

# Partners in Prayer

*A Prayer Resource for Mission*





## Welcome to ABM's 2011 Prayer Diary

In the final pages of this Prayer Diary ABM highlights the Five Marks of Mission that ground its work. Among them are standing in solidarity with the poor and needy, challenging injustice and oppression, and protecting, caring for and renewing life on our planet. In building welcoming, transforming communities of faith we witness to Christ's saving, forgiving and reconciling love for all people.

Praying and giving thanks are central parts of our faith. The Prayer Diary is a wonderful resource providing daily focus for prayer in areas where ABM is at work. It also highlights the global environment and the broad range of areas where ABM has an impact. It makes for inspired and informed praying.

As Christians we are called to express Christ's compassion for the poor and to work for justice. Prayer and action go hand in hand. The deeper and more profound our prayer the wiser and more effective will be our work for Christ in the world. There is so much to do and this can all be helped by our dedicated prayer.

I commend this Diary to you and I congratulate the many people who were part of putting it together. I trust and pray Anglicans across the nation will use its pages to pray and align themselves with God's mission in our world.

The Most Revd Dr Phillip Aspinall  
Primate



# The Anglican Board of Mission

The Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) is the national mission agency of the Anglican Church of Australia. We have been working with Anglican Church partners for over 150 years in both overseas communities and with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia. ABM believes in a world where all people enjoy God’s promise of love, hope and justice.

- Pray for the Executive Director, the Revd John Deane
- Pray for the ABM Board
- Pray for the committees of ABM including the Church to Church committee, the development committee and the finance committee
- Pray for the ABM Staff; the Revd John Deane, Karin Schrooder, Denise Wilson, Ruth Moline, Ivy Wang, Merlina Nixon, Melany Markham, Vivienne For, Christopher Brooks, Elizabeth Keevers, Brad Chapman, Dr Julianne Stewart, Beth Snedden, Robert McLean, Virginia Lee, Lina Magallanes, Annabel Dulhunty, Lorien Vecellio and Chris Peters

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

*Blaze, Holy Spirit, through the hearts and minds of the board, staff and supporters of the Anglican Board of Mission.*

*May the same energy that fuelled the first disciples fill ABM as it seeks to bring your wholeness and healing to a world longing for God.*

### **Personal Prayers**

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Dr Julianne Stewart is the Programs Director of ABM. She is pictured here with Esther Musili, Executive Director, Ukamba Christian Community Services, in the Diocese of Machakos in Kenya during her visit in 2009. Julianne works with program co-ordinators who all travel regularly to strengthen ABM’s projects around the world. © ABM 2009.



Where there is no **vision**,  
the **people** perish.

– Proverbs 29:18a AV

**Lord,** you have been our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from **everlasting** to everlasting you are God.

– Psalm 90:1-2



## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders

The missions with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders of last century have given way to a new era of leadership. It is one where the original inhabitants of Australia are leading their own Christian ministry within the Church. Into the future, ABM will support projects that engender leadership and community among Australia's original people. ABM currently supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander projects in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and the Northern Territory.

- Pray that all Australians may be reconciled with one another and acknowledge this country's recent history with its original owners
- Give thanks and pray for the dedication and commitment of the Revd Tom Slockee, the Revd Gloria Shipp and all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander priests and leaders who work so hard living the Gospel
- Pray for NATSIAC as they go through periods of change
- Pray that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children will receive a proper education

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

*Spirit of God, you have been here since before the dawn of time and you waited long for the first people to walk on this land.*

*We thank you for the long heritage of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures of Australia and the great gifts they provide to us.*

*Help us to transform all our cultures, O God, till they be a reflection of your creativity and the love that you have for us all.*

### **Personal Prayers**

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Yulki Nunggumbanjarr (at left) was ordained a priest in the community of Numbulwar and continues to minister to her community offering spiritual guidance and support to those in need.  
© Gretel Hawtrey/ABM 2009.



Your fame, Solomon, **reached**  
to far-off islands, and you were  
**loved** for your peaceful reign.

– Ecclesiasticus 47:16



## The Solomon Islands and Vanuatu

The Anglican Church of Melanesia encompasses the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and New Caledonia. Projects across these countries include support for peace and reconciliation, HIV and AIDS awareness, health, education, water, and stopping domestic violence. These all help the local church to carry out the mission and respond to the many needs in Melanesia.

- Pray for the Most Revd David Vunagi, Archbishop of Melanesia and Bishop of Central Melanesia
- Pray for the Rt Revd Nathan Tome, the Rt Revd Alfred Karibongi, the Rt Revd Sam Sahu, the Revd Alfred Hou, the Rt Revd James Ligo and the Rt Revd Richard Naramana
- Pray for Mr George Kiriau, General Secretary and Mr Anthony Seketa, Deputy General Secretary
- Pray for Fr Patteson Worek, Fr John Sovan and the work of the Melanesian Board of Mission
- Pray for Ms Ollie Pokana, Inclusive Communities Program Manager, Mr Joses Togase, Vanuatu Church Partnership Program Coordinator and Sr Catherine Rosa, Head Sister, Christian Care Centre
- Give thanks for the clergy and people of the Anglican Church of Melanesia, and their witness to Christ

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

*Prince of peace, we give you thanks for the Melanesian Brothers who gave their lives trying to establish peace and reconciliation in the Solomon Islands in 2003.*

*May their great example of steadfastness to the end become a gift of the Anglican Church of Melanesia to Anglicans in this country, and may it continue to inspire our sisters and brothers in the Solomon Islands, in Vanuatu, and in New Caledonia to be faithful to the end.*

A youth group in Vanuatu. There is a large proportion of youth in Vanuatu and this combined with close proximity to other Pacific countries and little HIV awareness, creates an increasing risk of HIV. Around 13% of the population identifies with the Anglican Church of Melanesia so through this partnership ABM works to educate the youth and the wider population in both health awareness and literacy. © Don Brice/ABM 2008.

# Myanmar (Burma)

Poverty in Myanmar stands at 32% (UNDP). These people have insufficient income to cover food and other basic items. In the poorest regions of Myanmar 73% of people live below the poverty line (UNDP). Along with the Church of the Province of Myanmar, ABM funds Bibles to parishes, water projects, HIV and AIDS education, and small livelihood activities to utilise the country's natural resources.

