build civil society in China. ABM partners with Amity to reach out to people who are HIV-positive; to enable them to live fuller and more productive lives; and receive improved health services. The partnership also shares experiences about social service delivery and strengthening civil society organisations.

Lord Jesus, you do not call your faithful disciples servants, but rather, friends. Glory be yours for the work of the Amity Foundation in China. Today we pray especially for:

- *Mr Qiu Zhonghui, General Secretary*
- *Ms She Hongyu, Assistant General Secretary, Director of the Research and Development Centre*
- *Mr He Wen, Assistant General Secretary and Director of the Project Management Centre*
- *Mrs Helen Zhao, Director of Education and International Exchange Division*
- *Ms Tan Hua, Vice Director of Integrated Rural Development, Disaster Management and HIV/AIDS programs*
- *Ms Du Ying, Program Coordinator at the Project Management Centre*
- *Ms Liu Chang, Project Officer*

Faithful God, give us a Spirit of true listening with open hearts and wise minds. Enable our conversations as we seek to understand your deeper mysteries and the amazing gift of life you give to all humanity and all creation. Build our friendship and our trust with each other and help us to live lives of integrity, truth and love. Together may we be a sign of peace in the world which you have made. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Daehan Seong Gong Hoe – **The Anglican Church of Korea**


ABM supports the work of the Church through its Towards Peace in Korea (TOPIK) program, which promotes peace and stability between North and South Korea. It does this in practical ways by supporting health and other projects in North Korea, and spiritually by working with young people and others to build understandings about the nature of peace and reconciliation.

Blessed are you, the God who heals division, and makes the broken whole once more. We offer our thanksgiving for the Daehan Seong Gong Hoe, the Anglican Church of Korea. Today we pray especially for:

- *the Most Rev Paul Geun-Sang Kim, Archbishop of Korea and Bishop of Seoul*
- *the Rt Rev Onesimus Park, Bishop of Busan, the Rt Rev Michael Kwon, Bishop of Daejeon, and their clergy and people*
- *the General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Korea, the Rev Abraham Gwang-Joon Kim*
- *the Rev Stephen Yoo, Executive Director and Thomas Key Jun, Director of International Relations for the TOPIK program*
- *Sungkonghoe University, one of the Church's institutions*
- *the Anglican religious orders in Korea: the Daughters of St Francis, the Order of St Benedict, the Society of the Holy Cross, and the Society of St Francis*

God of Love, we thank you for the gift of life, for our friendship in Christ, for daily food and drink, for our homes and our neighbourhoods, for the chance to work and the opportunities we have to build a community of justice and peace. Enable us to bring to life the many gifts you give us that we may share with those who do not have what we have and stand together in unity as a visible witness to your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayers

A photograph of Sister Catherine of Society of the Holy Cross, a nun in a blue habit, standing in a traditional Korean doorway. She is barefoot and has her right hand raised to a bamboo blind. The doorway has a wooden frame with a lattice pattern and a circular handle. The background is a brick wall.

Jesus said, 'whoever does
the will of my Father in
heaven is my brother and
sister and mother.'

Matthew 12.50

Sister Catherine of Society of the Holy Cross
at her convent next to Seoul Cathedral.

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Day 23



Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.'

John 4.34

Indigenous children in Guimeras in the Visayas benefit from the work of VIMROD. © ABM/Julianne Stewart, 2013.

Iglesia Filipina Independiente – **The Philippine Independent Church**

The Philippines is ranked the third most disaster-prone country in the world according to United Nations' reports. ABM partners with the Philippine Independent Church (Iglesia Filipina Independiente or IFI) through its social development arm, the Visayas and Mindanao Regional Office for Development (VIMROD), to assist with economic empowerment and capacity building of communities and (where needed) with disaster risk reduction and response. VIMROD strengthens communities by linking them with local government and with IFI parishes to assist sustainability.

