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Partners in Prayer

A Prayer Resource for Mission





Cover: A young girl stays close to her father who is a priest in Vanuatu.

This page: A tribesman in Papua New Guinea reads the Bible. © Don Brice/ABM 2003

Welcome to ABM's 2010 Prayer Diary

Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

– John 16.24

As Christians, we are called to become more and more like our God. Everyday that we pray for someone in the world, it changes us. We hope this prayer diary changes you by bringing you closer to our Partners.

This small book aims not only to inform your prayer life, but spur you into action. This year we focus on universal themes such as children, evangelism, farmers, health, ministry and education, as well as ABM's Partners. We hope that you will join us in prayer so that our Partners and all in the world may experience the wholeness of life God offers in Jesus Christ.

We have left space in the *Prayer Diary* for you to include your own personal prayers, so you can pray for those close to you, as well as those far away.

Thank you for helping to spread the abundant life that Jesus came to bring (John 10:10) and your commitment to spread God's glory.

Yours in Christ,

John Deane

The Revd John Deane
Executive Director

*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*

- The Executive Director,
The Revd John Deane
- The ABM Board
- The committees of ABM
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committee, the development
committee and the finance
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- The ABM staff – Ivy Wang,
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McMurray, Brad Chapman,
Denise Wilson, Karin Schrooder
and Ruth Moline

...and the Anglican Church of
Australia and the Most Reverend
Dr Phillip Aspinall



Lina Magallanes has worked for the Anglican Board of Mission for nine years and is currently the Southeast Asia Program Coordinator. She is pictured here on the steps of a medical clinic in Yangon. Lina travels there at least once a year to monitor ABM's programs. She also coordinates our programs in the Philippines and Vietnam.

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Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? – Isaiah 58:6-9 (NRSV)

PERSONAL PRAYERS

In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one. Amen



- Pray for the ministry by Kathy Dalton and Phyllis Andy among Aboriginal people in Gippsland
- Pray for Revd Dan Joyce and his wife Edith at Woorabinda
- Pray for safe travel for Revd Neil Forgie and Joy Sandefur and others as they visit the communities in the Northern Territory
- Pray for Bishop James Leftwich, his wife Lala and family
- Pray that the local communities benefit from increased input into Church and community life by Aboriginal people

...and the Diocese of Adelaide and the Most Reverend Jeffrey Driver

PERSONAL PRAYERS

Myanmar (Burma)

Myanmar (Burma) has a population of more than 50 million and has been under military rule since 1962. Although abundant in natural resources, Myanmar is one of the poorest countries in Southeast Asia, with many people in poor health, lacking food and access to clean water. In Myanmar, ABM works with the Anglican Church in the Province of Myanmar (CPM), building partnerships within each of the six dioceses. There is a particular emphasis on water, HIV and AIDS, education and small livelihood activities. ABM also continues to help the Church's ability to undertake community development focusing on poverty reduction.



Father George and his wife live in the middle of the Irrawaddy Delta in a town called Myaung Mya. Their Church, St Peters, is a small Church and their house has no running water or electricity. Donations to the Cyclone Nargis Appeal went to people in his parish and to others close by to help them rebuild their lives after the cyclone. © Melany Markham/ABM 2009.

Jesus, you lead your Church and call us to follow your way of holiness. Bless the Church of the Province of Myanmar as it follows your way through all the difficulties of life in that country. Give their bishops wisdom, their priests zeal, and their people faithfulness, that, as a living sacrifice, they may serve you in holiness and righteousness, for ever and ever. Amen.

- Give thanks for the many generous individuals and parishes who continue to support CPM
- Pray that through ABM's relationship with CPM, poverty declines for those in Myanmar who are most in need
- Pray for ABM's projects in Myanmar: cyclone rehabilitation, diocesan partnerships, English language tuition and water and sanitation

PERSONAL PRAYERS

Pray for the Bishops, Clergy and people of the Church in Myanmar:

- The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon
- The Right Revd Saw Stylo, the Right Revd Saw Noel Nay Lin, the Right Revd David Than Lwin, the Right Revd James Min Dein and the Right Revd Saw John Wilme

...and the Diocese of Armidale and the Right Reverend Dr Peter Brain

We give you thanks, O God, for those who established the Anglican Church of Korea and for its ministry and mission today. Bless its bishops, clergy and people as they bear witness to your love for all people. Help them bring peace to the divided peninsula on which they live through the TOPIK program. This we ask in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.