- Pray for the Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon
- Pray for the Rt Revd John Wilme, the Rt Revd Saw Stylo, the Rt Revd David Than Lwin, the Rt Revd James Min Dein, the Rt Revd Saw Noel Nay Lin
- Pray for the priests, deacons, workers and the people of the Church of the Province of Myanmar

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

*More precious to you, God, than all the rubies of Myanmar  
are the souls of those who come to you.*

*Bless the Church of the Province of Myanmar as it proclaims  
your Son Jesus Christ to the people of that land.*

*May the Church be a beacon of hope, help and healing and  
ever show your love to the world.*

### **Personal Prayers**

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The Archbishop of Myanmar with an Anglican family in Myanmar. © CPM/ABM 2008.



**I will make** your pinnacles of rubies, your gates of jewels, and all your wall of precious stones. All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the prosperity of your children. In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you. – Isaiah 54:12



The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,  
'therefore I will hope in him.'

- Lamentations 3:22-24



## Korea

North Korea is still recovering from the effects of the global food crisis and relies on international aid for food supplies. ABM's work in Korea dates back to 1884 when missionaries worked in the country. Today, ABM funds food aid and heating fuel to North Korea through the Church.

- Pray for the Most Revd Solomon Jongmo Yoon, Archbishop of Korea and Bishop of Busan
- Pray for the bishops and senior staff within the Anglican Church of Korea including the Rt Revd Michael Hi Yeon Kwon, the Rt Revd Paul Keun-Sang Kim and the Revd Abraham Gwang Joon Kim
- Pray also for the Revd Joachim Kim, the Main Coordinator of the Towards Peace in Korea Program

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

*Blessed Trinity, we thank you for the Anglican Church of Korea,  
and for your mercies toward it.*

*We ask you to bless its ministries.*

*Guide the Church's clergy and people  
as they seek to spread the Good News throughout Korea.*

*Give them the strength to be equal to the task to which you have called them.*

### **Personal Prayers**

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Towards Peace in Korea is a five-year humanitarian plan that aims to prevent widespread famine within North Korea and at the same time promote peace between the two Koreas. Revd Joachim organises shipments of food and briquettes to poverty-stricken people in North Korea. © ABM 2008.



# Papua New Guinea

Day 6

For over 150 years ABM has worked in Papua New Guinea (PNG). Work has focused on evangelism, as well as education, women and health. In recent years, the Church has expanded the number of parishes and is spreading the good news of the Gospel. Water systems and educational workshops run by the Anglican Health Service focus on improving water systems in very remote areas of PNG where poverty is widespread.

- Pray for the Most Revd Joe Kopapa, Archbishop of Papua New Guinea and Bishop of Popondota
- Pray for the bishops of ACPNG – the Rt Revd Alan Migi, the Rt Revd Clyde Igara, the Rt Revd Nathan Ingen, the Rt Revd Denys Ririka and the Rt Revd Peter Ramsden, and for their clergy and people
- Pray for the General Secretary, Mr Richard Rabiafi and Mrs Gill Wilkinson, the Finance Director, as well as the staff of the ACPNG
- Give thanks for all of the workers in the Anglican Health Service and the Anglican Education Division in PNG
- Pray for Mrs Tagolyn Kabekabe, the Church Partnership Program Coordinator

## ...and the Diocese of Bendigo and the Right Reverend Andrew Curnow

*Son of God, son of Mary, we thank you for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and for the work it does to make your name known throughout that mountainous country.*

*Be with the bishops, priests, deacons, brothers, sisters and catechists as they tell of your saving death and resurrection to a country with over eight hundred and fifty languages.*

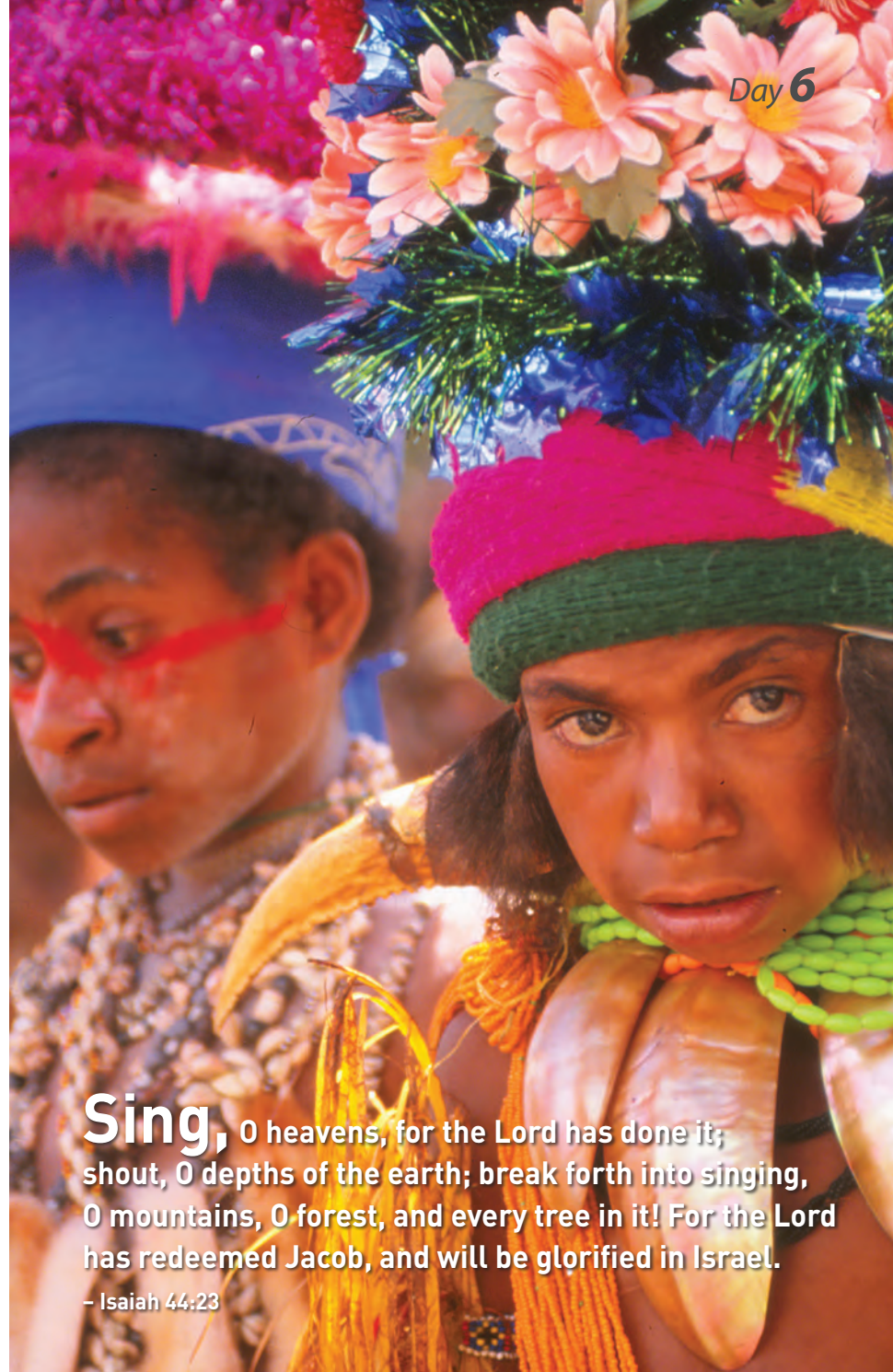
*By your Holy Spirit, may they be heard clearly by all who listen.*

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**Sing,** O heavens, for the Lord has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the Lord has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel.



