

Partners in Prayer

A Prayer Resource
for Mission





Pictured above:

Young women celebrating.
Simbai, PNG.
Photo: Kirsty Robinson.

Pictured on front cover:

Families tend their crops on the border between Sudan and Ethiopia waiting and praying for the day they can go home. In the meantime the Anglican Diocese of Ethiopia offers Sudanese refugees material support and care.
Photo: Don Bryce.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This is our Lord's will... that our prayer and our trust be alike, large. – *Julian of Norwich*



Welcome to ABM's Prayer Diary. This booklet has been a companion to many people for many years and we continue to be surprised and honoured by the support it receives. But of course it is not the booklet but the prayers for all those with whom we work that is the key reason for people's enthusiasm.

As in the past this diary comes to you with petitions and prayers of thanksgiving for the work of our Partners here in Australian and overseas, as well as summaries about programs and activities being supported by ABM. You can use the prayers in the usual daily format – or pick and choose specific prayers to mark a particular day. You will also find prayers for different occasions on the first few pages (see page 2ff), as well as prayers for our own church at the bottom of each day as you work through the month. I hope you will find it a helpful resource as you pray for ABM, the projects and communities we support, our Partners, and parts of the International Anglican Communion whom we are asked to specifically remember.

The production of this diary is very much a labour of love and ABM is indebted to the generous work of Margaret Bride from Melbourne who works with the staff to research all the entries and make sure each detail is correct. Thank you Margaret for such a generous gift of time.

Today, as has always been the case, kind and generous acts of love and humility are carried out in our world, on a daily basis. For those of our Partners serving through the Anglican Church, the call to care for the poorest of the poor, whether in spiritual or material worth is a call to love and to justice. Often this work is hard and gruelling and even dangerous – your prayers uphold the many long hours of commitment given by our Partners to those in need. Thank you for your ongoing prayers, your trust in the work being done and your support as together we make a difference and bring hope to the lives of thousands of people.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Deane', written over a horizontal line.

The Reverend John Deane
Executive Director



PRAYING FOR MISSION

A Prayer for the Anglican Board of Mission

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

Prayer for the other Mission Agencies of the Australian Church and their Staff

Lord God, you have called us to spread the
knowledge of your love as shown in your Son,
Jesus Christ, to all the people of the world. Bless
and strengthen all those who pray and work to
bring this about, especially the mission agencies
of our Australian Church:

- the Bush Church Aid Society
- the Church Army
- the Church Missionary Society
- the Mission to Seafarers
- the National Home Mission Fund
- the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge

May your Holy Spirit guide them in their present
work and future plans so that all they do will be in
accordance with your loving will. May we too share
in this outreach of loving prayer and work to help
bring your peace and justice upon earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Affirmation

We believe in the power of freely chosen self denial,
In the hospitable places which make room for the sacred,
In the suffering and rejection which brings endurance,
In the companionship of all who follow the way of Jesus.
We believe in the cross as a symbol of life and hope,
As a gateway through sacrifice to the eternal love of God,
As the door to the universal life of the spirit,
As an invitation to follow Jesus' way of suffering love. **Amen**

General Prayers for Mission

Lord God, bless all who seek to serve you through your church, especially the Anglican Board of Mission and its Partners. Guide and strengthen us to work for love, hope and justice for all people, and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all whom we meet, that your name may be blessed. We ask this through Jesus' name. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us your example of a life of service to God, teaching, preaching and healing all who came to you. Help us to follow in your footsteps, and to serve in God's mission by caring for our brothers and sisters in need throughout Australia and the world. We ask this in your name. Amen.

Most holy God, we give you thanks for your great love for us in sending Jesus to live on this earth and show us your way. Help us, as we pray for our Partners in mission, to be inspired to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and to serve you in our daily lives, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit to work for the coming of your kingdom. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Most holy God, we give you thanks for the great blessing with which you have blessed each of us. May we be inspired by your love to go forth and give to others as you have given to us, and live lives worthy of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayers for Those Who Live in Poverty

We are the people whose tears fall

We are the royal children of God,
those who join the whole communion of saints,
honoured by God,
respected by Christ
and befriended by the Holy Spirit.

We are the people whose tears fall
for the suffering of the world,
who truly care about this world in which we live,
even as we feel our lack of power
and our need for wisdom.

We are the people of hope and faith,
Together we will celebrate the moments of new life,
Together we will work and play.
Together we will give thanks
for the gifts along the way.
Amen

Millennium Development Goals

- Goal 1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- Goal 2. Achieve universal primary education
- Goal 3. Promote gender equality and empower women
- Goal 4. Reduce child mortality
- Goal 5. Improve maternal health
- Goal 6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- Goal 7. Ensure environmental sustainability
- Goal 8. Develop a global partnership for development

Micah Chapter 6

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?
(Revised Standard Version verse 8)

Micah Challenge Australia is asking all Christians to write letters to the Prime Minister, expressing our concern for the 1.2 billion people in the world living in extreme poverty, asking that support for the Millenium Development Goals be turned into firm action.

The following prayer can be used by a group or by individuals before writing letters and used throughout the year.

PRAYER

All: Lord, we come to pour out our grief at the suffering in our world – the physical pain, spiritual poverty, political oppression and economic injustice. Instead of despairing when we read the news, we want to be making the news; changing the world rather than accepting the status quo.

Leader: As Jesus says, “You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.”

All: God, we can’t thank you enough for lighting up the world when you sent your son to us. Now shine through us with the power of your spirit. Motivate us to become the answer to the prayers on our lips. Fill us, we humbly pray with power, persistence and wisdom so that we can be a prophetic voice in our land.

Leader: “Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house... In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven.”

All: Help our offering of letters shine your light of compassion and justice into the offices of our political leaders. Prompt them to respond to our call on behalf of the poor.

Leader: Jesus also says, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”

All: Dear God, remind us to hunger for your righteousness and mercy so that through us you can change the lives of people near us and around the world through our prayers, words and actions. Amen

(Micah Challenge – Australia, www.micahchallenge.org.au)



ABM Supporting Australian Indigenous Ministry

As part of its ongoing work ABM has, from its beginnings in 1850, had a commitment to work alongside Indigenous Australians – such work has contributed to the development of Indigenous communities and the Australian community as a whole.

The overall program has an emphasis on local leadership development and training of people in ministry with their own people, as well as sharing in activities promoting reconciliation and healing. Today this includes leadership training, theological education, prison and hospital chaplaincy, youth work and ministry in local communities.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in Heaven, your name is holy,

Father, you come to our land

We will hear your dream in our land,

the dream they hear in Heaven.

Please give us our food today.

Let go our sin.

We will let go other's sins,

when they do them to us.

Father don't let us go down the track to sin.

Protect us from the Evil One.

You hold the land, you hold the power you hold the light.

Today and tomorrow and tomorrow. Amen

The Dhurga Lord's Prayer was translated by the Indigenous people of Mogo – at the Boomerang Centre Southern NSW near Bateman's Bay.

Aboriginal Blessing Prayer

May the fire be in our thoughts
Making them true, good and just,
May it protect us from the evil one.

May the fire be in our eyes,
May it open our eyes to see what is good in life.
We ask that the fire may protect us from what is not rightfully ours.
May the fire be on our lips, so that we may speak the truth in kindness;
that we may serve and encourage others.
May it protect us from speaking evil.

May the fire be in our ears
We pray that we may hear with a deep, deep listening so that
we may hear the flow of water, and of all creation and the dreaming.
May we be protected from gossip and from those things
That harm and break down our family.

May the fire be in our arms and hands
so that we may be of service and build up love,
May the fire protect us from violence.

May the fire be in our whole being in our legs and feet,
Enabling us to walk the earth with reverence and care;
So that we may walk in the ways of goodness and truth
and be protected from walking away from what is true.

The Lord's Prayer in Nyoongar

Ngaala Maaman ngiyan yira moonbooli moonlooka

Our Father who is above and beyond everything

Kooranyi noonak kori. Noonak waangk yoowarl koorl

Holy and sacred is your name. Your word will come here.

Birdiyar ngaala boodja noonook warn noonak kootanyi kaalak,

And be boss on your ground as you do in your holy and sacred home.

Nyinyak nyinyak nidja kedela ngaala mereny

Give us this day our daily bread.