Most blessed Trinity, your glory blazes far brighter than the noonday sun. We give you thanks for the work of VIMROD as it seeks to transform lives through economic empowerment. Today we pray especially for:

- *the Obispo Maximo, the Most Rev Ephraim S. Fajutagana, who also oversees the Dioceses of Cebu, Iloilo, Negros Occidental, and all dioceses where VIMROD works*
- *the Rt Rev Vic Esclamado, Bishop of Biliran, Leyte and Samar; the Rt Rev Rudy Juliada, Bishop of Libertad (bishops in whose dioceses VIMROD works)*
- *the General Secretary, the Rt Rev Joselito Cruz*
- *the Rt Rev David Ga, Chairman of the Board of VIMROD*
- *the development staff, particularly Clagel Nellas, Officer-in-Charge, and Analie Tandog, Accountant*
- *the work of VIMROD in building strong communities*

God of Love, awaken us to your gift of life and love today that we may worship you without fear, give thanks for the blessings we share and support each other in the difficulties we face. Bind us together and make us strong in your love that we may be a visible witness to your reign of justice, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Missionaries and Overseas Volunteers

We give thanks for all who have supported ABM's work overseas and in Australia throughout our history through missionary or other voluntary service in the field. We are grateful for their willingness to leave the comforts and familiarity of home to work serving God's mission in remote and foreign places. We give thanks for the contribution that they make.

Jesus, you emptied yourself of all power and glory, and took on the form of a slave so that you might help us gain the kingdom of heaven. Hear us now, as today we give thanks especially for:

- *local missionaries who evangelise in their own communities*
- *mission committees and mission secretaries within our Partners, and here in Australia*
- *those who give of their time to volunteer overseas*
- *all those who come to experience God and to know God's love for the first time in 2015 through the work of overseas volunteers*

Sending God, we thank you for the human vocation which you give to each and every person. We thank you for the many different ways our vocation is expressed through our relationships and our commitment to the wellbeing of others through your holy Church. We pray for each other wherever you send us and especially for those you call to minister in far off lands and for those who come from far off lands to minister to us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayers



Day 24

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?

1 Thessalonians 3.9

Lauren Jones is the 2015 Youth Ambassador volunteering for the Diocese of Tasmania and was a part of the Modawa Pilgrimage in Papua New Guinea. This selfie is taken with a local Wedau primary school girl whose family hosted a pilgrim for a day. © ABM/Lauren Jones, 2014.

Day 25

ST. PHILIPS
ANGELICAN CHURCH SERVICE 11:30 AM SUN



The Rt Rev Gary Nelson, the Revs Priya and David Morgan and BCA National Director, the Rev Dr Mark Short, at St Philip's Anglican Church in Paraburdoo, Western Australia where the Morgans serve.
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We declare to you what we have seen and heard
so that you also may have fellowship with us;
and truly our fellowship is with the Father and
with his Son Jesus Christ.

1 John 1.3

Other Mission Agencies in Australia

Organisations throughout Australia are working hard to make God's love known to all. We are thankful for the work done through evangelism and community development in mission agencies around the country. The variety of work undertaken supports many people who are in need in Australia. The work carried out as an extension of Christ's love is a blessing to all who receive it.

God, you are faithful and true throughout every generation. Bless the work of the mission agencies in Australia who, along with ABM, seek to show others the fullness of life you offer. Today we pray especially for:

- *Anglican Aid*
- *Anglican Aid Abroad*
- *Anglican Overseas Aid*
- *Bible Society Australia*
- *Brotherhood of the Good Shepherd*
- *Bush Church Aid Society of Australia*
- *Church Army Australia*
- *Church Missionary Society*
- *Mission to Seafarers*
- *MU Australia*
- *National Home Mission Fund*
- *Sharing of Ministries Abroad*
- *Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge – Australia*

Sending God, we thank you for the one mission we share in Christ, for the one Spirit and the one Creator who is still creating. Enable us to be faithful to your mission. As we receive from others, so may we give. As we learn from others, so may we teach. As we welcome others, so may we send them, in the name of Jesus who was sent that we may be sent. Amen.