- Pray for better relations between the two Koreas so that aid can be allowed to assist those in need
- Pray for the mothers, the children and their families – that their lives will improve due to the TOPIK Nutrition Program
- Give thanks for the united effort of the worldwide Anglican community in supporting the work of our Partners in Korea

*O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim
your wondrous deeds. – Psalm 71.17*

PERSONAL PRAYERS

- The Right Revd Solomon Jongmo Yoon, Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of Korea & Bishop of Busan
- The Right Revd Michael Hi Yeon Kwon and the Right Revd Paul Keun-Sang Kim

...and the Diocese of Ballarat and the Right Reverend Michael Hough

Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Around three percent of Papua New Guineans identify as ‘Anglican’, although in some provinces (such as Oro) this figure is as high as sixty percent. Our relationship with the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (ACPNG) is almost as old as the Church its self – one hundred and fifty years. Today, Australian Anglicans support theological colleges, women’s ministry and Archdeacons among many other projects.

Almighty God, for you the nations wait, send down your blessing on the Church in Papua New Guinea, on the bishops, priests and deacons, on all who serve on the parish and diocesan councils, on the brothers and sisters of religious communities, on the evangelists, the lay preachers and readers, on those who translate the Scriptures into the languages of the people, on the doctors, nurses and all workers with the sick, on the teachers and the students in their colleges and schools, on the crews of their ships, aircraft and motor vehicles, on those who work in their offices, workshops training and community and on all who proclaim the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Guide them, Lord, in all difficult times, keep them safe in all dangers, strengthen them in all troubles, and give them such sure trust in you that they may serve you without fear.

Lord of the harvest, send out more workers into your garden, guide by your Holy Spirit those who are fit for this work, that they may be willing to offer themselves to serve you and by you be helped to glorify your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Adapted from the *Prayer Book of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea*)

- Give thanks for the work and witness of the ACPNG, and in particular for Newton Theological College and Kerina Evangelists’ College
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church in Papua New Guinea
- Pray for Rita Semini and the work of the Blessed Virgin Mary Training Centre



We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

– Hebrews 4:15 (NRSV)

A traditional procession in Togah, PNG. © ABM 2006.

PERSONAL PRAYERS

Pray for the Bishops, Clergy and people of the Church in PNG:

- The Right Revd Clyde Igara, the Right Revd Allan Migi, the Right Revd Joseph Kopapa and the Right Revd Peter Ramsden

...and the Diocese of Bathurst and the Right Reverend Richard Hurford

Father, we give thanks that you are the God who brings mercy and wholeness. Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are sick. Give to those who care for them wisdom, patience and gentleness and, to us all, your peace. Amen

- Pray for the continued efforts of AHS to provide primary health services to isolated areas of PNG for those in greatest need
- Give thanks for the staff at AHS who train community health workers
- Pray that local communities benefit from better health facilities
- Pray for mothers, children and families – that their health and lives improve

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

PERSONAL PRAYERS

Papua New Guinea – The Anglican Education Division (AED)

In Papua New Guinea (PNG), about 84% of the population does not have access to basic education. This is largely because villages are remote and bad roads hinder access – they are often inaccessible during bad weather. In places where there has been recent flooding, schools need rebuilding and teaching materials replacing. The Church's Education Division (AED) tries to ensure that school staff can maintain facilities and buildings so that children, and adults, have the opportunity to fulfil their potential. Their network also serves as a vehicle to educate people about HIV and AIDS.

*God of all truth,
Teach us to love you with heart and mind. Bless the schools in Papua
New Guinea, especially those assisted by the work of the Anglican
Education Division, that they may be lively centres for sound learning,
new discovery and the pursuit of wisdom. May all who teach and all
who learn seek and love the truth, and in humility look to you, the source
of all wisdom and understanding, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

(Adapted from *A Prayer Book for Australia*)



Eric (front right) is the son of a priest in Papua New Guinea. He gets up early in the morning to go to Church and then school. His school is an Anglican one and one of the many that far outnumber Government schools in the area. Many of the schools struggle for resources and rely on the help of ABM donors for support. © Stephen Daughtry/ABM 2007.

All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the prosperity of your children. – Isaiah 54:13 (NRSV)

PERSONAL PRAYERS

- Give thanks for those who teach in the schools of PNG
- Pray for the student teachers who are training to work in remote areas of PNG
- Pray for the work of the AED in the fight against HIV/AIDS
- Pray for the continued building of new schools throughout PNG and for the provision of properly trained staff and resources
- Pray that the ACPNG staff attending training will be successful in their roles

...and the Diocese of Brisbane and the Most Reverend Dr Phillip Aspinall

- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Diocese of Egypt, and in particular for its ministry in Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa; for Bishop Andrew Proud and his clergy and people
- Pray that Anglicans in Ethiopia can overcome their sense of isolation by being able to meet together, and by knowing that they are supported in their ministry by Australian Anglicans
- Pray that the Anglican Church will continue to grow in Ethiopia

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– 1 Corinthians 14:26 (NRSV)

PERSONAL PRAYERS

The Anglican Church in Africa

The Anglican Church is Africa's fastest-growing denomination. Four percent of Africans are Anglican – people who face disease, hunger, poverty and war everyday.