Nyinya nyinyak ngaalang ngaala wara waariny

Forgive us our bad doings

Ngaalak nyinya nyinyak baalang ngiyan warn wara ngaalang

We forgive them who do bad to us.

Yoowart koori ngaalang moort-moort djooroot

Don't take us to the struggling path

Maaman maar barabg ngaalang, djenak yoowart barang ngaalang

Father hold us so the devil doesn't get us

Noonak waangk birdiyar

Your word is boss

Noonak moorditji, noonook ngaangk yira

You are strong, you are the rising sun

Kalyokool, kalykool

For ever and ever

Kaya

Amen

Translated by the Nyoonga Elders from southern Western Australia

DAY 1

The Anglican Church of Australia – Indigenous Programs

Training for Ministry and Leadership amongst Indigenous Communities and Beyond:

Nungalinya College: Indigenous people come from all over Australia to study theology, family and community services, cross cultural awareness and Indigenous futures (a course for young people 15 plus) at Nungalinya College in Darwin, Northern Territory. However the majority come from either communities in the North, the Sea People, or from the Deserts of the Centre – the Desert People. Students are from both remote and urban communities and their cultural lives are respected and included in campus life. Many students are mature-aged and hold positions of authority in their own communities. Nungalinya College respects these elders and the traditional wisdom they possess, and recognises that they are best placed to pass on what they learn to their young people.

Wontulp-Bi-Buya College: A combined Church Indigenous Training and Research Centre based in Cairns, North Queensland, Wontulp provides education programs for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders. The College is the Queensland Partner of Nungalinya, and seeks to be a network of people involved in regional programs and distance education studies that aim to develop leadership and life in church and community. The main purpose of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College is to support the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church and community leaders through study programs leading to awards in theology and community development.

(Information provided by the respective colleges.)



Give thanks for:

The work of the theological colleges – Nungalinga and Wontulp-Bi-Buya Colleges and the commitment of staff to the ongoing training of Indigenous people in Australia

Pray especially for:

- Rev'd Victor Joseph, Principal, Wontulp-Bi-Buya College
- Rev'd David Thompson, Assistant Principal, and his work to support theology students in Indigenous communities
- Danielle Crowe, Administrative Officer; and Natalie Newie, Administrative Assistant, Wontulp-Bi-Buya College
- Rev'd Dr Lee Levett-Olson, Principal, Nungalinga College
- Ms Jane Holt, Assistant Principal, Nungalinga College
- The visiting Indigenous teachers of theology at Nungalinga, including Malveena Welsh
- The teaching staff and students in these colleges.

Pray also for the work being undertaken throughout Australia in theological colleges and local communities in the development of the resources for healing and reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

Australian Cycle of Prayer: THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

Please pray for: The Primate Archbishop Phillip Aspinall;
Acting General Secretary Bishop Richard Appleby; The General Synod and its Standing Committee.

DAY 2

The Anglican Church of Australia – Indigenous Programs

Praying for Indigenous Ministry and Reconciliation

James Leftwich, assistant bishop of the Diocese of North Queensland (NQ) and the Anglican Church's national Aboriginal bishop, believes reconciliation is a life mission – for everybody. "Reconciliation lies with each of us and how we treat each other," he says. "The church is trying hard to make progress in reconciliation." While there is still a way to go, he sees it all as just one more challenge to face and overcome.

Please pray for:

- Bishop Jim Leftwich – and also for his wife Lala. **Give thanks** for Jim and this very significant ministry with Aboriginal Australians throughout the country
- Bishop Saibo Mabo, Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of North Queensland with responsibility for the Torres Strait Islands
- Rev'd Hiley Diweula, who with his wife Rita and their two daughters, have come to be missionaries in Australia from PNG. **Give thanks** for their work with Aboriginal people, especially young people, in and around Alice Springs
- Pray especially for those people who come into contact with Hiley's program, for the people of St Mary's Alice Springs and all who support this important ministry.
- New ministries by Aboriginal people at Lake Tyers and Drouin in the Diocese of Gippsland; Robinvale in the Diocese of Bendigo; and ministry development and post-ordination training in the Diocese of the Northern Territory.
- The ministry to youth in the Yarrabah Community of North Queensland and for the mission and ministry of the Yarrabah dancers.

Pray also for the work being undertaken throughout Australia in the development of the resources for healing and reconciliation, and the commitment by many people to ensure that reconciliation continues to be an important and active component of our society.

Australian Cycle of Prayer: THE DIOCESE OF ADELAIDE

Please Pray for: Archbishop Jeffrey Driver, Bishop Stephen Pickard, Clergy and People of the Diocese.

DAY 3

The Anglican Church of Australia – Indigenous Programs

Ministry in the Local Setting

Australian parishes and individuals are invited to join in praying for the ministry of Indigenous Australians with their own people and communities. Like the programs mentioned in the earlier pages of this prayer diary, these projects contribute to the development of Indigenous communities and the Australian community as a whole. The overall program has an emphasis on local leadership development and training of Indigenous people in ministry with their own people, as well as sharing in activities promoting reconciliation and healing.

Pray for:

- Rev'd Tom Slookee – Mogo (Bateman's Bay) NSW and his team.
Give thanks for weekly worship services and programs and activities which develop skills, grow self-esteem and reconnect people with their Aboriginal culture
- Rev'd John Harris and the further development of Dhurga language resources for worship
- Rev'd Saul Burns – ministering at the Lotus Glen correctional centre, near Cairns, and for the inmates of the centre – particularly the Indigenous inmates. **Give thanks** for his patience and commitment to this very specialised form of ministry to people in great need
- Rev'd Dan Joyce and his ministry in Woorabinda, and for safe travel over the 150km to reach the centre. **Give thanks** for the work in Rockhampton through the Murri Wodji Centre and the encouragement of Indigenous people to take up studies at Wontulp-Bi-Buya College in Cairns
- The priests in the Torres Strait Islands in their ministry.

Pray also for: The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC)

NATSIAC formally represents the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members of the Church nationally. It assists in the provision of pastoral care as well as assists, encourages and resources Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministries.

Pray for those who serve on this committee representing Dioceses and Indigenous communities all around Australia.

Australian Cycle of Prayer: THE DIOCESE OF ARMIDALE

Please Pray for: Bishop Peter Brain, the Clergy and People of the Diocese



THE ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC

Melanesia and Polynesia

From the time of Bishop Selwyn (1842), the islands of the South Pacific had been included in the Church of the Province of New Zealand. The Anglican Church of Melanesia became a separate province in 1975 incorporating the Republic of Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, and the French Territory of New Caledonia. The Anglican Church in the islands of Polynesia (principally Fiji, Tonga and Western Samoa) was established as an associated missionary diocese in 1925 and became a diocese in its own right in 1990. ABM today supports a very important project in the Solomon Islands which is a joint venture with the Church of Melanesia, AngliCORD (the Archbishop of Melbourne's International Relief Fund), and AusAID – the Australian Agency for International Development.

Papua New Guinea

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (ACPNG) has been supported by the Australian Church since the first Anglican Missionaries – the Reverends Albert Maclaren and Copeland King, landed ashore in August 1891, near where the village of Wedau now stands in the Diocese of Dogura. The Anglican Province of Papua New Guinea is made up of five dioceses – Aipo Rongo, Dogura, New Guinea Islands, Popondota and Port Moresby.

DAY 4

The Church of the Province of Melanesia

The Melanesian Mission was founded by the first Bishop of New Zealand, George Augustus Selwyn, in 1849. The Church of Melanesia is a fully indigenous and autonomous Province composed of eight dioceses. The Province encompasses Solomon Islands, the Republic of Vanuatu and the French Territory of New Caledonia in the South Western Pacific.

Please pray for:

- Archbishop Sir Ellison Leslie Pogo KBE and his family, and the staff of the Provincial office as they administer the work of the Province.

Give thanks for:

The bishops, clergy and all their families, and the people of the eight Dioceses of the Province.

Banks & Torres	Bishop Nathan Tome
Central Melanesia	Archbishop Sir Ellison Leslie Pogo KBE
Central Solomons	Bishop Charles Koete
Hanuato'o	Bishop Jonnie Kuper
Malaita	Bishop Terry Michael Brown
Temotu	Bishop David Vunagi
Vanuatu	Bishop James Ligo
Ysabel	Bishop Richard Naramana

Pray also for:

ABM's Encounter Program with the Anglican Church of Melanesia – that supports clergy from the Solomon Islands to participate in ongoing training and development in Australia.