Personal Prayers

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East

ABM currently works to support the Church's Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza which provide nutrition services to malnourished children in the Gaza Strip. The Diocese of Jerusalem is very active in its ministry and runs various institutions including hospitals, clinics, kindergartens and schools. ABM provides support to some of these other institutions via the Good Friday Gift – such as the Arab Episcopal Medical Centre at Ramallah, where ABM is funding the detection of paediatric diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

Lord of Life and Death, you were laid in a tomb in Jerusalem yet three days later you rose to eternal life in heaven. Receive our prayers for your Church and the people of the Middle East. Today we pray especially for:

- *the Most Rev Dr Mouneer Hanna Anis, Archbishop of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East, and Bishop of Egypt, North Africa and the Horn of Africa; the Rt Rev Grant LeMarquand, Regional Bishop in Ethiopia; the Rt Rev Bill Musk, Regional Bishop in North Africa*
- *the Most Rev Suheil Dawani, Archbishop in Jerusalem*
- *Katie Van Zanen, Partnership Officer, and Mark Takki, Youth Coordinator in the Diocese of Egypt*
- *Sawsan Aranki-Batato, Programs Development Officer, Diocese of Jerusalem*
- *the Rev Roger Kay, St Matthew's Parish, and the after-school library in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*
- *Dr Maged Moussa, Executive Director of EpiscoCare, and the work of its centres across Egypt*
- *Suhaila Tarazi, Executive Director of the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital, Gaza and its staff*
- *all initiatives that reduce violence and build up peace in the Middle East.*

God of transformation, be present in our struggles and our search for integrity. Every person, every family, every neighbourhood, every community and every nation relies on your help to become who we truly are as members of one global family. Send your Spirit to move among us afresh and give us a new vision of who we are and what we can become, in the likeness of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

12th Century crusader graffiti in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem. © ABM/Robert McLean, 2014.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

Day **27**

When you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

Colossians 2.12



A young man joins millions of other Christians, both living and departed, by his baptism.

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The Church of the Province of South East Asia

The Church of the Province of South East Asia has four dioceses; Kuching, Sabah, Singapore, and West Malaysia. Anglican chaplaincy and mission work has been alive in the South East Asian province since 1805. The region has a population of over 23 million and much of the province exists under an Islamic government. Alongside this, the Church has experienced spiritual renewal and works with mission agencies around the world.

You are blessed, God of South East Asia, by the faithfulness of those who put their trust in you, and, in turn, you pour out your blessing on them. Hear us as today we give thanks especially for:

- the Most Rev Bolly Lapok, Archbishop of South East Asia and Bishop of Kuching*
- the Rt Rev Ng Moon Hing, Bishop of West Malaysia, the Rt Rev Rennis Ponniah, Bishop of Singapore, and for their clergy and people*
- the Diocese of Sabah as it seeks for a new diocesan bishop*

God of Love, be with us today as a source of life, hope and strength. Guide us in our daily tasks and help us to see in the ordinary things of life the opportunities we have to share the great story of your love in our lives with others. Help us to so embody your love that others will recognise you as you are and find their own way to you with the help of your grace and the fellowship of your holy Church. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Religious Orders

Religious orders, both overseas and in Australia, are an important part of mission in the Anglican Church. In Australia, and in many of ABM's partner countries, there are Anglicans living in a variety of orders whose members share a common life; keep a rule of life; and work together in areas of mission. In Australia there are Anglicans who live by Benedictine rule, members of the Society of St Francis and many others who aim to serve God and work for the good of others.

Jesus our Brother, we give you thanks for those who follow you through their vocation to the Religious life. May their lives point others to the Living God, the one who sent you to be one with us. Today we pray especially for:

- *the Benedictine Community of Christ the King (Wangaratta, Vic)*
- *the Brotherhood of St Barnabas (Charters Towers, Qld)*
- *the Community of Saints Barnabas and Cecilia (Gladstone, SA)*
- *the Community of the Celebration of Christ (Queanbeyan, NSW)*
- *the Community of the Holy Name (Melbourne, Vic)*
- *the Community of the Sisters of the Church (Kempsey and Sydney, NSW, and Melbourne, Vic)*
- *the Company of the Good Shepherd (Bathurst Diocese)*
- *the Little Brothers of Francis (Tabulam, NSW)*
- *the Oratory of the Good Shepherd (around Australia)*
- *the Order of St Benedict (Camperdown, Vic)*
- *the Sisters of the Incarnation (Dover Gardens, SA)*
- *the Society of St Francis (Brisbane, Qld, and Stroud, NSW)*
- *the Society of the Sacred Advent (Brisbane, Qld)*
- *the Society of the Sacred Mission (Adelaide, SA)*
- *the Advisory Council for Anglican Religious life in Australia*

Holy God, you call each and every one of us to humility and holiness of life. We pray for those who live intentionally in religious communities, that they may be faithful to their calling, a source of inspiration and strength to the whole church and to those who seek and find direction in their lives through their example and witness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Br Hilton Sanau, a member of the Melanesian Brotherhood, relaxes at the Chester Rest House in Honiara. © The Rev Ivica Gregurec, 2014.