Pray for the Bishops, Clergy and people of the Church in Africa:

- The Anglican Church of Burundi and its Primate the Most Revd Bernard Ntahoturi
- The Church of the Province of Central Africa
- The Anglican Church of the Province of Congo and its Primate, the Most Revd Dr. Dirokpa Balufuga Fidèle
- The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean and its Primate, the Most Revd Gerald James (Ian) Ernest
- The Anglican Church of Kenya and its Primate, the Most Revd Eliud Wabukala
- The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) and its Primate, the Most Revd Peter Jasper Akinola DD
- The Anglican Church of Rwanda and its Primate, the Most Revd Emmanuel Musaba Kolini
- Anglican Church of Southern Africa and its Primate, the Most Revd Thabo Cecil Makgoba
- The Episcopal Church of the Sudan and its Primate, the Most Revd Daniel Deng Bul Yak
- The Anglican Church of Tanzania and its Primate, the Most Revd Valentino Mokiwa
- The Church of the Province of Uganda and its Primate, the Most Revd Henry Luke Orombi
- The Church of the Province of West Africa and its Primate, the Most Revd Justice Ofei Akrofi

...and the Diocese of Canberra/Goulburn and the Right Reverend Stuart Robinson

The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. – Isaiah 58:10-12

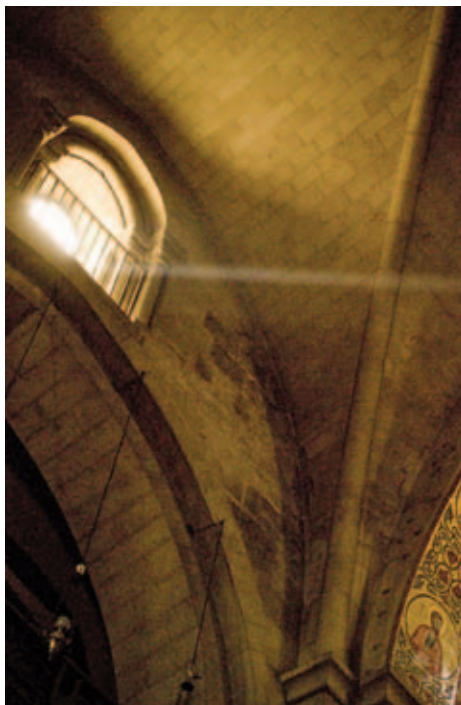


A member of the Anglican Church in Ethiopia welcomes all who come to its doors. © Don Brice/ABM 2007.

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Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East

The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East ministers to local communities and supports hospitals, clinics, kindergartens and schools. Within this Church, the Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa covers a vast area, including Tunisia, Algeria, Libya, Eritrea, Ethiopia and Egypt. The Church brings people together with youth groups, literacy classes, health education and medical care and care for the many refugees flooding into Egypt. Through messages of hope, concern and care, the Diocese seeks to build bridges within local communities.



A window into an Anglican Church in Jerusalem. © Don Brice/ABM 2007.

Our Father in Heaven, we thank you for sending your one and only Son, Jesus Christ, to save us and to give us a better life. Give us your grace so that we walk in the steps of Jesus. Pour your love into our hearts so that we love others as Jesus did when he lived in our region. Help us to be peace makers in this part of the world which is longing for peace. May we reflect your image to the people who live in our midst. Through the work of our community services may our neighbours smell the aroma of your love to all your creation.

(A prayer from the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East)

Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. – Peter 2:5 (NRSV)

PERSONAL PRAYERS

Pray for the Bishops, Clergy and people of the Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East:

- The Most Revd Dr Mouneer Hanna Anis, President Bishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Bishop in Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa
- The Right Revd Michael Augustine Owen Lewis, Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf
- The Right Revd Azad Marshall, Bishop in Iran
- The Right Revd Suheil Dawani, Bishop of Jerusalem

...and ministry to the Forces and the Right Reverend Len Eacott

(Adapted from the *Melanesian Prayerbook*)



My child, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. – Proverbs 4:20-22 (NRSV)

PERSONAL PRAYERS

- ...and the Diocese of Gippsland and the Right Reverend John McIntyre

A silhouette of a man holding a child in a hallway. The man is standing in the center of a long, narrow hallway, holding a small child in his arms. The hallway is dimly lit, with a bright light source at the far end, creating a strong backlight effect. The walls are light-colored, and the floor is dark. The overall mood is intimate and tender.