The Religious Communities that serve the Province:

There are four Anglican religious communities working in the Solomon Islands: the Melanesian Brotherhood, the Sisters of Melanesia, the Society of St. Francis (first and third order) and the Sisters of the Church. All these communities live under vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Pray for their work and service to the community: especially with those who suffer long term injury, whether mental or physical, as a result of the civil conflict. Give thanks for the commitment by these communities to helping local groups find peaceful ways to live together.

Australian Cycle of Prayer: THE DIOCESE OF BALLARAT

Please pray for: Bishop Michael Hough, Clergy and People of the Diocese.

DAY 5

The Church of the Province of Melanesia

Partnership with the Anglican Church of Melanesia

Please pray for those who continue to work for peace throughout the Solomon Islands and for the many projects now being undertaken by the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

Pray especially for:

The Melanesian Board of Mission, Canon Sam Sahu (Secretary), and staff. Pray for the literacy program for women, which is a project of the Mothers' Union Women's Health Desk and seeks to ensure that women from the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu are empowered through learning literacy skills.

The work of the Christian Care Centre, established by the Sisters of the Church in Honiara, which provides support and accommodation for women who are victims of domestic violence. The staff of the Centre also conduct programs that raise awareness of HIV/AIDS and sexual abuse and continue to counsel women who suffer trauma as a result of the recent 'ethnic tension'. They also care for children who are victims of the civil conflict.

The Inclusive Communities Program Ollie Pokana (Manager) and Lesley Hoatson (Technical Adviser), staff and trainers. This program, already operating in the Solomon Islands and now being developed in Vanuatu, helps communities to identify basic needs and work through areas of conflict. It encourages the communities to find ways in which women and youth can be included in decision-making processes.

Literacy Programs, the further extension of the programs for literacy into remote communities and for the women who participate.

For the work being undertaken to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS, malaria and other transmittable diseases throughout Melanesia.

Give thanks for the schools throughout the Islands supported by the Church, and pray for the staff and students.

Pray for those offering for ministry through the Bishop Patteson Theological College at Kohimarama, Solomon Islands, St John's College Auckland, New Zealand and the Pacific Theological College, Suva, Fiji.

Australian Cycle of Prayer: THE DIOCESE OF BATHURST

Please pray for: Bishop Richard Hurford, Bishop Peter Danaher, Clergy and People of the Diocese

DAY 6

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (ACPNG)

Is made up of five dioceses – Aipo Rongo, Dogura, New Guinea Islands, Popondota and Port Moresby. There are currently approximately 108 parishes, as well as a number of mission districts. There are 168 priests engaged in active ministries, mostly in the parishes but a few in specialised areas (theological education, army and police chaplaincies, etc.). Priests are trained at Newton Theological College, just outside Popondetta in Oro Province, and catechists at Kerina Evangelists' College at Tsendiap in Western Highlands Province. The Anglican National Office, the church's administrative headquarters, is at Lae in Morobe Province. The Anglican Education Division looks after more than 200 schools, including community primary schools and three high schools.

Training in financial management is being supported to develop the capacity and level of accountability within ACPNG. This includes leadership training at all levels of the church and the development of a Human Relations management system.

The Anglican Health Service runs services throughout the Highlands and the Provinces of West New Britain, Milne Bay, Oro, and Madang. Anglicare StopAids, an agency based in the Diocese of Port Moresby, is engaged in a major programme which is making a significant contribution to HIV/AIDS education both in the nation's capital and in the country as a whole.

Please pray for:

- Archbishop James Ayong and his family; his role as Primate in the province and Bishop to his own Diocese of Aipo Rongo
- General Secretary, Richard Rabiagi and the staff in the National Office in Lae
- Provincial Finance Manager, Gill Wilkinson
- All who are working to strengthen the organisation of ACPNG at National, Diocesan and local levels
- The people of PNG, the work of its government and those in all forms of public service
- Give thanks for the work of the Diocesan Bishops and their families:

Aipo Rongo	Archbishop James Ayong
	Bishops Nathan Ingen and Denys Ririka
Dogura	Bishop Tevita Talanoa
New Guinea Islands	Bishop Allan Migi
Popondota	Bishop Joe Kopapa
Port Moresby	Bishop Peter Ramsden

Australian Cycle of Prayer: THE DIOCESE OF BENDIGO

Please pray for: Bishop Andrew Curnow, Clergy and People of the Diocese

DAY 7

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (ACPNG)

ACPNG is committed to the development of leadership skills for clergy and lay people and consequently is developing many different programs to suit the needs of different areas and communities. One of the most significant is the development of programs and activities for young people. The church seeks to share the gospel with this generation and develop leadership amongst them as they take their place in the development of the PNG church and nation.

Please pray for:

- Newton Ekoda, the Diocesan Youth Co-ordinator for Aipo Rongo, and his assistant co-ordinators Max Maipai (Aipo Region) and Rodney Rotofo (Rongo Region)
- The Teen Ministry in Port Moresby and its work with the network of young adults who can exercise leadership in the church; the development of the Sunday School program; Ann Anayabere – Co-ordinator; Prisca Shangkei – Treasurer
- Adelbert Ogaita: Diocesan Youth Co-ordinator in the Diocese of Popondota
- Girl's Friendly Society in Popondota: President Mrs Bothilda Enos, Co-ordinator Mrs Lucille Haembo
- Harold Joinoba, Children's Ministry Co-ordinator, Popondetta Diocese
- Rev'd Clyde Ingara and the Proclaim the Gospel Program in Dogura Diocese.

Please also pray for the children of Anglican Clergy and Lay Evangelists throughout PNG who often have to live in very isolated places away from other family members and friends:

Give thanks for:

The ongoing work with young people throughout each of the Dioceses over many years.

Australian Cycle of Prayer: THE DIOCESE OF BRISBANE

Please pray for: Archbishop Phillip Aspinall, Bishop Robert Nolan – Toowoomba, Bishop Jonathon Holland – Northern Region, Bishop Geoff Smith – Southern Region, Bishop John Parkes – Dean and Archbishop's Commissary. The Clergy and People of the Diocese.

DAY 8

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (ACPNG)

Supporting People in Mission and Ministry

ABM supports projects that allow people to exercise their gifts and calling in their churches and communities. It also helps churches develop and grow new initiatives in mission.

Please pray for all people in PNG as they exercise their ministry and the talents God has given them.

Especially we pray for:

- All those who serve in the religious communities throughout PNG:
 - The Society of St Francis working throughout the Province
 - The Melanesian Brotherhood in PNG
 - The Community of the Sisters of the Visitation in Popondetta
- The office bearers and members of the Mothers Union throughout PNG
- The many administrative staff in each Diocese and the National Office, who ensure the smooth running of the ACPNG
- Rita Simeni, who runs the Women in Ministry Program in Popondetta and empowers women to see and understand their role in the ministry of the church
- Tim Williams Port Moresby – Tim has now served the Diocese of Port Moresby for a number of years, and is a man of deep faith and compassion. Tim, who comes from Queenstown in Tasmania, is the Diocesan Secretary
- The work of the Good Samaritan Program – set up by Rev'd Reginald Mekele in Port Moresby which provides a food bank and network for support for local families in need. Pray for all those who care for the practical needs of families.

Pray also for:

- Leadership Training for clergy, clergy wives, lay catechists and parish lay leaders. These training sessions provide resources and fellowship for those who minister throughout ACPNG – often in very geographically isolated situations
- ABM's Encounter Program with ACPNG – which supports clergy from PNG to participate in ongoing short course training and development in Australia

Australian Cycle of Prayer : THE DIOCESE OF BUNBURY

Please pray for: Bishop David McCall; Archdeacon Joe Hopkins; Registrar Steve Biggar; Clergy and People of the Diocese

DAY 9

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (ACPNG)

Newton Theological College (NTC) in Popondetta, and Kerina Evangelists' College (KEC) in Tsendiap, are involved in the training of priests and lay catechists for the ACPNG.

NTC is a self sustaining community, combining prayer, worship and study for those to be ordained and their families.

KEC trains primary and some secondary-school educated men to be village evangelists. These men know local language and are called by God to minister in the local setting.