## Day 7

Now after they had left, **an angel of the Lord appeared** to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.'

– Matthew 2:13



## Ethiopia and Egypt

The Episcopal Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa covers a vast area including Ethiopia and Egypt. In Ethiopia, Bishop Andrew Proud is working with entire communities to further God's mission. The annual Assembly in Gambella offers clergy and lay leaders an opportunity for story-sharing and to work through problems together.

- Pray for the Most Revd Dr Mouneer Anis, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East and Bishop of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa
- Pray for the Rt Revd Andrew Proud and the work he is doing in the Horn of Africa

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

*Lord, you fled with your family to Egypt,  
the place where your forebears were enslaved!  
Yet it was in Egypt that refuge and protection was offered to you.*

*We pray that the Episcopal Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa may offer a refuge from sin, and protection from evil by proclaiming you, the God who saves, to the world.*

*Prosper their diocesan evangelistic effort, bless their work in the community and bind them together with all your saints for ever and ay.*

### **Personal Prayers**

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The literacy rate in Ethiopia is 35.9% (UNDP). Bishop Andrew Proud has established a second community library with reading room for 200 students. Access to text books is severely limited to students so a range of Ethiopian curriculum text books and extra reference books are stocked in the library. © Julianne Stewart/ABM 2009.

# The Holy Land

Ongoing conflict in Jerusalem has created tremendous need among the people there. The Episcopal Church in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East is responding to this need with medical outreach and care, support for refugees, spiritual outreach, the establishment of new congregations and interfaith dialogue.

- Pray for the Rt Revd Suheil Dawani, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem
- Pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the Episcopal Church in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East

**...and the Diocese of Bunbury and the Right Reverend Allan Ewing**

*Jesus, as you hung on a cross outside Jerusalem you reconciled us to God and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.*

*Look now on the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem as it proclaims your boundless love for the world.*

*Bestow your grace upon the diocese as it worships you and as it serves the community under difficult circumstances.*