A man with short dark hair and a goatee is smiling at the camera. He is wearing a black t-shirt with white text and a logo. The background consists of a white lattice fence and a white door. A wicker chair is visible on the left side of the frame.

MELANESIAN  BROTHERHOOD
SEVEN MARTYRED BROTHERS
10th Anniversary Celebrations
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Brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified everywhere, just as it is among you.

Day 29

So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

1 Thessalonians 2.8



Welcoming disadvantaged older Australians to Social Inclusion Programs helps to give focus, develops wellbeing and promotes friendship. © Brotherhood of St Laurence Photo Collection 2013. Kit Haselden Photography.

Caring Agencies in Australia

The third mark of mission is to stand in solidarity with the poor and needy. Caring agencies around Australia do this as they care for the elderly, those who are at risk and many in need of assistance.

God of compassion, we give you thanks for the work done in your name by the Caring Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia. Today we pray especially for:

- *Australia-wide: Anglicare*
- *Adelaide: St John's Youth Services; The Archway*
- *Brisbane: Anglican Community Services Commission*
- *Grafton: CASPA Child and Adolescent Specialist Programs and Accommodation; The Buttery*
- *Melbourne: Benetas; Brotherhood of St Laurence; Echo; LifeWorks; St Mark's Community Centre*
- *Newcastle: Anglican Care; The Samaritans Foundation; Storm Retirement Villages*
- *North Queensland: Good Shepherd Lodge; Good Shepherd Nursing Home; St James' Retirement Village*
- *North West Australia: Anglican Homes for the Aged*
- *Perth: Amana Living; Parkerville Children and Youth Care; St Bartholomew's House*
- *Rockhampton: St Mary's Senior Citizens Village; St Matthew's Cottages*
- *Sydney: All Saints' Community Care; Anglican Retirement Villages; Anglican Youthworks; St John's Community Services; WorkVentures Limited*
- *Tasmania: Clarendon Children and Family Services; Glenview Community Services*
- *The Murray: ac-care*
- *Wangaratta: Kellock Lodge Alexandra; LifeWorks; St John's Village*
- *Willochra: The Willochra Home*

God of celebration, we thank you for days of rejoicing, pleasurable times and seasons of plenty. As we enjoy the good things of life, help us to be mindful of people who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Help us to find ways to respond, to include and to share what we have with goodwill and generous hearts. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Recognise Campaign

The Recognise Campaign has a goal of a more united nation. Recognise is the people's movement to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our Constitution.

The movement wants to see fairness and respect at the heart of the Australian Constitution, and to remove discrimination from it. Tens of thousands of Australians from all walks of life have already declared their support to recognise the first Australians and ABM supports this campaign.

Creator of all humanity, we give you thanks that you see for who we really are: a united people made in your wonderful image. Today we pray especially for:

- *the Recognise Campaign*
- *the Recognise Campaign's Reference Group of leaders from Indigenous communities, business, the community sector and academia*
- *all who seek to see fairness and respect at the heart of the Australian Constitution, and to remove discrimination from it*

Ancient Spirit ever new, you are the Great Spirit of God's love in all times and all places to make everything holy. We thank you for this land of Holy Dreaming, this great South Land of the Holy Spirit, and we pray that we may recognise your divinity in our common humanity. Help us to honour the first peoples of this holy land that we may know your blessing in our life together. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Day **30**

Then their eyes were
opened, and they
recognised him.

Luke 24.31



The Recognise movement is
welcomed to the Garma Festival,
2013. © Michael Amendolia, 2013.

Day **31**



**Above all, clothe yourselves
with love, which binds everything
together in perfect harmony.**

Colossians 3.14

The Anglican Board of Mission

The work of ABM is grounded in the five marks of mission. Bringing hope, love and justice to partners overseas and in Australia, it is our vision to see people everywhere experience the wholeness of life God offers in Jesus Christ. As the national mission agency of the Anglican Church of Australia, ABM supports our partners as they participate in God's mission. Please pray for ABM's Board and governance committees, staff, all the Provincial and Diocesan Committees and Representatives, and Auxiliaries.