Please pray for:

- The staff and students of Newton Theological College
- Acting Principal Newton Theological College the Rev'd Gabriel Menae
- The wives of the students at NTC and NTC staff who develop a program to prepare them for their roles as clergy wives. (The role of a priest's wife in the parishes and communities is one of mentor and leader. The classes help to prepare them for this task, developing skills in literacy, health care and group leadership.)
- Those who travel from Australia to visit and lecture at NTC
- The work of developing and printing liturgical and teaching resources for the whole of ACPNG through Newton College
- The staff and students of Kerina College, the Rev'd Richard Sawaraba (Principal)
- Those who are thinking of offering for ordination or lay ministry
- The children of the students and staff at Newton and Kerina.

Give thanks for:

Lay Evangelists/catechists whose ministry with the ACPNG ensures that the gospel is taken to remote and isolated places.

Clergy throughout ACPNG and their ministry to people in local communities.

Australian Cycle of Prayer: THE DIOCESE OF CANBERRA-GOULBURN

Please pray for: Diocesan Bishop to be appointed; Bishop Allan Ewing; Bishop Trevor Edwards; Clergy and People

DAY 10

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (ACPNG)

Health

The Anglican Health Service (AHS) runs services throughout the Highlands and the Provinces of West New Britain, Milne Bay, Oro, and Madang. Anglicare StopAids, based in the Diocese of Port Moresby, is engaged in a major programme which is making a significant contribution to HIV/AIDS education both in the nation's capital and in the country as a whole.

The Anglican Health Service is a small but very committed group working alongside the people of PNG in both the city and rural areas.

Please pray for:

The work of the Anglican Health Service

Trevor Terira – National Health Secretary

Loruh Nohowan – Senior Clerk

Pius Kwikapa – Officer-in-Charge of AHS Facilities in the New Guinea Islands Diocese

John Gulizo – Acting Principal, St Margaret's Community Health Worker Training School in Popondetta

Sr. Rachel Hawele – Principal, St Barnabas School of Nursing, Alotau, Milne Bay Province

Please also pray for:

- Kola Akinola, ACPNG Provincial Co-ordinator HIV/AIDS Programs. Kola is from the United Kingdom and is jointly sponsored by the PNG Church Partnership, the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel and from Australia by the AusAid Church Partnership Program

And for:

Those who serve as Diocesan Health Secretaries

Those who are ill and will be cared for by the AHS this day.

Those who are in need of medical care but are not able to receive it due to geographical isolation.

Those who manage and implement water projects

The hospitals and clinics in PNG desperately in need of doctors and nursing staff.

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DAY 10 (continued)

The trained volunteers who may help deliver a baby today, care for a mother and/or her family, teach about HIV/AIDS or simply care for someone in need.

The work of planning for and installing clean water systems in remote, rural areas.

The mobile clinics working with schools and villages.

The schools of nursing – St Margaret's Popondetta and St Barnabas Alotau, staff and students

Anglicare StopAids and its staff:

Dominica Abo – StopAids Port Moresby

Fr John Madigobuna – Chaplain/Trainer StopAids Port Moresby

Stephen Raurela – StopAids Popondetta

STI Program – the consortium of ABM; Anglicare StopAids, PNG; Anglican Health Service, PNG; and the Albion Street Centre, Surry Hills, NSW.

Australian Cycle of Prayer: MINISTRY TO THE FORCES

Bishop: Bishop Len Eacott, Chaplains and all Members of the Armed Forces

DAY 11

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (ACPNG)

Education

The Anglican Education Division (AED) looks after more than 200 schools, including community primary schools and three high schools. In addition to this the AED manages an HIV school curriculum program, vocational schools and a literacy project.

Please Pray for:

- **The Anglican Education Division**

Dennis Kabekabe – National Education Secretary

Tagolyn Kabekabe – Projects Officer

Rev'd Peter Moi – National Religious Education Co-ordinator.

- **Give thanks for** the work of the Diocesan Education Secretaries (DES) and the Local Project Officers (LPO) throughout the country

Hilarian Dou – DES Aipo Deanery

Gordon Mona – DES Rongo Deanery

Reuben Kasus – Assistant Projects Officer

Ambros Banige – DES Dogura Diocese

Washington Samba – LPO Dogura

Elijah Sarigari – DES Popondota Diocese

Roger Baboa – LPO Popondota Diocese

Luke Aum – DES New Guinea Islands.

- **ANCILLARY STAFF in the AED OFFICE**

Accounts Clerk – Aaron Banige

Clerical Assistant – Daralynne Embora

Please pray for all Anglican Agency schools – Principals and head teachers, staff and students.

Pray for the work of Dennis Kabekabe that he may be able to lead the Anglican Education Division with commitment and enthusiasm.

Give thanks for the growth of the literacy program for women in PNG and the dedicated teachers who work alongside those learning to read and write. Pray for those who come to learn – give them courage and perseverance.

Australian Cycle of Prayer: THE DIOCESE OF GIPPSLAND

Please pray for: Bishop John McIntyre, Clergy and People of the Diocese

DAY 12

The Anglican Diocese of Polynesia

From the time of Bishop Selwyn the islands of the South Pacific had been included in the Church of the Province of New Zealand. The Anglican Church in the islands of Polynesia (principally Fiji, Tonga and Western Samoa) was established as an associated missionary diocese in 1925. In 1990 the Diocese of Polynesia became a diocese in its own right.

Pray for:

- Bishop Jabez Bryce – Bishop of Polynesia and Co-Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- Bishop Winston Halapua (Bishop for the Diocese of Polynesia in Aotearoa New Zealand)
- Bishop Apimeleki Nadoki Qiliho (Bishop in Vanua Levu and Taveuni)
- Bishop Gabriel Mahesh Prasad Sharma (Bishop in Viti Levu West)
- the people and clergy of the four Dioceses
- ongoing peace and a commitment to reconciliation and open communication
- the many educational institutions – primary to tertiary – who are dedicated to educating young people that they may have a future
- Give thanks for the Community of the Sacred Name and St Christopher's Home in Suva and also for the Sisters who care for the orphaned and abandoned children who live at the home.

Australian Cycle of Prayer: THE DIOCESE OF GRAFTON

Please pray for: Bishop Keith Slater, the Clergy and People of the Diocese

DAY 13

The Anglican Church in Africa

With more than 5 percent annual growth, the Anglican Church is Africa's fastest-growing denomination. Figures released in 2004 showed that: 4 percent of Africans are Anglican, while 48 percent of the continent is Christian.

The Church is having to make some very hard decisions, to find ways to tackle disease, hunger, poverty and war. With these things in mind we commit the Church throughout the African continent to your prayers.

Please pray for the Bishops, clergy and people of:

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

- The seven Dioceses of the Province come under the Primatial care of The Most Rev'd Gerald James (Ian) Ernest

The Province, covering Madagascar, Mauritius, and Seychelles, was founded in 1973, combining two bishoprics. The Anglican mission began in Mauritius in 1810, after the capture of the island from the French. Missionaries were then sent to the other islands.

The Anglican Church of Kenya

- Primate: The Most Reverend Benjamin M P Nzimbi
- Pray also for the 29 Dioceses of the Kenyan Anglican Church

Mombasa saw the arrival of Anglican missionaries in 1844, with the first Africans ordained to the priesthood in 1885. Mass conversions occurred as early as 1910. The first Kenyan Bishops were consecrated in 1955. The Church became part of the Province of East Africa, established in 1960, but by 1970 Kenya and Tanzania were divided into separate Provinces.

The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

- Pray for the ministry of the Primate of Nigeria, The Most Reverend Peter Jasper Akinola DD
- For the work of the 10 Provinces as well as the Bishops and clergy who minister amongst the people.

The Church of the Province of Southern Africa

- Primate: The Most Reverend Thabo Cecil Makgoba
- Give thanks for those who constantly work and seek for peace and reconciliation
- Pray for rebuilding communities in Angola and Moçambique

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DAY 13 (continued)

- The eradication of poverty and the protection of the environment

The Episcopal Church of the Sudan

- Give thanks for the ministry of the Church in Sudan and pray for the Primate: The Most Reverend Daniel Deng Bul Yak and his fellow Bishops
- Pray for all those who find themselves refugees homeless and often searching for relatives
- Pray for the Church's work among refugees and for the new parishes being opened in the refugee camps
- Give thanks for our opportunity to support them through ABM.