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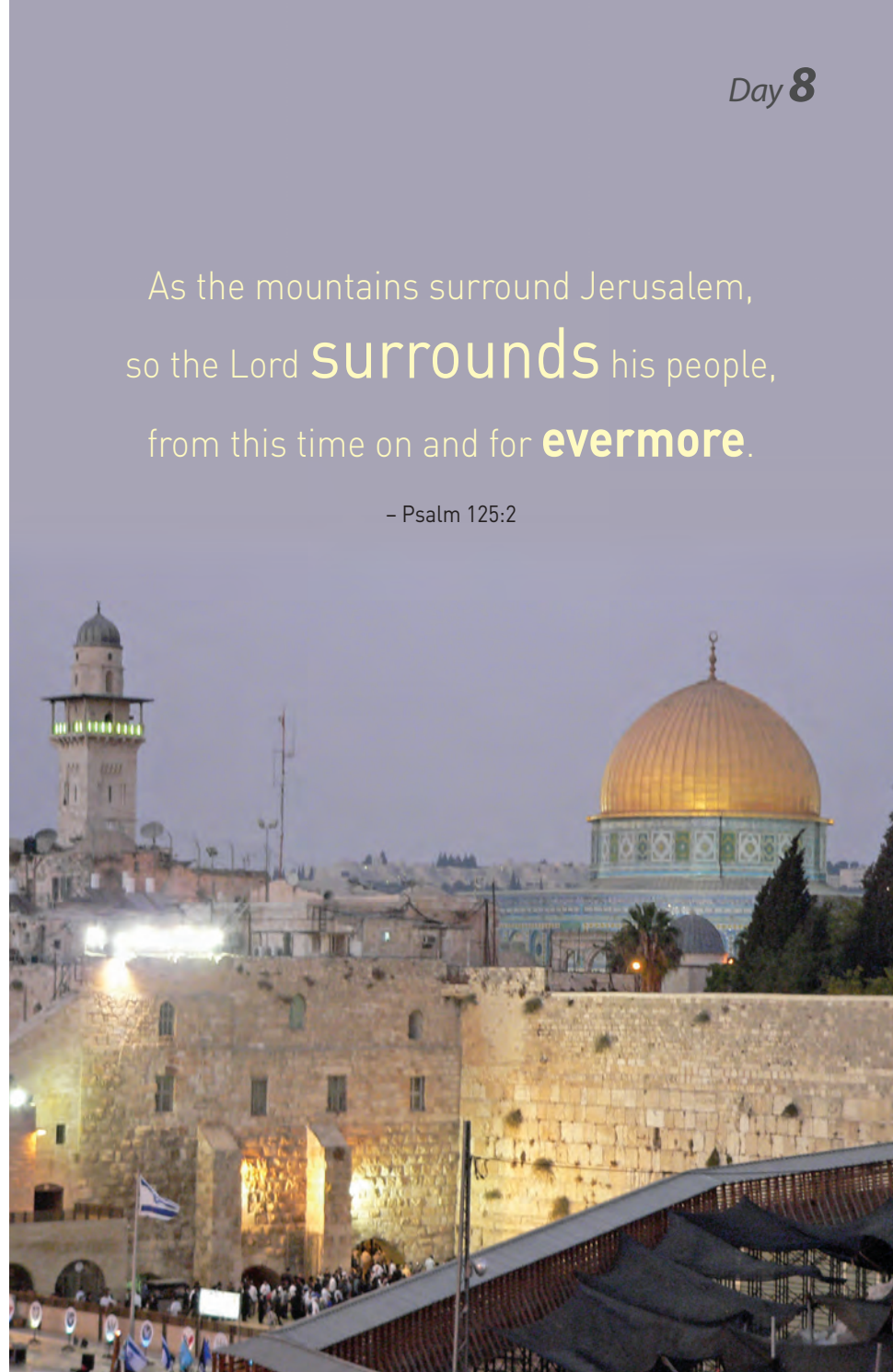
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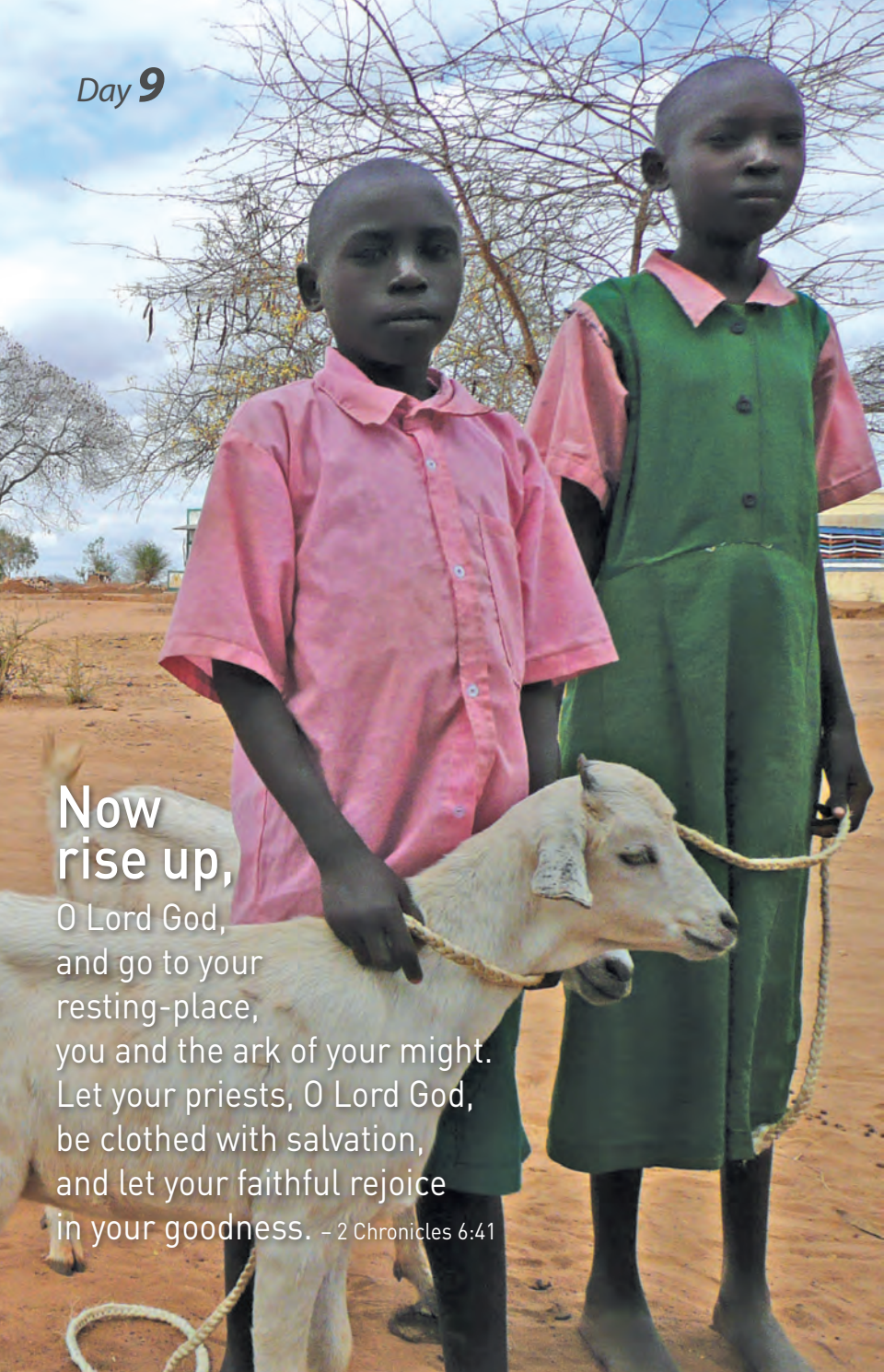
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As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the Lord **surrounds** his people,  
from this time on and for **evermore**.

– Psalm 125:2







Now  
rise up,  
O Lord God,  
and go to your  
resting-place,  
you and the ark of your might.  
Let your priests, O Lord God,  
be clothed with salvation,  
and let your faithful rejoice  
in your goodness. – 2 Chronicles 6:41

## Zambia and Kenya

HIV, AIDS and Malaria are major health problems in Zambia and Kenya. Two-thirds of all people with HIV live in Sub-Saharan Africa (UN). ABM's support to these countries is growing each year as there is much work to be done.

- Pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya and the Most Revd Eliud Wabukala, Archbishop of Kenya and Bishop of All Saints' Cathedral Diocese
- Give thanks for the Church of the Province of Central Africa, which includes Zambia, and for all the bishops, clergy and people there who work to share God's mission
- Give thanks for the work of the Rt Revd John Osmer, Rector, St John's Seminary in Kitwe, Zambia and for the ordinands the college produces  
**...and the Diocese of Canberra Goulburn and the Right Reverend Stuart Robinson**

*Praise and honour to you, living God,  
for the Anglican Church in Zambia and in Kenya,  
for their witness to you and for their work among their people.*

*Strengthen them for the challenges they face  
and guide them into the future.*

*May theirs continue to be a joyful faith in you,  
the God of our salvation.*

### **Personal Prayers**

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ABM funds a program in Kenya that gives AIDS orphans goats. This means that the orphans are cared for by the community after their parents have died. © Julianne Stewart/ABM 2009.

# China

Day 10

The health promotion project for women in villages in China is one of ABM's newest projects. In partnership with the Amity Foundation in China work is underway to promote local women's awareness of health care and ultimately to encourage them to promote their own health issues through education, physical check-up, publicity and women's associations. This project will improve women's health in poverty stricken areas. Work is also being done to prevent the spread of HIV and to educate the women about disease.

- Pray for the workers of the Amity Foundation in China including Mr He Wen, Ms Helen Zhao and Ms She Hongyu
- Pray that women in rural China will be supported by this new project and their health will improve

**...and the Ministry to the Forces and the Right Reverend Len Eacott**

*We thank you, Holy Spirit,  
for the opportunity to work with our partner,  
Amity Foundation, in China.*

*Together, may we be able to make a positive impact  
on people's lives, that they may know you,  
and know that you alone reign in the heavenly kingdom. Hallelujah!*

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In 2009, a survey of 2,000 women in the Zhangfeng town was carried out by Amity's local partner. The survey found that up to 95% of women were suffering some form of reproductive health illnesses (the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference). Here women who now benefit from this new project gather around the computer to wait for their results of physical check-ups. © Amity Foundation, 2008.