- ...and the Diocese of Grafton
and the Right Revd Keith Slater

Loving God,

Whose son was both victim and victor, we cry to you for those who suffer abuse. Be with them in confusion and pain. Heal the wounds of body and mind; break open the prisons of fear, self-doubt and despair; and strengthen them to face the future with faith, hope and courage.

Reach out to them with your love, that they may be made whole in body, mind and spirit, through the healing touch of the suffering Christ. Amen

(From *A Prayer Book for Australia*)

PERSONAL PRAYERS

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. – 1 Corinthians 13:13 (NRSV)

Religious Orders

Of the four religious orders in the Anglican Church of Melanesia, the Melanesian Brotherhood is the largest with over four hundred Novices and Brothers.

Founded in 1925 by Ini Kopuria the Brothers take vows of poverty, chastity and obedience for three to seven years. They work in the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines and the UK.

The ethos of the community is to live the religious life in an indigenous Melanesian way, reflecting the strengths of their own tradition. The Brotherhood aims to reach out to the whole community, welcoming those who visit them, sharing their resources, offering labour and showing care and respect for all they meet. They too are respected and are supported with food, prayer and offerings from those around them.



The Melanesian Brothers go out in pairs to villages, living alongside those they talk, pray and work with. The Brothers visit each home, listen to what people have to say and help those in need. They share food and at the same time share the Gospel with all in the community (ACOM).
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The Lord says: 'I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'

– Acts 13:47 (NRSV)

ALMIGHTY God, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by obeying you and offering himself, has shown us the true way of service; may the men of the Melanesian Brotherhood serve you in the way that he did, showing faithful love and being true to you alone, so that, by your power, the work they are called to do may bear good fruit, and make your loving plan for all mankind come true, to the glory of your name; through the same your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

(Taken from the *Handbook of the Companions*)

PERSONAL PRAYERS

- Give thanks for the life of Ini Kopuria, for his willingness to follow God's call and the community of faith he founded
- Give thanks for Anglican religious orders and for their lives, which witness to Christ wherever they find themselves
- Give thanks for the Sisters of the Church and the Sisters of Melanesia who run the Christian Care Centre in Honiara, Solomon Islands

...and the Aboriginal People of Australia and the Right Reverend James Leftwich

*O Divine Providence, you have
deigned to plant the seed of your
most gracious Word from which
sprung forth the Episcopal Church
in the Philippines: grant that
never straying from this Word and
ever walking in the way where
their forbears have trod, your
people in the Philippines may
proclaim the Good News of your
kingdom, baptizing, teaching
and nurturing new believers,
responding to human needs by
loving service and breaking down
unjust structures in society, that
they may continue to rediscover
their roots and discover new
routes of service and ministry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God for
ever and ever. Amen.*



Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

- Give thanks for the partnership between the ECP, ABM and the local people who work together to provide basic resources to the poorest of the poor
- Pray that the lay people of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines will be empowered and transformed by programs such as the Enhancing Ministry program, and that they will assist the Church's mission to become self-reliant

- The Right Revd Edward Pacyaya Malecdan, Primate of the Episcopal Church of the Philippines
- The Right Revd Dixie Copanut Taclobao, the Right Revd Joel A Pachao, the Right Revd Renato M Abibico, the Right Revd Brent W Alawas, the Right Revd Alexander A Wandag Sr and the Rt Revd Danilo Bustamante

...and ministry with the Torres Strait Island People of Australia and the Right Reverend Saibo Mabo

PERSONAL PRAYERS

Evangelism

As Christians we are asked to help people and to spread the Good News. Both of these actions form the Christian mission, which is why evangelism is as much a part of ABM's programs as development. Doing this in indigenous languages and through indigenous culture is one of the most powerful and lasting ways to spread the Gospel. From Gambella in Ethiopia or Dogura in Papua New Guinea we support the efforts of local people to evangelise within their own communities.

Eternal God of love, your Son came to establish your reign on earth; help those who proclaim the Good News, both here and overseas, to be heard with open ears and open minds. Through their evangelisation, may many 'know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent'. Amen.



Father Shem ministers in Vanuatu. His Church is located in a small village where many of the families attend his services. As in many indigenous Anglican Churches, local culture is integrated into the liturgy. Many clergy, like Father Shem, walk long distances – sometimes days – to reach people in isolated villages. © Don Brice/ABM 2008.

Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. – Mark 16:15 (NRSV)

PERSONAL PRAYERS

- Pray for the Diocesan Renewal and Evangelism Program in the Philippines and its coordinator the Reverend Lioba Achawon
- Pray for the Proclaiming the Gospel project in Papua New Guinea and the work of Fr Clyde Igara in the Diocese of Dogura
- Give thanks for the ministry of Busan Cathedral and for Fr John Lee's commitment to the evangelisation in a way that is appropriate for Korean people
- Pray that many people will come to know God's love in their lives
- Pray for the Indigenous Gospel Outreach project and the work of the Revd Gloria Shipp, Eddie and their family and the Walkabout Ministry Team

...and the Diocese of Melbourne and the Most Reverend Dr Phillip Freier

Hospitals and clinics operated by the Anglican Church care for children and their mothers. Many of ABM's programs also provide healthcare, education and hope for the children in the countries of our overseas Partner Churches and amongst Indigenous communities in Australia.

- Give thanks for the Bishops of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and the high priority they place on ministry with children and youth
- Pray for the program in Papua New Guinea that supports mothers and children
- Pray for Deacon Edward, the Youth Ministry Team and the young people involved in the Church activities at Yarrabah in Northern Australia
- Give thanks for the willing helpers who work with the children and young people in the Church activities
- Pray that local communities can see how they benefit from increased activities for young people

...and the Diocese of Newcastle and the Right Reverend Dr Brian Farran



Jesus said: "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

– Mark 10:14 (NRSV)

A young girl stays close
to her father, who is an
Anglican priest in Vanuatu.
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PERSONAL PRAYERS

A photograph of a man with a mustache, wearing a blue bucket hat with a white band and a light blue jacket over a dark shirt. He is standing in a lush green rice field, holding a large, golden-brown bundle of harvested rice in his right hand. The background shows more rice plants and distant hills under a clear sky.

*God you supply all our needs,
and when the hungry Children
of Israel cried out to you, you fed
them manna in the wilderness.
We pray for those who use the
land to feed their communities
through the agricultural projects
that ABM supports. Bless the
land, and make it fruitful;
give seasonable weather so that
no one has to go without food.
This we ask through him whom
Mary Magdalene mistook to be
a gardener, even Jesus Christ the
Risen One. Amen.*

- Trust in the Lord, and do good, so you will live in the land,
and enjoy security.* – Psalm 37:3 (NRSV)

PERSONAL PRAYERS

- ...and the Diocese of North Queensland and the Right Reverend William Ray

Jesus, Wisdom from on high, you went throughout Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and proclaiming the Good News of God's kingdom; we give you thanks for those who dedicate their lives to teaching. Bless all those who teach in the schools and colleges of our overseas Partners and give those who learn in them a spirit of enquiry, enthusiasm and reason. We ask this for your honour and glory. Amen.



A young boy studies in a library in Addis Ababa, set up by the Anglican Church. Schools in Ethiopia are overflowing, with up to 100 students in a class. ABM supporters have funded a library like this one so that more children might be able to further their education.
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– 1 Thessalonians 4:1 (NRSV)

- Give thanks for those who teach in the schools of PNG
 - Give thanks for the bequest that is making it possible for Indigenous students to attend St Andrew's Cathedral School in Sydney – pray that ABM might be able to continue this scholarship through further donations
 - Give thanks for the staff at Nungalinga College – pray that the local communities are benefiting from new learning
 - Give thanks for the staff at Wontulp-Bi-Buya, and for the supporters of the college
 - Pray for the continued efforts of the Reverend Michael Connolly and his wife Valma as they travel to the remote Indigenous communities of Queensland for the Regional Workshops run by Wontulp-Bi-Buya College
- ...and the Diocese of North West Australia and the Right Reverend David Mulready**

PERSONAL PRAYERS

Health

Around two million children die every year from diarrhoea. Fifteen hundred women die every day from giving birth (UNICEF). Many of ABM's programs aim to improve the health of children and their mothers.

Along with Anglican Health Services (AHS) and Brimbank Anglican Church (BAC), ABM is trying to upgrade St Margaret's Health Centre into a fully functioning hospital. Many patients continue to die from preventable or curable conditions because St Margaret's can only provide basic care. Lack of running water and proper medical equipment increases the problem. Once the centre is upgraded, birthing mothers will get proper ante-natal care and sick children the treatment they need.

Jesus, Divine Physician, we give thanks for all who work to bring healing and wholeness to others in your name. May the doctors, nurses and others who work in the hospitals and clinics of our overseas Partners be blessed and guided by you. May the patients they treat experience your presence and your power, your protection and your peace. Amen.