Civil and religious strife and a constant flow of refugees have challenged the Church.

The Anglican Church of Tanzania

- Pray for the Primate, The Most Reverend Valentio Mokiwa
- Give thanks for the ministry of the 19 Dioceses in the Province especially through the lay people in isolated places.

Australian Cycle of Prayer: MINISTRY WITH THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA

Please pray for: Bishop James Leftwich, Aboriginal Clergy and People

DAY 14

The Anglican Church in Africa

Please continue to pray for the Bishops, clergy and people of:

L'Eglise Episcopale au Rwanda

- The Primate: The Most Reverend Emmanuel Musaba Kolini and the nine Dioceses
- Give thanks for those who quietly show Christ to those who are in need of his healing power.

Due to the 1994 genocide which left the church and the society in ruins, the church has embarked on healing thousands of traumatised people, reconciling the population as well as restoring peace and seeking to rehabilitate those in crisis. It is also involved in rural development, medical work and education.

The Church in the Province of Central Africa

The Province includes Botswana, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

- Pray for the 15 Dioceses of the Province and for the appointment of a new Primate.
- Please pray for the Church and people of Zimbabwe, as they struggle to resolve the political strife that afflicts their country.

The Episcopal Church in Burundi

• Primate: The Most Rev'd Bernard Ntahoturi and the six Dioceses of Burundi
Please pray for the Church's major concerns, which include peace and reconciliation, repatriation of refugees and displaced people, community development, literacy and education, and HIV/AIDS. It is committed to mission and evangelism and is concerned to support theological education and training for ministry.

Province de L'Eglise du Congo

- Primate: The Most Reverend Dr. Dirokpa Balufuga Fidèle
- The eight Dioceses of the Province of the Congo.

The Church of the Province of West Africa

• Primate: The Most Rev'd Justice Ofei Akrofi
The province has 14 Dioceses within its boundaries – The Church of the Province of West Africa divided to form the Province of Nigeria and the Province of West Africa in 1979. The Church exists in an atmosphere of civil strife and Christians remain in a minority.

The Church of the Province of Uganda

Primate: The Most Rev'd Henry Luke Orombi
• Pray for the clergy and people of the 30 Dioceses in Uganda.

If you would like to know more about the Provinces of Africa or any Anglican Church in the world – Look to the website of the Worldwide Anglican Communion www.anglicancommunion.org

Australian Cycle of Prayer: MINISTRY WITH THE TORRES STRAIT ISLAND PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA

Please pray for: Bishop Saibo Mabo, Torres Strait Island Clergy and People

Anglicans trace their Christian roots back to the early Church, and their specifically Anglican identity to the post-Reformation expansion of the Church of England and other Episcopal or Anglican Churches. Historically, there were two main stages in the development and spread of the Communion. Beginning with the seventeenth century, Anglicanism was established alongside colonisation in the United States, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa. The second stage began in the eighteenth century when missionaries worked to establish Anglican churches in Asia, Africa and Latin America.





As a worldwide family of churches, the Anglican Communion has more than 80 million members in 38 Provinces – as well as four United Churches of which Anglicans are a part – spreading across 161 countries. Located on every continent, Anglicans speak many languages and come from different races and cultures. Although the churches are autonomous, they are also uniquely unified through their history, their theology, their worship and their relationship to the ancient See of Canterbury.

DAY 15

Boards and Committees that Support the Work of ABM

Please pray for:

The Board of ABM as it seeks to support the staff and the work of our Partners overseas.

- Archbishop Philip Aspinall – ABM President, Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia
- The Honourable Justice Richard Refshauge, Chair
- John Deane, Executive Director
- Libby Delbridge, Deputy Chair
- Judith Cottier
- Paul Black
- Garry Weatherill
- Meagan Morrison
- Stephen Savage
- Philip Miller
- Greg March

The Church to Church Committee:

- John Deane, Executive Director
- Katrina Stevens
- Greg March
- Stephen Savage
- Fergus King
- Kate Venables
- Peter Burke
- Wendy Suma

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The Development Committee

- John Deane, Executive Director
- Deborah Bateson
- Philip Miller
- Libby Delbridge
- Meagan Morrison
- Chris Roper
- Cameron Venables
- Pam Albany

The Finance Committee:

- Ms Gina Baddeley
- Mr Howard Benson
- Rev'd John Deane, Executive Director
- Hon Patricia Forsyth
- Mr Philip Miller, Chairperson
- Mr Ian Morgan
- Ms Jane Ruston
- Ms Ivy Wang

Pray also for:

- Local ABM Diocesan committees, groups and volunteers around Australia
- ABM Associates
- ABM Friends
- Members of the Comrades of St George

Australian Cycle of Prayer: THE DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Please pray for: Archbishop Phillip Freier; Bishop Phillip Huggins – Northern and Western Region; Bishop Paul White – Southern Region; Bishop Stephen Hale – Eastern Region; Bishop Barbara Darling – Sector Ministries; Clergy and People

DAY 16

The Staff of ABM

Please pray for:

- John Deane, Executive Director
- John Algar, Indigenous Program Manager
- Brad Chapman, Emergencies and Disaster Management Project Officer; Pilgrimages Program Manager
- Stephen Daughtry, Communications Officer
- Annabel Dulhunty, Coordinator Australian NGO Mainstreaming Protection Project
- Bev Hewlett, Appeals Officer, Bequest Officer, National Auxiliary Secretary
- Virginia Lee, Church to Church Support Officer
- Lisa McMurray, Learning and Effectiveness Officer
- Lina Magallanes, South-East Asia Program Manager
- Ruth Moline, Honorary Librarian
- Merlina Nixon, Database Administrator/Assistant Accountant
- Chris Peters, Pacific Project Officer
- Kirsty Robertson, Papua New Guinea Programs Manager
- Communication Liaison Officer (position currently vacant)
- Communications Program Co-ordinator (position currently vacant)
- Karin Schrooder, Executive Assistant
- Beth Snedden, Programs Finance and Community Development Administrative Support Officer
- Julianne Stewart, Programs Co-ordinator
- Ivy Wang, Business Manager
- Denise Wilson, Receptionist
- Communications Liaison Officer

O God, bless the work and the workers of the Anglican Board of Mission, in their mission to your people. As your people in your world, may they always be encouraged with the hope of the Gospel, and with the knowledge of our prayers and support. In Jesus name we pray – Amen.

(Prayer written by The Rev'd Scott Holmes Diocese of Melbourne 2003)

Australian Cycle of Prayer: THE DIOCESE OF NEWCASTLE
Please pray for: Bishop Brian Farran, Clergy and People

DAY 17

The Episcopal Church in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East:

President Bishop, The Right Reverend Mouneer Hanna Anis. This province was formed in 1976 from the former Archbishopric in Jerusalem. The Jerusalem bishopric was founded in 1841 and became an archbishopric in 1957. Reorganisation in January 1976 combined the Diocese of Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria with the Jerusalem bishopric after a 19-year separation. Around the same time, the new Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf was formed and the Diocese of Egypt was revived to create the province as it is now known.

DIOCESE OF JERUSALEM

The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem covers Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Palestine and Israel, within the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. There are 31 parishes that minister to the needs of their communities, centred on the Cathedral Church of St. George the Martyr in Jerusalem. The church supports 35 institutions, which include hospitals, clinics, kindergartens and schools, vocational training programs, as well as institutions for the deaf, the disabled and the elderly.

The Bishop of Jerusalem is The Right Rev'd Suheil Dawani.

A Prayer for the Diocese

Please pray for us:

For the strength to continue as a witness for peace and justice in the Holy Land

For the youth of the Diocese, that they may grow up free of hatred

For the ministries of St Luke's hospital at Nablus, the Penman Clinic in Zababdeh, and the Ahli Arab Hospital in the Gaza Strip with its medical library and chapel

For the ministry of church schools and kindergartens,

For ecumenical unity

For the Parish Fellowships, that they may grow strong and offer strength and support to each other

For the lay leaders of the Diocese

For the Clergy of the Diocese and the Staff of Diocesan House

For the Episcopal & Anglican Mission Staff of the Diocese

For the global community that supports the ministry of the Diocese

For our Bishop, Suheil Dawani

For the peace of Jerusalem.