I heard what seemed to be the **voice** of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of **mighty** thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the **Lord** our God the Almighty reigns. – Revelation 19:6





## Day 11

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.'

– John 14:8-9a



## Philippines

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines works in partnership with ABM to offer basic resources to the poor. Together, we provide support through food, water and sanitation projects. The church's mission is focused on supporting local, indigenous people, through community development, works to minimise poverty.

- Give thanks for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines
- Pray for the Most Revd Edward Malecдан, Prime Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines
- Pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the Church including the Rt Revd Dixie Taclobao, the Rt Revd Alexander Wandag, the Rt Revd Joel Pachao, the Rt Revd Renato Abibico, the Rt Revd Danilo Bustamante and the Rt Revd Brent Alawas
- Pray for the Revd David Tabo-oy, the National Christian Education Officer and Atty Floyd Lalwet, the National Development Officer
- Pray for Mrs Laura Ocampo, the ABM-ECP Community Development Liaison Officer, Ms Dominga Anosan, the CDBP Program Officer and Ms Farida Pasiwen, the Research and Documentation Officer

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

*We praise you and bless you, O Christ, for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines and for the Philippines Independent Church and for the work they do in your name that builds up the Church and the communities in which they work and worship.*

*May the Spirit guide and shape their ministries, bringing people to see the Father through the Son.*

### **Personal Prayers**

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Padi Thando serves two parishes and oversees a number of development projects in the Northern Philippines. © Melany Markham/ABM 2010.

# ABM Auxiliary

The ABM Auxiliary celebrated 100 years of supporting mission in 2010. Auxiliary members work hard to raise money for projects that might otherwise struggle. Since 1965 the Auxiliary has supported projects such as building women's dormitories in Melanesia, hospitals in Papua New Guinea, education programs in Korea and Aboriginal ministry.

- 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
- Pray that those who support us so tirelessly are given the energy to continue their work

## **...and the Diocese of Grafton and the Right Reverend Keith Slater**

*We give you thanks, God of the ages,  
that for one hundred years members of ABM's Auxiliary  
have served with dedication in a myriad of ways.  
Bless the members as they continue to remind the Church  
of its call to support your mission in the world,  
and bring them, at the last,  
to share in your kingdom of justice and love.  
This we pray through Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who gave his life so we might live forever.*

## **Personal Prayers**



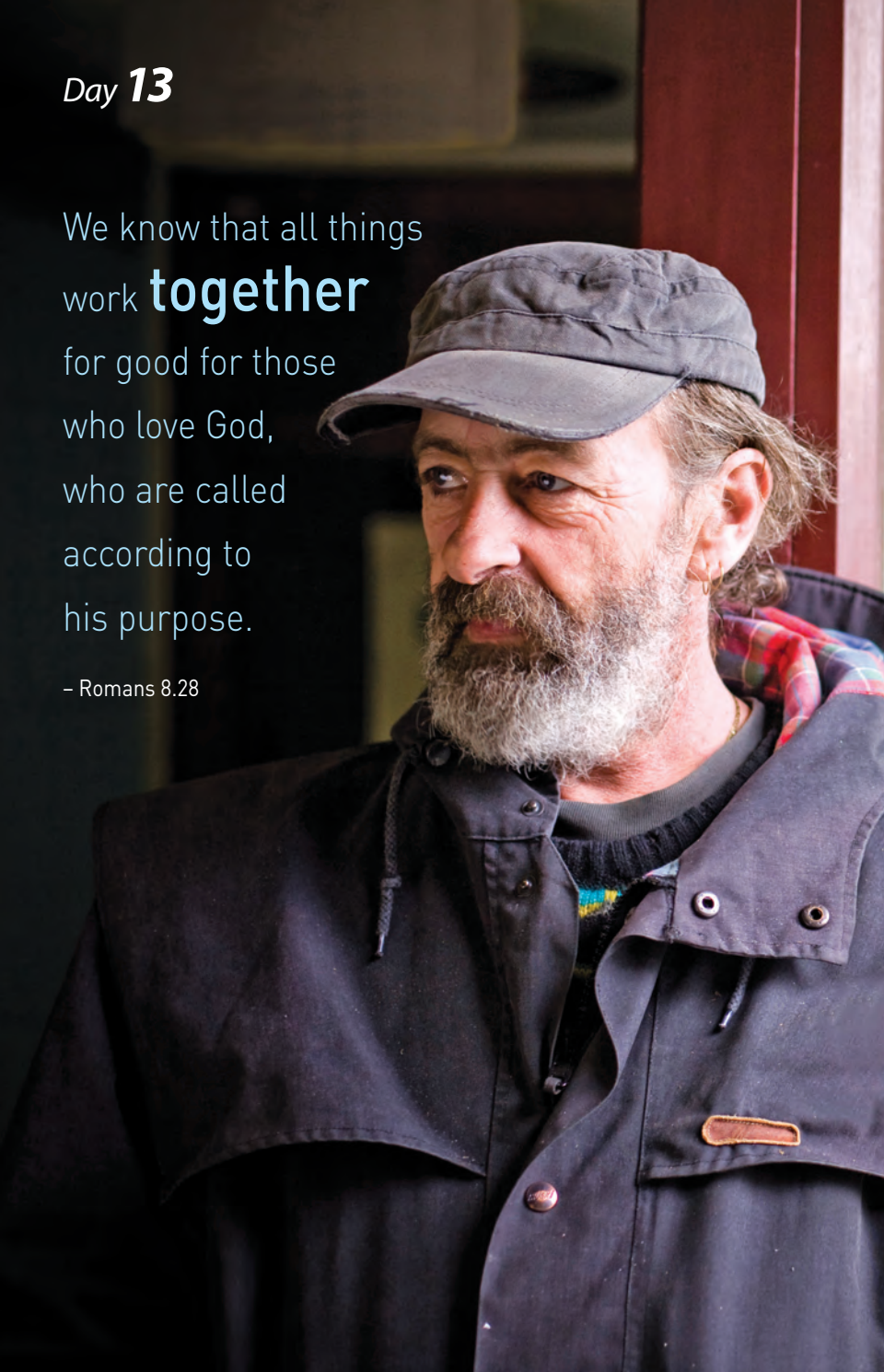
And **God** has appointed  
in the Church [...] forms of **assistance.**

- 1 Corinthians 12:28



We know that all things  
work **together**  
for good for those  
who love God,  
who are called  
according to  
his purpose.