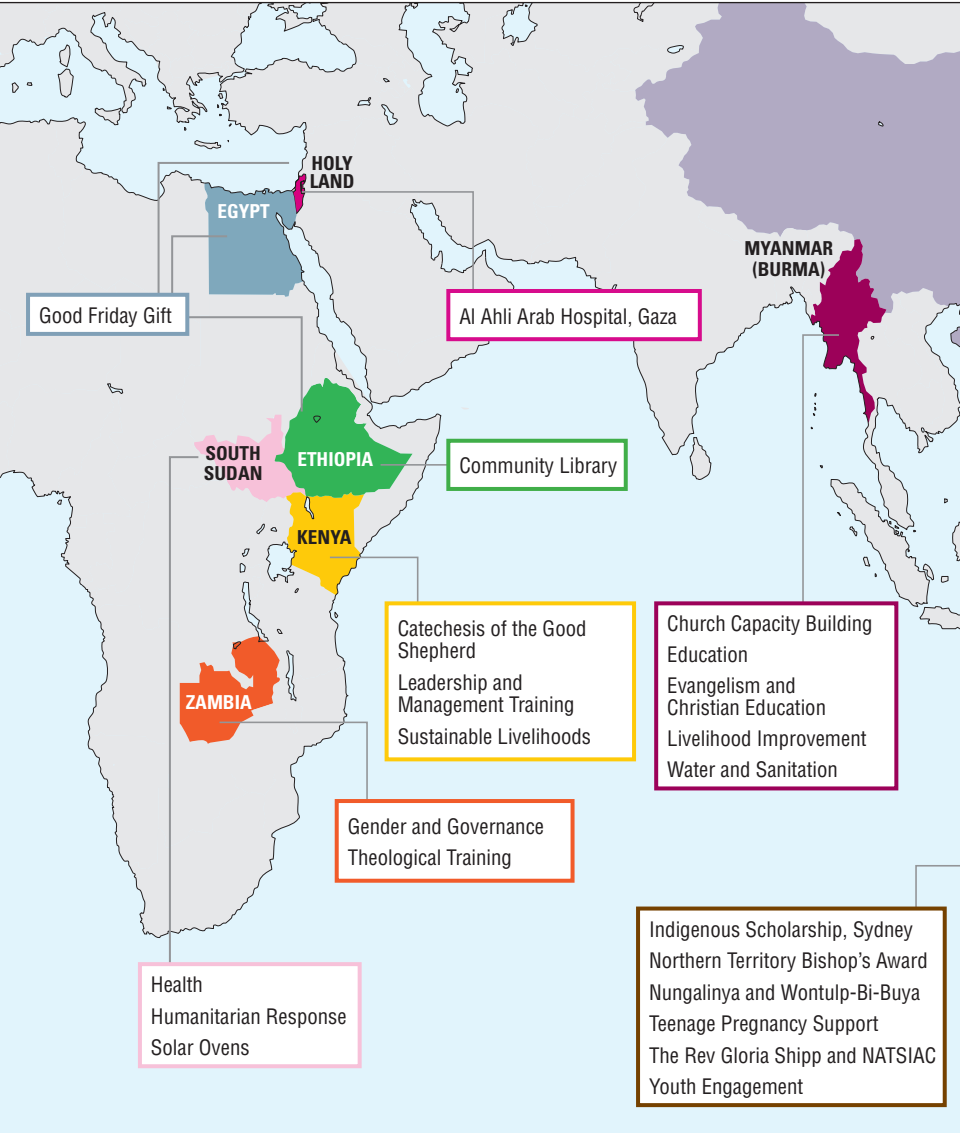
God of mission, we give you thanks for those who founded ABM, those who have built it up over the years, and those who continue to support its work in our time. Today we pray especially for:

- *ABM's Executive Director, the Rev John Deane*
- *the ABM Board: Claire Barrett-Lennard, the Rev Canon David Battrick, Beverley Dykes, Stephen Harrison, the Rt Rev Dr Chris Jones, Ian Morgan, Emma Riggs, the Very Rev John Roundhill, Debra Saffrey-Collins, Jane Still, Greg Thompson and the Rt Rev Garry Weatherill*
- *the governance and advisory committees of the board, including the Marketing, Development, Partnerships and Finance Committees*
- *the ABM staff: Elizabeth Baker, Michael Begaud, Christopher Brooks, Brad Chapman, the Rev Jasmine Dow, Vivienne For, Lorraine Forster, Greg Henderson, Kate Kendrew, Peta Leemen, Divya Madhavan, Lina Magallanes, Robert McLean, Malcolm MacCallum, Ruth Moline, Meagan Morrison, Merlina Nixon, Edwin Porter, Fiona Richardson, Michael Robinson, Karin Schrooder, Jessica Sexton, Beth Snedden, Dr Julianne Stewart, and Ivy Wang, Bronwyn Wood*
- *all who volunteer their time to ABM's work*

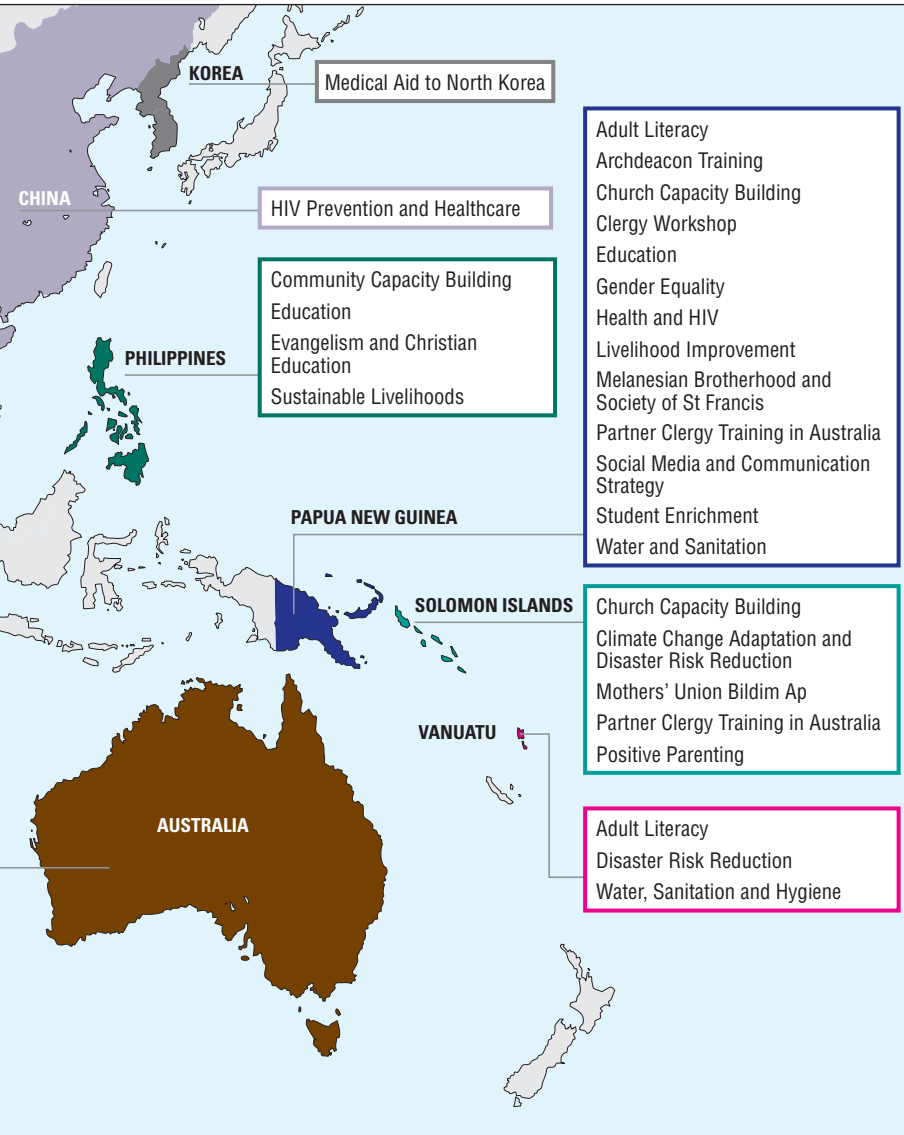
Sending God, continue to bless the work of the Anglican Board of Mission in its every aspect. Bless those who support its work, those who organise, those who connect with partners, those who design projects and those who work with other organisations and government. Help us to know our need of each other to discern and fulfil your mission. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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