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Pray also for:

- The staff and students of St George's College in Jerusalem, Dr Stephen Need, Dean
- The members of the Australian and New Zealand Committee of St George's – Rt Rev'd Keith Slater, Chair.

DIOCESE OF IRAN

Bless the Anglican Church in Iran as it continues to be a witness to the loving Christ.

Pray for:

- Bishop Azad Marshall, Bishop of Iran, his family and ministry
- The clergy and people of the diocese
- and for peace amongst all the inhabitants of Iran.

Australian Cycle of Prayer:

THE DIOCESE OF NORTH QUEENSLAND

Please pray for: Bishop Bill Ray, and for the Clergy and People of the Diocese

DAY 18

THE DIOCESE OF EGYPT and NORTH AFRICA

The diocese includes Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Eritrea and Somalia.
The Bishop is Dr Mouneer Anis.

Please pray for:

- Bishop Mouneer and his family as he ministers in this very large Diocese
- The clergy and people of the parishes of the Diocese, especially in countries which are not very open to the Christian Church
- New parishes amongst refugees from other parts of Africa and in the new cities developing in the Nile Delta
- For Bishop Andrew Proud and his family, and for the people of Ethiopia as they confront another famine
- Growing healthy and understanding relationships between Muslims and Christians
- The extensive specialised ministries in the Diocese – schools for the deaf, refugee ministries, health programs, the School of Theology in Alexandria, publishing, empowerment program for women and youth work.

THE DIOCESE OF CYPRUS AND THE GULF

The Diocese includes Cyprus and the Gulf States, Iraq and Yemen.
In every part of the Diocese, except in Cyprus, the congregations are expatriate, mainly Christians from the Church in Pakistan, the Church of South India, Sri Lanka, the Philippines and the African Continent.
There are eight chaplaincies (parishes) in Cyprus and eleven in the Gulf.
The Bishop is the Right Reverend Michael Owen Lewis.

Please pray for:

- Bishop Clive Handford and his family
- The clergy and people of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf:

In Cyprus:

Archdeacon in Cyprus:
The Ven. Steve Collis
British Forces Chaplaincies
Nicosia
Limassol
Paphos
Kyrenia
Ayia Napa Protaras

In the Gulf

Archdeacon in the Gulf:
The Ven. Alan Hayday
Abu Dhabi
Bahrain
Kuwait
Qatar
Yemen
Dubai

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In Cyprus:

Troodos
Larnaca
Farmagusta

In the Gulf

Sharjah
Ras Al Khaimah, Fujeirah,
Jebel Ali and Umm Al Quwain
Oman
Iraq

- Pray that peace might come to one of the most volatile regions of the world
- Pray for the ministry of the Diocese to the many expatriate communities living and working throughout the Gulf.

THE DIOCESE OF ETHIOPIA

In the past few years there has been a dramatic growth of new parishes in Ethiopia mainly amongst Sudanese refugees.

Please pray for:

- Bishop Andrew Proud

Australian Cycle of Prayer: THE DIOCESE OF NORTH WEST AUSTRALIA

Please pray for: Bishop David Mulready, Clergy and People of the Diocese

DAY 19

The ABM Auxiliary

Pray for the National Auxiliary Executive:

Mrs Tricia Graham, National President (Sydney)

Mrs Bev Hewlett, National Secretary (Sydney)

Mrs Jennifer Benson, National Treasurer (Newcastle)

Mrs Lyn Hall, (Canberra/Goulburn) Vice President

Mrs Judith Wright (Melbourne)

Mrs Beryl Smith (Bathurst)

Mrs Norma Noble (Western Australia) Vice President

Mrs Jill Beardmore (Queensland)

Mrs Adele Doulin (North Queensland)

Mrs Heather Lawrence (Bendigo)

Give thanks for the Patron to the ABM Auxiliary – Bishop David McCall (Bunbury) and his ministry across Australia to Auxiliary members.

Pray also for Auxiliary groups everywhere throughout Australia, especially Diocesan Presidents and Office Bearers, as well as local parish Auxiliaries and affiliated groups.

Give thanks for the support of the Auxiliary through the Annual Auxiliary Special Project and the ongoing support to ABM through general giving and prayer.

The Auxiliary Prayer

Eternal and loving God

your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that

it is in giving our life in service for

the gospel that we find it.

Bless all members of the Auxiliary:

inspire us by your spirit,

fill us with your love,

that we may serve your people and work

for the extension of your kingdom.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Australian Cycle of Prayer: THE DIOCESE OF PERTH

Please pray for: Archbishop Roger Herft; Bishop Tom Wilmot, Goldfields/Country Region; Bishop Mark Burton, Northern Region; Bishop Kay Goldsworthy; and the Clergy and People of the Diocese



THE CHURCH IN ASIA

Throughout Asia the Christian church is quietly at work providing spiritual and physical nurture and care for people in their local communities. ABM is proud to work alongside our Partners in Myanmar, Korea, the Philippines, and with the Church of the Province of South East Asia in Vietnam and Indonesia.

Whether caring for children in the big cities of Korea, teaching Sunday school in the local language or providing clean water to some of the poorest of the poor in the Philippines, skilling health professionals in Myanmar, educating children in Indonesia or providing medical services in Vietnam, our Partners are effective ministers of the gospel, caring for all whom they meet regardless of race, colour, economic background, religion, denomination or cultural creed.

Please keep all of them in your prayers as they seek to be God's people at mission here on earth.

DAY 20

The Church of Bangladesh

Bangladesh was part of a province of North East India known as Bengal. In 1947, East Bengal was partitioned from India and became East Pakistan, a province of the newly created Muslim state of Pakistan. When the liberation struggle, a civil war between East and West Pakistan, ended in 1971, East Pakistan became the independent state of Bangladesh.

The Church of Bangladesh, one of the united churches, was established in 1970 with the coming together of Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian traditions. Before that it was a diocese of the Church of Pakistan. Membership in the year 2000 was 15,000 and 24 churches, about 0.01% of the population. Church priorities are in the spiritual and social development of all people and the importance of relating faith and work is reflected in church programs.

Pray for:

- The Moderator and Bishop of Kushita the Right Reverend Paul Sishar Sarkar
- The Diocese of Dhaka, Bishop Michael Baroi, the clergy and people.

The Church of Ceylon (Sri Lanka)

Until 1970, the Church was part of the Church of India, Pakistan, Burma, and Ceylon. The first Anglican services were held in 1796, and missionaries began their work in 1818. Colombo is the older diocese having been founded in 1845 and Kurunegala in 1950. The Church continues as extra provincial under the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Give thanks for:

- the Diocese of Colombo – Bishop Duleep de Chickera
- the Diocese of Kurunagala Bishop Kumara Illangasinghe; and
- the people of these two Dioceses as they are a witness to God's truth.

Australian Cycle of Prayer: THE DIOCESE OF RIVERINA

Please pray for: Bishop Doug Stevens, Clergy and People of the Diocese

DAY 21

Please pray for:

The Church of North India (United)

The Church was inaugurated in 1970 after many years of preparation. It includes the Anglican Church, the United Church of Northern India (Congregationalist and Presbyterian), the Methodist Church (British and Australian Conferences), the Council of Baptist Churches in Northern India, the Church of the Brethren in India, and the Disciples of Christ. Along with the Church of South India, the Church of Pakistan, and the Church of Bangladesh, it is one of the four United Churches.

Please pray for:

- The Primate: The Most Rev'd Joel Vidyasagar Mal and the 26 dioceses of the region.

The Church of Pakistan (United)

Give thanks for:

- The nine Dioceses of the Church. May they grow in love and grace
- The Primate: The Rt Rev'd Dr Alexander John Malik.

And:

The Church of South India (United)

The Church was inaugurated in 1947 by the union of the South India United Church (itself a union of Congregational and Presbyterian/Reformed traditions), the southern Anglican diocese of the Church of India, Burma, Ceylon, and the Methodist Church in South India. It is one of the four United Churches in the Anglican Communion.

Please pray for:

- The Primate, The Most Rev'd John Wilson Gladstone and the 21 Dioceses under his care
- The Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar.