– Romans 8.28



## Mission Organisations

The varied mission agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia seek to offer unconditional support to those in need in our local communities as well as show love and hope to those overseas. Together these agencies aim to answer the call to God's mission.

- Pray for the work of the mission organisations of the Anglican Church of Australia including; AngliCARE Australia, 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 – Australia, AngliCORD and ORAF (the Archbishop of Sydney's Overseas Relief and Aid Fund)
- Give thanks for the work of MU Australia, GFS Australia, the Anglican Men's Society and Anglican Women Australia

**...and for the Aboriginal people of Australia and the Right Reverend James Leftwich**

*God of mission,*

*We thank you that you call many people in Christ to join you  
as you seek to turn the world to you.*

*Support and sustain all organizations involved in your mission,  
Both here and overseas.*

*May they be able to act as your hands and feet,  
your eyes and ears in the world,  
so that the whole world may be drawn  
to the foot of the cross,  
where you reign in glory for ever.*

### **Personal Prayers**

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Lindsay McKee is supported by AngliCARE – a mission agency that offers community services to people in need within Australia. © David Marks/AngliCARE Victoria.

# Former and Current Missionaries

In 1891, ABM sent the first Anglican missionaries to the island of New Guinea. Throughout the centuries hundreds of men and women have travelled to share the Gospel and offer assistance in developing countries. The legacy of past missionaries lives on in the work of ABM today.

- Give thanks for all the women and men who have served and continue to serve as missionaries overseas
- Give thanks for the families and loved ones of missionaries who have supported such mission
- Give thanks for those who have bravely given their lives in God’s mission

**...and the ministry to the Torres Strait Island people of Australia and the Right Reverend Saibo Mabo**

*Hear us now, Lord of the harvest,  
as we praise you for the women and men  
who have gone out to proclaim you to the nations,  
leaving the comforts of home  
for the sake of Jesus and the Gospel.*

*Bless those who have served the Church as missionaries,  
and those that are still in the field.*

*By your mercy, may they, at the last,  
sit among the redeemed in your heavenly kingdom.*

### **Personal Prayers**

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Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,  
**‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’**

And I said, **‘Here am I; send me!’**

– Isaiah 6:8



I had said in my alarm, 'I am driven far from  
your sight.' But you **heard** my supplications  
when I cried out to you for **help.**

– Psalm 31:22



## People in Crisis

More than 300 disasters killed more than 235,000 people, affected more than 200 million others and caused losses and damage worth USD 181 billion in 2008 (UNDP). ABM helps ensure people affected by emergencies are given as much support as possible in times of crisis. Donations are offered to partners around the world in times of emergency to ensure that the response is mediated by people close to the situation.

- Pray for those who suffer because of natural disasters or human conflict
- Pray that God will protect them and give them the resilience and courage they need to face the future
- Give thanks for those who offer much needed assistance and humanitarian support in times of emergency

**...and the Diocese of Melbourne and the Most Reverend Philip Freier**

*When the storm comes, Lord Jesus,  
washing away all that is familiar and loved,  
submerging all that is a sign of hope,  
walk to us over the water, take us by the hand  
and lead us to safety.*

### **Personal Prayers**

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In the wake of the earthquake that hit Haiti in 2010 ABM launched an emergency appeal that offered funds to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD). They worked closely with the Diocese of Haiti to ensure support was offered on the ground.

# HIV and AIDS

Day 16

High levels of under-reporting of HIV and AIDS in the Pacific make it difficult to estimate the scale of the disease. UNAIDS estimates that there are 54,000 people living with HIV in PNG while reported cases total 28,294. ABM is working in a number of countries to prevent HIV and AIDS by educating local people about the disease. Through the care of those suffering from the disease as well as education to the wider community, ABM is able to lessen the social stigma of those with HIV and prevent more cases.

- Give thanks for ABM's HIV and AIDS projects in Papua New Guinea, Kenya and Zambia
- Give thanks for the people who are working to educate others about HIV and AIDS including the staff of AngliCARE's StopAIDS program and Dominica Abo, the national Director in Papua New Guinea
- Give thanks for the individuals who work with families infected with and affected by HIV and AIDS
- Pray for all people living with HIV, that they may have access to healthcare services and be supported by their local communities
- Pray for those who experience stigma and discrimination because of their HIV status; may they find strength
- Pray for the work of Mr Matthew Kuraiwae, the National HIV and AIDS Program Manager in Papua New Guinea
- Give thanks for the work beginning in China to educate women about HIV and AIDS

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

*When your friend, Lazarus, became ill and then died,  
you raised him from the dead, you who are the Resurrection.*

*Raise us from our complacency, and help us to join the fight against HIV  
so that the first day on which no one becomes infected comes soon.*

In Papua New Guinea, a member of Anglicare StopAIDS theatre group. The group, which is supported by AusAID, stages plays at local markets, schools and other community places to help educate young people about HIV and AIDS. © Rocky Roe/AusAID.



And I will **save** the lame and gather  
the outcast, and I will **change** their  
shame into praise and renown in all the **earth**.

– Zephaniah 3:19



My soul proclaims the  
greatness of the Lord: my spirit  
**rejoices** in God my Saviour.

– Luke 1:46



## Evangelism

ABM supports many evangelistic activities of the Church in its witness to the Good News, such as ministry, theological education and training of clergy and catechists and the development of liturgical resources. In Papua New Guinea, clergy work with the support of ABM to spread the Gospel often walking for days in order to do so.

- Give thanks for the evangelistic activities of ABM's Partners as they share the good news of God's love throughout their communities
- Give thanks for all those who respond by listening to the message with open ears and hearts
- Pray for all those who become Christians through baptism this year
- Pray that we may all joyfully share our faith by whatever means we can

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

*May we be like your blessed mother, Word of God,  
and bring you to birth afresh in our time and place.*

*Like her, may we do all that we can to support you  
and the spread of the Gospel in Australia.*

*May we also help others to spread the Good News  
by supporting ABM's Partners as they reach out  
to their communities through evangelism.*

### **Personal Prayers**

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Happy are those who find **wisdom**, and those who get **understanding**.

– Proverbs 3:13



## Theological Education

Theological education is important to the ongoing growth of the Church. By training clergy in their own language and within their own culture many benefits are achieved. ABM funds theological colleges in Australia, Papua New Guinea and Zambia, and supports ministry in Vanuatu and the Philippines. ABM's Church to Church program also supports the development of theological education.