- Pray for the mothers, the children and their families everywhere; that their health and lives are improving
- Pray for those working for Anglican Health Services
- Pray for all those who are volunteering their time and effort in renovating St Margaret's Health Centre
- Pray for all the ABM projects that contribute to better health from supplying clean water and sanitation to providing hope through the sharing of God's word
- Pray for healthcare workers everywhere and give thanks for their dedication

...and the Diocese of Perth and the Most Reverend Roger Herft

For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal, says the LORD. – Jeremiah 30:17 (NRSV)



Providing decent healthcare in remote areas is a difficult but invaluable task that saves thousands, if not millions of lives every year. © Don Brice/ABM 2003.

PERSONAL PRAYERS

HIV/Aids

According to UNICEF, in 2007 there were an estimated 33 million people in the world living with HIV/AIDS. A large proportion of people do not understand the disease; how it can be prevented or how it is contracted and treated. People with HIV face discrimination and social stigma. Education about the disease helps hinder it's spread and those living with the virus.

Man of Sorrows, you were despised and rejected. You were sent by God to bring comfort to the outcast and the sorrowful. Bless all those who suffer discrimination because of their HIV status. Bring them your hope and give them courage to endure not only the effects of their condition but others' reaction to it. Be with them, surround them with your love, and forgive us our indifference and disdain. Amen.



Dominica Bessie Abo is the National Director of the Anglicare StopAids program and is one of the people leading the fight against HIV in Papua New Guinea. © Stephen Daughtry/ABM 2007.

Pray for:

- ABM's HIV/AIDS projects in Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu
- The people who are working to educate others about HIV and AIDS including Anglicare StopAIDS staff and Anthony Maelasi
- Individuals that work with families infected with and affected by HIV and AIDS
- All people living with HIV, that they may have access to healthcare services
- Local communities that they will love and embrace those living with HIV and AIDS

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me; bless his holy name who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases. – Psalm 103:1, 3 (NRSV)

PERSONAL PRAYERS

- Those who experience stigma and discrimination because of their HIV status; may they find strength through the support of the ACOM
- The Anglicare StopAIDS expansion work in Mt Hagen
- Give thanks for the work of Dominica Abo, Anglicare's National Director for StopAIDS

...and the Diocese of Riverina and the Right Reverend Dr Doug Stevens

Literacy

In Melanesia illiteracy is high – 80% of Solomon Islands women are illiterate. Education is not compulsory and cultural attitudes, particularly in rural areas, mean boys rather than girls are sent to school. Women are expected to take care of the home and so it is assumed that they do not need to read or write, but when basic functional literacy is improved, women can better provide for their families.

In Ethiopia, over 80% of children attend school, however government schools are overflowing. With as many as a hundred children to a class, access to library and text books is severely limited.

In Myanmar, English language skills lead to education and employment opportunities as more and more employers require English language fluency.

Spirit of Pentecost, when you descended from the heavens the people spoke in many tongues of God's great works. Guide with your wisdom all those who translate the Scriptures or formulate dictionaries so that all your people may have versions in their own tongue. Grant patience to those who teach literacy and perseverance to those who are learning to read. Help us never to take the gift of literacy for granted, nor to withhold it from those whom we are able to help. This we ask through the Word of God, Jesus Christ. Amen.



In the Solomon Islands, ABM Auxiliary funds the Mothers' Union to provide literacy classes. © Don Brice/ABM 2009.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. – Psalm 19:2-4 (NRSV)

PERSONAL PRAYERS

- Pray for the Auxiliary's Literacy Program, that it may benefit those women living in rural and remote areas
- Pray for the work of Mother's Union across the world to improve women's opportunities to access education
- Pray for Bishop David Than Lwin for his vision and plans for Myitkina Diocese in Myanmar to come into fruition
- Pray for the Mothers' Union Literacy Co-ordinator in the Solomon Islands, Emily Orudiana
- Give thanks for Hilda, the principal at Toungoo's English language centre in Myanmar, for her commitment and passion to teach and learn at the same time
- Give thanks for Sasahu Terefe and her work in establishing the first children's library in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Pray that all people in Ethiopia may gain access to a library in their community

...and the Diocese of Rockhampton and the Right Reverend Godfrey Fryar

God, you call the thirsty to drink the living water which only you can provide. Bless the work and witness of those who provide clean drinking water to communities without it. Help us never to take the gift of clean water for granted, nor to withhold it from those whom we are able to help. Amen.