Australian Cycle of Prayer: THE DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

Bishop Godfrey Fryar, Clergy and People of the Diocese

DAY 22

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Church in Japan)

The **Nippon Sei Ko Kai** (literally “Japan Holy Catholic Church”), abbreviated as **NSKK, or the Anglican Church** in Japan, is the Church of the Province of Japan in the Anglican Communion.

In 1859, the American Episcopal Church sent two missionaries to Japan, followed some years later by representatives of the Church of England and the Church of Canada. The first Anglican Synod occurred in 1887. The first Japanese Bishops were consecrated in 1923. The Church remained underground during World War II and assumed all Church leadership after the war.

Please give thanks for:

- The work of missionaries who introduced the Christian faith to Japan
- The faithfulness of early followers who kept the church alive even during war.

Please pray for:

- The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Church in Japan)
- Primate: The Most Reverend Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu, Bishop of Hokkaido
- The Bishops clergy and people of the 11 Dioceses of the NSKK

China

The China Christian Council (CCC) was founded in 1980 after the State allowed Christian congregations to open again. For many years it was led by Bishop Ting – the last Anglican Bishop in China (first consecrated in 1955). The CCC is a service organisation for all Protestant Christians in China. Churches in China generally see themselves as post-denominational, with local congregations often bringing together Christians from very different traditions. The CCC is known to have some 16 million members (3% of the population) but there is a rapidly growing underground church which is believed to have some 30 to 40 million members.

Please give thanks for:

- The great faithfulness of Christians in China who, throughout the years, have kept the church alive, especially during the cultural revolution
- The role of Bishop Ting in encouraging indigenous culture to be expressed throughout the life of the church across China

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Please pray for:

- Those who practise their faith in China under difficult circumstances
- The many thousands of young people now training in theological colleges in China
- Those who work in the former Anglican cathedral in Shanghai which was confiscated in the 1950s but was recently returned by the State to the China Christian Council, and is now being restored.

Australian Cycle of Prayer: THE DIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Please pray for: Archbishop Peter Jensen; Bishop Alan Stewart, Wollongong; Bishop Robert Forsyth, South Sydney; Bishop Peter Tasker, Liverpool; Bishop Glenn Davies, North Sydney; Bishop Ivan Lee, Parramatta; the Clergy and People of the Diocese

DAY 23

The Anglican Church of Korea

The birth of the Anglican Church of Korea can be traced back to the 1st of November 1889 when Bishop Charles John Corfe was ordained at Westminster Abbey and inaugurated as the first diocesan bishop of Chosun (Korea). With his colleagues who had been invited to join the mission, he arrived in Incheon Port on the 29th of September 1890. He began work in the Seoul area, and Kyung-gi and Chung-cheong provinces, by developing a number of educational institutions, medical facilities and social work centres across the country, which included orphanages in Suwon and Anjung. He also built schools and hospitals in the vicinities of Incheon, Yojoo and Jinchon. The Anglican missionaries also sought possible ways for the church to be indigenous within the Korean culture.

At present there are over 100 parish and mission churches with roughly 50,000 members in the Anglican Church of Korea. In 1993 the Archbishop of Canterbury installed the newly elected Primate and handed jurisdiction to him, making the Anglican Church of Korea a Province of the Anglican Communion.

Please pray for:

- The Most Rev'd Francis Kyung Jo Park, Primate and Bishop of Seoul
- The Rt Rev'd Solomon Jongmo Yoon – Bishop of Busan
- The Rt Rev'd Michael Hi Yeon Kwon – Bishop of Daejeon
- The priests and people of the three Dioceses – Seoul, Busan and Daejeon
- Programs for training in evangelism and ministry

Give thanks for:

- The work of the three Dioceses in partnership with ABM over many years
- Their commitment to work with others in need, particularly children
- The ministry, through its members, of the four Anglican religious orders within the country:
 - Society of the Holy Cross
 - Korean Franciscan Brotherhood and Br Christopher John the General Secretary of the Franciscans who is based at the Friary in Korea
 - Order of St Benedict
 - Jesus Abbey.

Australian Cycle of Prayer: THE DIOCESE OF TASMANIA

Please pray for: Bishop John Harrower, Chris Jones, Ross Nicholson, the Clergy and People

DAY 24

The Church In The Province of Myanmar

Anglican chaplains and missionaries worked in Burma in the early and mid-nineteenth century. The Province of Myanmar was formed in 1970, nine years after the declaration of Buddhism as the state religion and four years after all foreign missionaries were forced to leave. ABM has continued to work with the Church in Myanmar in all six dioceses to strengthen its capacity to undertake community development which is focused on poverty reduction.

- Pray for the rehabilitation of the people and the land devastated by Cyclone Nargis
- Pray that all people may know both peace and freedom in this country
- Pray for those who for so many years have lived on the borders in refugee camps waiting to return home.

Pray for the people and clergy in the Dioceses of:

- Yangon – Archbishop Stephen Than Myint Oo, Primate
- The Assistant Bishop of Yangon – Bishop Joseph Than Pe
- Toungoo – Bishop Saw John Wilme
- Mandalay – Bishop Saw Noel Nay Lin; Assistant Bishop Aung Khin Thein
- Myitkyina – Bishop David Than Lwin; Assistant Bishop Wagyt Kamdi
- Hpa-an – vacant
- Sittwe – Bishop Barnabas Theaung Hawi; Assistant Bishop Sein Aung

Pray also for the projects that ABM supports in conjunction with the Anglican Church in Myanmar, which include: the provision of clean drinking water, HIV/AIDS awareness raising, English classes, support for Volunteer Health Workers and health training.

Australian Cycle of Prayer: THE DIOCESE OF THE MURRAY

Please pray for: Bishop Ross Davies, the Clergy and People of the Diocese

DAY 25

The Province of Hong Kong – Sheng Kung Hui

The development of the Anglican Church in Hong Kong and Macau, has changed many times since the establishment of the Diocese of Victoria in 1849 under the See of Canterbury.

However, a decision of the Synod in 1991 saw the Province of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui come into being on October 25, 1998. There are now three Dioceses and the recognised Missionary area of Macau.

- **Please Pray for** The Most Reverend Paul Kwong – Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

And the clergy and people in the Dioceses of:

- Kowloon Hong Kong Island with Archbishop Paul Kwong
- Diocese of Eastern Kowloon with Bishop Louis Tsui
- Diocese of Western Kowloon with Bishop Thomas Yee-po Soo
- Missionary Area of Macau under the care of Archbishop Peter and the General Secretary The Rev'd Simon Fan.

Give thanks for:

- the work of the Anglican Church throughout Hong Kong Province – especially the many outreach programs of the province and
- Desmond Cox, Priest from Australia, ministering at St John's Cathedral and Chaplain to Ming Hua Theological College.

The Episcopal Diocese of Taiwan

Anglicanism came to Taiwan from Chinese Anglicans escaping from the mainland and from Taiwan's links to the United States. American military chaplains provided much of the early Anglican leadership in Taiwan, and this is the historical reason why they are linked to the Anglican Communion through the Episcopal Church of the United State of America (ECUSA).

Pray for the Church, its bishops, clergy and people especially:

- Bishop David Jung-Hsin Lai and his ministry throughout Taiwan
- For the clergy and their families and the people of the church in Taiwan

Australian Cycle of Prayer: THE DIOCESE OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Please pray for: The Rev'd Greg Thompson, Clergy and People of the Diocese

DAY 26

The Episcopal Church in The Philippines (ECP)

The ECP was founded in 1898 by American Episcopalians who came with those who colonised the country. Traditionally a Roman Catholic country reflecting Spanish colonialism that preceded the Americans, Anglican missionary work began in the north amongst the mountain tribes and with Muslim communities in the south. The Church consecrated its first Bishop in 1963 and became an autonomous Province in 1990. There are six Dioceses, a theological college in Manila, hospitals and schools. The ECP is committed to the development of grass roots ministry which includes practical service to the poorest of the poor as well as spiritual nurture, welfare and care.

- Give thanks for the life and ministry of the Prime Bishop of the ECP – Ignacio Capuyan Soliba (to retire early 2009); also for Bishop Miguel Yamoyam, Suffragan Bishop and Evangelism Officer; and pray for the clergy and people of the six dioceses:
 - North Central (Episcopal Diocese of the North Central Philippines – EDNCP): Bishop Joel Pachao
 - Central (EDCP): Bishop Dixie Copanut Taclobao
 - Northern (EDNP): Bishop Edward Malecdan (Prime Bishop elect 2009)
 - Northern Luzon (EDNL): Bishop Renato Abibico
 - Southern (EDSP): Bishop Danilo Bustamante
 - Santiago (EDS): Bishop Alexander Wandag Sr

The ECP is seeking to enhance the life of many of those who are amongst the poorest in the world.