- Give thanks for the work of the Rt Revd John Osmer and St John's Seminary in Zambia
- Give thanks for the work of Fr Nicholas Mkaronda and Newton Theological College in Popondetta, Papua New Guinea
- Give thanks for the work of Fr Richard Sawaraba and Kerina Evangelists' College in Tsendiap, Papua New Guinea
- Give thanks for the work of the Revd Victor Joseph at Wontulup Bi-Buya College in Cairns and for Nungalinya College in Darwin

**...and the Diocese of North West of Australia and the Right Reverend David Mulready**

*Holy Spirit, come and enlighten all those who seek your inspiration.*

*Be with all those whose faith seeks understanding, especially those who study in order to become leaders in the Church.*

*May they take what you teach them and put it into practice in their parishes and communities so that the world may believe.*

### **Personal Prayers**

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A student at Wontulup-Bi-Buya, a theological college for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, in Cairns. © Steve Daughtry/ABM 2006.



# Water and Sanitation

Over 884 million people continue to use unsafe drinking water sources and almost half of the developing world's population – 2.5 billion people – lack appropriate sanitation facilities (UNICEF). Local villages in PNG, Myanmar, Vanuatu and the Philippines are funded by ABM to build clean water systems and ensure these remain sustainable, through training and workshops.

- Pray for the Anglican Church as it builds water systems that will provide safe drinking water to local communities
- Pray that people everywhere will have safe water to use
- Pray for the people of Jimi Valley in Papua New Guinea that their water system will be built
- Pray that no child will die from unsafe water

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

*God, our souls crave you like dried up land that is thirsty for water.*

*Pour out your blessings on our overseas partners' water, sanitation and health projects so that the communities in which they are located may rejoice in clean, disease-free water.*

*May we never take this gift of yours for granted.*

### **Personal Prayers**

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The Episcopal Church in the Philippines provides water and sanitation systems to rural and isolated communities with the support of ABM. To sustain the programs, leadership and maintenance training is conducted to encourage community members to take ownership and responsibility for the new facilities. © Melany Markham/ABM 2010.

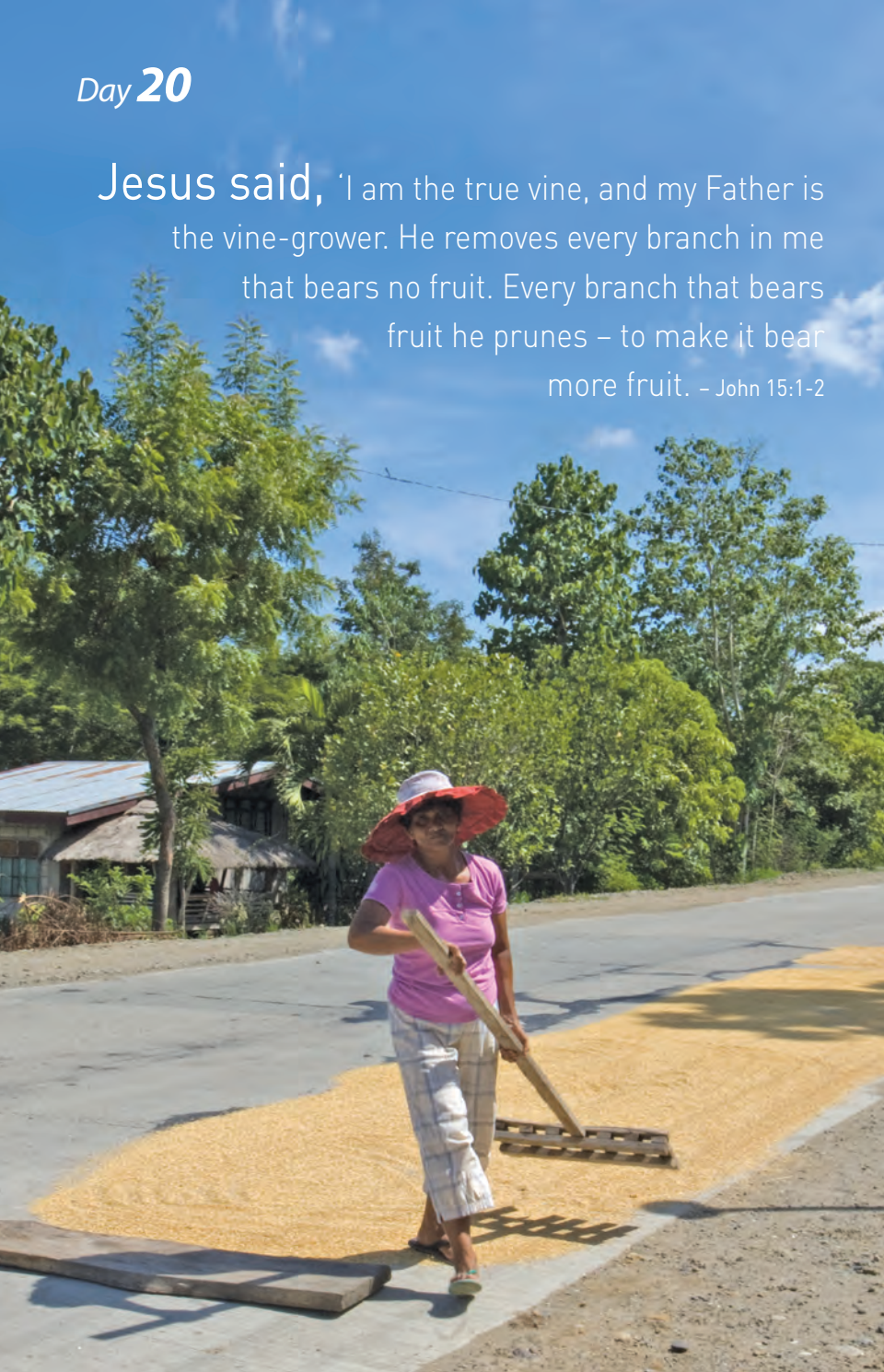
He turns a desert into pools of **water**, a parched land into **flowing** springs.

– Psalm 107:35

Day **19**



Jesus said, 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes – to make it bear more fruit. – John 15:1-2



## The Environment

If temperatures rise by two degrees Celcius in sub-Saharan Africa, an additional 600 million people in the region could face hunger, new epidemics of mosquito-borne diseases and agricultural losses of up to US\$26 billion by 2060 (UNDP). Such statistics are real threats for many places where ABM works. ABM brings hope to farmers by funding programs that provide communities with equipment and fertiliser for their crops. ABM is also exploring ways of reducing its own environmental footprint.