- Pray for the local villages in PNG that they will soon gain access to clean water and sustainable water supplies
- Pray for the Anglican Church as it builds water systems to provide safe drinking water to local communities
- Pray for local community members attending the Health and Sanitation workshops
- Pray for ABM projects in the Philippines and Myanmar which seek to provide clean water to villages
- Pray for the Reverend Alan Naing, the Diocesan Secretary of Mandalay, as he manages development projects in the diocese
- Pray that the project in Vanuatu will receive enough funding so that the local communities will have better access to clean water and proper sanitation facilities
- Pray for the project workers in Vietnam who are helping to provide families with bio-sand filters which can provide enough clean water for the whole family

Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-truly I tell you, none of these shall lose their reward. – Matthew:10:42 (NRSV)



Around two million children die every year from diarrhoeal diseases. These diseases can be prevented if clean water is available. In the Philippines, ABM funds clean water systems to villages. Community

cooperation is vital. If the community doesn't maintain the water system, they fall into disrepair. Our Philippines Partners foster community participation and all of their systems are well maintained by local people. © Brad Chapman/ABM 2005.

PERSONAL PRAYERS

God, you alone are our rock and our salvation; your Son, Jesus Christ, told the crowds that everyone who does not act on his words is as foolish as the one who builds a house on sand. Help those at ABM and our overseas Partners as we prepare for emergency situations, so that, when the rain falls, and the floods come, the river bursts, and the winds blow, our overseas Partners may find that they have 'built their house on rock'. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, the foundation of our faith. Amen.

- All those in crisis, that they may be resilient and have God's protection through their difficulties
- Church leaders who shepherd their congregations through times of peril – the Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo, the Archbishop of Myanmar, Bishop Danilo Bustmante, Father Nael Rahmoun and Bishop Jo Kopapa
- Pray for humanitarian workers who go to the aid of people in the most desperate of situations
- Give thanks for the Inclusive Communities Program in the Solomon Islands and their work resolving conflict in that country

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. – Psalm 46:1-3 (NRSV)



A young boy stands on a pile of rubble in Gaza where ABM donations were sent to fund the Al Ahli Hospital. The hospital treated victims of the conflict at the beginning of 2009. ABM is helping these people and many others recover from disasters. Our Rapid Response Fund means that, as soon as a disaster strikes, help is available. (Used with permission ACT).

PERSONAL PRAYERS

Day 24

Diocesan Mission Committees and Secretaries

All Christians are called to be at mission. In our own way, in our own communities, we try to witness God's love for all people. Many people volunteer their time to promote overseas mission in the parish or diocese. These efforts are an invaluable and indispensable part of ABM's work.

God, you are the source of all our inspiration. We give thanks for those people throughout our Church diocese who particularly concern themselves with your mission, and ask for your blessing upon them. May their enthusiasm be contagious, so that all people within our Church may strive to make your kingdom of love and justice a reality. Amen.

- Pray for the mission secretary in your own parish and give thanks for their work
- Pray for mission committees, that they may provide sound guidance in the mission of the diocese
- Pray that more people may take up the call of mission in their own communities showing God's love to the world

...and the Diocese of The Murray and the Right Reverend Ross Davies

PERSONAL PRAYERS

A wide door for effective work has opened for me.

– 1 Corinthians 16:9 (NRSV)

Day 25

The Anglican Communion Office and the Archbishop of Canterbury

The Anglican Communion comprises over eighty million members in 44 regional and national member Churches around the globe in over 160 countries. These Churches are held together by bonds of affection and common loyalty, expressed through links with the "Instruments of Communion" – the Archbishop of Canterbury as the focus for unity, the Lambeth Conference, the Primates Meeting and the Anglican Consultative Council.

Pray for:

- The Anglican Communion Office and the work that they do
- The 'Instruments of Communion': the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lambeth Conference, the Primates Meeting and the Anglican Consultative Council
- Continued bonds of respect and friendship within the Anglican Communion

...and the Diocese of the Northern Territory and the Reverend Gregory Thompson



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Australians who have served as missionaries overseas

In Papua New Guinea, between 1941-43, ten Australian men and women were martyred serving as missionaries. Their legacy is very much alive in the Church there and will continue to live through the ministry of the local people.

Pray for:

- All men and women who have left their homes and families to serve the Church overseas
- Give thanks for those who have bravely given their lives in God's mission
- Pray for the legacy of missionaries everywhere, that it will continue to thrive as a growing Church

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go. – Joshua 1:9 (NRSV)



May Hayman was one of the missionaries who were killed in Papua New Guinea during the Second World War. Refusing to leave her post, she said "What will the children do if I leave?" She and others who were killed are remembered on Martyrs Day on 2 September each year.