Please pray for the many projects being overseen throughout the country by the ECP development team, including: agricultural projects developing irrigation programs; rice mills; post harvest co-operative facilities; vegetable and coffee crops; micro-finance opportunities; and the clean water and sanitation program which provides domestic water supply to isolated communities.

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DAY 26 (continued)

Pray also for the work of those ECP staff working in Community Development:

- Attorney Floyd Lalwet – National Development Officer
- Dominga Anosan – Project Officer
- Bridget Balitog – ECP Finance Officer
- Laura Ocampo – ABM-ECP Liaison Officer

And the Diocesan Community Development Officers:

- Allen Aligo – Episcopal Diocese of Northern Luzon
- Sergio Bacas – ED of Southern Philippines
- Brent Alawas – ED of Northern Philippines (Bishop Elect Diocese of Northern Philippines Consecration October 2008)
- Clarence Olat – ED of Santiago
- Vacant – ED of North-Central Philippines
- Johnny Golocan – ED of Central Philippines

Australian Cycle of Prayer: THE DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA
Please pray for: Bishop to be appointed, the Clergy and People

DAY 27

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP) cont.

The Church ministers in communities where up to half the population is less than 30 years of age. Seeking to share the Gospel with these generations and develop leadership amongst them is an important contribution to the future of the church and nation.

Please pray for:

- ABM's support of ECP programs which help the church reach out and develop activities amongst local people including:
 - Training of Sunday School teachers and use of the new Sunday School material
 - Leadership development so that young people may be able to minister with their peers
 - Clergy formation and lay ministry programs:
praying especially for the ministry team:
 - The Rev'd Lucrecia Turtem, Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines
 - Mrs Frances Laoyan, Episcopal Diocese of North Central Philippines
 - The Rev'd Hilary Pasikan Jr., Episcopal Diocese of Northern Luzon
 - Mrs Andrea Leano, Episcopal Diocese of Santiago
 - Mrs Sharon Dagson, Episcopal Diocese of Central Philippines
 - Pastor Nemesio Trinidad, Episcopal Diocese of Southern Philippines

Also give thanks for the training of men and women at St Andrew's Theological Seminary in Manila

And pray for the work of the Asian Institute of Liturgy and Music at the Episcopal Centre also in Manila

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DAY 27 (continued)

Iglesia Filipina Independiente – IFI (The Philippine Independent Church)

The IFI traces its formal organisation to 1902 when Roman Catholic clergy and lay people separated from Rome during the Philippines' struggle for independence. It is a church both catholic and reformed – maintaining many traditional doctrinal teachings while repudiating control from Rome or by any other foreign bishops.

From 1961, full intercommunion was agreed upon by a joint document approved by both churches. The IFI is also fully in communion with all other churches in communion with the See of Canterbury.

- **Give thanks for** the ministry of Obispo Maximo XI (Supreme Bishop) – The Most Rev'd Godofredo J David, to many communities throughout the Philippines
- **Pray also for** the many members of the IFI.

Australian Cycle of Prayer: THE DIOCESE OF WILLOCHRA

Please pray for: Bishop Garry Weatherill, Clergy and People of the Diocese

DAY 28

Church of the Province of South East Asia

The Anglican Church in South East Asia was originally under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Calcutta, India. The first chaplaincy was formed in West Malaysia in 1805; the first bishop was consecrated in 1855. The Diocese of Labuan, Sarawak, and Singapore was formed in 1881, dividing in 1909, 1962, and 1970. Until the inauguration of the Church of the Province of South East Asia, the four dioceses (Kuching, Sabah, Singapore, and West Malaysia) were under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Although much of the province exists under various government restrictions, the Church has experienced spiritual renewal and has sent out its own mission Partners to various parts of the world.

Please pray for:

- The Archbishop of the Province and Bishop of Singapore – Archbishop John Chew
- Assistant Bishop of Singapore – Rennis Ponniah
- Sabah – Bishop Albert Vun Cheong Fui
– Assistant Bishop Chen Fah Yong
- Kuching – Bishop Bolly Anak Lapok
- West Malaysia – Bishop Ng Moon Hing
– Assistant Bishop – Moses Elisha Ponniah
- Pray also for their families
- For the people and clergy throughout each of the four dioceses, and for their ministry and witness to people in local communities.

Australian Cycle of Prayer: ANGLICARE

Please pray for: Chair Canon Ray Cleary,
Executive Director Kasy Chambers

DAY 29

The Christian Conference of Asia

The Christian Conference of Asia is a regional ecumenical organisation representing 16 National Councils and over 100 churches/denominations in Aotearoa-New Zealand, Australia, Bangladesh, Burma, Cambodia, East Timor, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Laos, Nepal, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Taiwan and Thailand.

Please pray for:

- Prawate Khid-arn, General Secretary,
- All member churches and Members of the CCA Council

The Council of Churches in East Asia

serves as a link among the Anglican dioceses of Korea, Hong Kong and Macao, Kuching, Sabah, Singapore, Taiwan and West Malaysia. Other members of the Council include the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, the Philippine Independent Church, the Church in Myanmar and the Anglican Church of Australia. The Council meets to network and discuss issues relating to the life of the Church in the region.

Pray for:

- Archbishop Peter Kwong and each of the Diocesan representatives who serve on the Council.

Australian Cycle of Prayer: THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES AND CHURCH SCHOOLS OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

Please pray for: The Staff and Students of all these colleges and schools

RELIGIOUS ORDERS SERVING WITHIN THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

Please pray for: The Order of Saint Benedict, The Society of the Sacred Mission, The Society of Saint Francis, The Little Brothers of Francis, The Society of the Sacred Advent, The Community of the Holy Name, The Community of Sisters of the Church, The Community of Christ the King, The Sisters of the Incarnation, The Community of Saint Barnabas and Saint Cecilia

DAY 30

Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia

A Prayer for the Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia

Lord God, you have called us to spread the knowledge of your love as shown in your Son, Jesus Christ, to all people of the world. Bless and strengthen all those

who pray and work to bring this about, especially the mission agencies of our Australian church: the Anglican Board of Mission the Bush Church Aid Society the Church Army the Church Missionary Society the Missions to Seafarers the National Home Mission Fund the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge Australia

May your Holy Spirit guide them in their present work and future plans so that all they do will be in accordance

with your loving will. May we too share in this outreach

of loving prayer and work to help bring your peace and justice upon earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray also for:

AngliCORD – the Archbishop of Melbourne's International Relief and Development Agency:
Michael Smitheram: Chief Executive

ORAF – the Archbishop of Sydney's Overseas Relief and Aid Fund

The Mother's Union – Australia,
President Doreen Hall

The Girl's Friendly Society – Australia

Australian Cycle of Prayer: Prayers today are for the Mission Agencies of the Australian Anglican Church as listed above



DAY 31

Praying for God's Mission through ABM

Please give thanks for all those who support ABM as individuals, parishes, schools, organisations or mission interest/focus groups.

Pray especially for all those who so generously give of their time to ABM and the service of God's Mission.

Please pray for:

- The many Diocesan Mission Committees throughout Australia – supporting the work of God's mission here on earth

Please also pray for ABM's Overseas Church to Church and Community Development Program, for the Indigenous Program, and for the ongoing support both financially and prayerfully that is offered to our Partners throughout the world and here in Australia.

Prayer for the Proclamation of the Good News

Living God, your love for us is the force that sustains our lives. Empower us to respond to this force by proclaiming your love in word and deed. Like the un-named woman who anointed Jesus' head, let our desire to share your good news overflow with extravagance and passion. In the name of Jesus, Amen

(from a Litany by the Reverend Scott Holmes, Melbourne 2003)

A Blessing

*May the blessings of light be upon you,
Light without and light within,
And in all your comings and goings.*

Australian Cycle of Prayer: The National Council of Churches

Please pray for: the General Secretary John Henderson, the staff, and the many members of its committees and give thanks for their commitment to ecumenism

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