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PERSONAL PRAYERS

Day 27

Pilgrims and Encounter visitors

Strong bonds are forged when people have time to listen to – and learn from each other. So it is with ABM and our Partner Churches. The Encounter Program allows clergy and lay people from other countries to spend three months in ministry environments in Australia. The program enriches Australians by sharing in the lives of Anglicans from other parts of the Communion. These future leaders take home all that they learn and experience here, and the relationships formed make a positive difference to us all.

Jesus, when you encountered the Samaritan woman at the well you knew all about her, and in meeting you she found the Messiah; bless ABM's Encounter Program as it seeks to provide opportunities for genuine engagement between our overseas Partners and Anglicans in Australia. May we always be willing to learn from other people's perspectives. May the bonds of affection between our overseas Partners and us be strengthened and celebrated through the Encounter Program. Amen.

- Give thanks for the Encounter made by our Overseas Partners to Australian Anglican parishes and institutions

...and the Diocese of Willochra and the Right Reverend Garry Weatherill

PERSONAL PRAYERS

I hope to see you soon, and we will talk together face to face.

– 3 John 1:14 (NRSV)

Day 28

ABM Appeals

None of ABM's work would be possible without the help of our supporters. Prayers and donations keep our programs running and enable us to continue the mission of the Australian Anglican Church overseas.

Christ, you are the light of the world. As you hung on the cross, your love burned bright, like a candle, till the very end. We pray that people will be generous in their support of ABM's appeals this year, knowing that their donations will bring love, hope and justice to the communities within which ABM's Partners work. Bless those who help to dispel darkness by bringing resurrection joy to the world. Amen

Pray for:

- The success of this year's appeals
- Church Partners in Australia are able to honour their financial commitments
- Money can be used for the work that God would have us do on this earth
- Give thanks for those who generously donate to ABM's programs
- Pray that ABM will gain one thousand supporters this year

...and Anglicare



A offering basket in a Church in the Irrawaddy Delta in Myanmar. Donations to the Cyclone Nargis Appeal helped the people here recover from the devastation caused by the disaster. © Melany Markham/ABM 2009.

The ABM Auxiliary

The Anglican Board of Mission often does work that would otherwise not take place. As part of the Anglican Church, we are also part of the communities that we work in. This makes our projects innovative and successful.

For one hundred years, the members of the National Auxiliary of ABM have prayed and raised money for ABM projects. Often they support work that does not normally receive donations. They are diligent and tireless in their work supporting ABM.

Holy Spirit, you support us and sustain our lives. Help ABM to gain more supporters, so that our programs can expand and we can help more people throughout the world. This we ask in the name of Jesus, who died so that the world might live. Amen.

- Give thanks for the work of the National Auxiliary
- Give thanks for those Anglicans in Australia who support ABM and pray that many more be moved by the Spirit to give

...and Theological Colleges and Church Schools of the Anglican Church of Australia and Religious Orders Serving within the Anglican Church of Australia

PERSONAL PRAYERS

I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. – John 14:13-14 (NRSV)

God's Mission

ABM upholds and practices the principles of integral mission. We recognise that development and ministry impact upon each other. You cannot provide for people's spiritual needs without tending first to their physical needs. Each, in our own way, are called to live out God's mission in our own lives. Some are called to leave their homes and work among the poor, others are called to serve in their own communities or support those further afield. Whether in Australia or Ethiopia, every act of God's love takes the Christian mission further into the world.

God of the universe, your Son Jesus Christ wholeheartedly took up your mission and proclaimed Good News to the poor. Send your Spirit on us, and invigorate us to continue that proclamation in our own day. Set our hearts alight, so that the flames of your love may be passed on to others. We ask this through Jesus our Saviour whose heart blazed with love, even as he died on the cross. Amen.



- Pray that the lay people in Partner Churches will be empowered and transformed by programs such as those of ABM, and that they will therefore assist the Church's mission and its determination to become self-reliant

...and the National Council of Churches

The first act of mission after ABM was formed 150 years ago was to travel to Melanesia and seed the Church there. From this seed a thriving community of faith has grown. © Don Brice/ABM 2006.

And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation'. – Mark 16:15

Everyday we are given opportunities to show love to others. In our local communities, we encounter people in spiritual and emotional need. The homeless man we pass on the way to work or the colleague who is angry or depressed. Australian Anglican mission agencies answer God's call to help these people and many others.

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; and the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge – Australia. We ask too for your blessing on AngliCORD (the Archbishop of Melbourne's International Relief and Development Agency), ORAF (the Archbishop of Sydney's Overseas Relief and Aid Fund), the Mothers' Union and the Girls' Friendly Society – 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 prayer and work to help bring peace and justice upon the earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray that the 2.2 million Australian Anglicans will answer the call to mission in their lives and actively support God's mission

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. – Psalm 111:5 (NRSV)