- Pray for the guidance to care for our environment and work towards sustainable environmental solutions around the world
- Give thanks for those who support ABM's work amongst farmers in developing countries
- Pray for continuing success of these farming projects; that the local communities are benefitting from them and are able to support their families

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

*Creator of all, in your mercy you made plants of every kind to delight the senses, to nourish and to heal the body, and to provide materials with which to build.*

*We thank you for the work ABM's partners do to repair environmental degradation, to promote food security or to provide work for communities who need income.*

*Blessed are you, Creator of all.*

### **Personal Prayers**

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Farmers' livelihoods can be destroyed if their local environment is not cared for. As most of the communities in which ABM works are rural, agriculture is a large part of the community's income and sustainability. Here a worker dries rice on a road in the Philippines. © Melany Markham/ ABM 2010.



# Education and Literacy

Literacy is low in developing countries and education is not offered to all in these communities. Educating children and women is an important part of ABM's programs and ensures that individuals, as well as whole communities, develop. Literacy skills are developed through programs funded by ABM in PNG, the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

- Give thanks for all people working to improve literacy and education in developing countries
- Pray for Ms Emily Orudiana, Mothers' Union Literacy Coordinator in the Solomon Islands
- Pray for Ms Anna Blessing, Mothers' Union Literacy Coordinator in Vanuatu
- Give thanks for the scholarship for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student to attend St Andrew's Cathedral School in Sydney – pray that this scholarship will continue through further donations
- Pray for Mr Dennis Kabekabe, the Education Secretary of the Anglican Education Division in PNG

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

*Assist us, Word of God,  
to help the spread of education and literacy among ABM's Partners.  
May your Spirit bring gifts of interpretation and understanding  
to those who learn in our Partners' schools and colleges,  
and may those who teach in them ever delight to share the knowledge  
and skills that you, O God, have given them.*

## **Personal Prayers**

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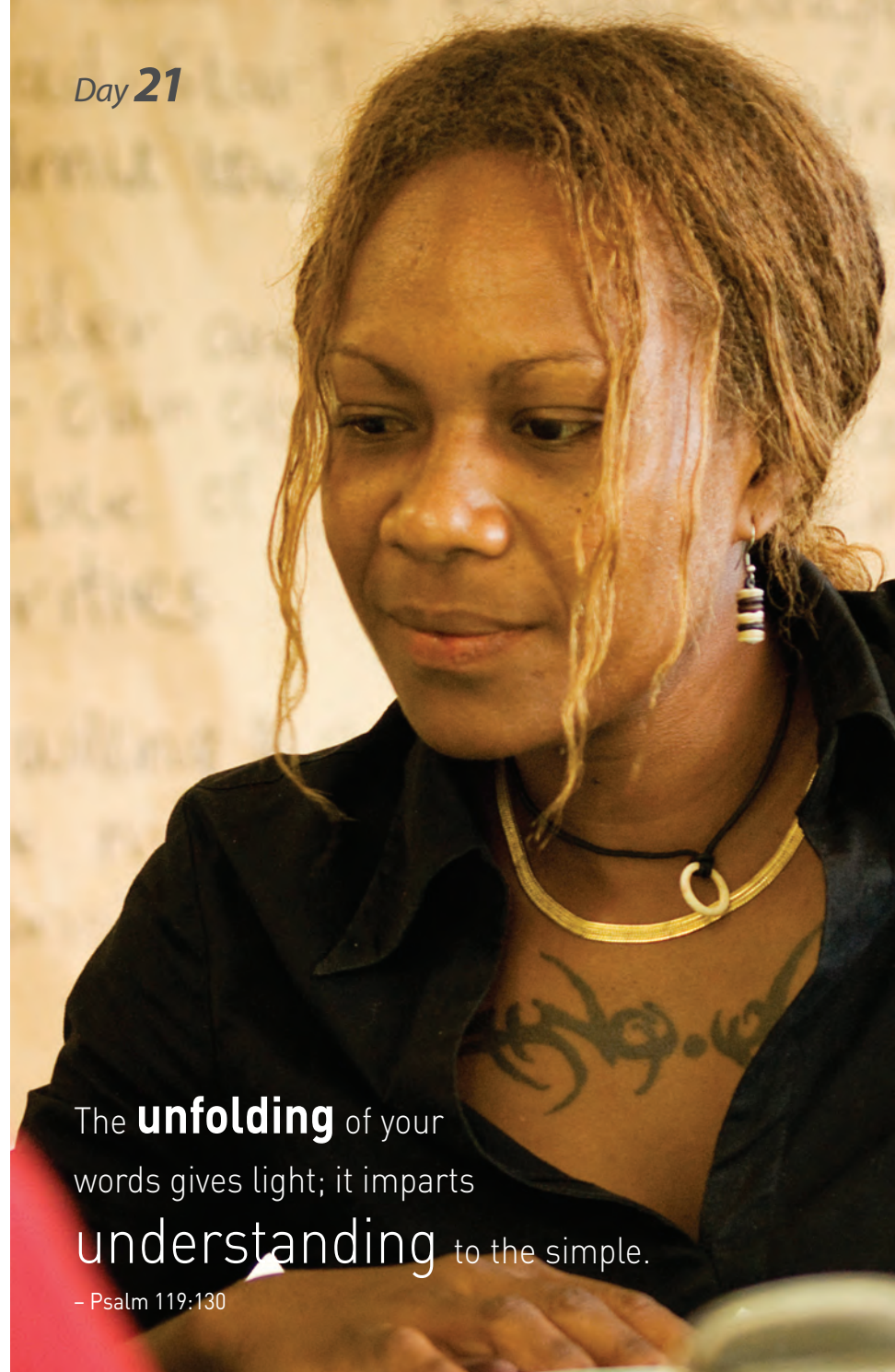
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A literacy teacher in the Solomon Islands. © Don Brice/ABM 2008.

Day **21**



The **unfolding** of your words gives light; it imparts **understanding** to the simple.

– Psalm 119:130

Do not envy the violent and do not choose any of their ways.

– Proverbs 3:31



## Peace

Let us pray for peace; for an end to war, violence and oppression. ABM challenges injustice and oppression through its peace-building programs in the Solomon Islands and by funding Christian ministry throughout the world.

- Pray for peace amongst all people and ask for God's protection for those who suffer
- Pray that unrest in Korea, Myanmar and Africa will subside and bring peace to those living without hope
- Pray for all who suffer from violence and oppression in their homes, especially women and children, and ask that the work of the Christian Care Centre continue in God's name

**...and the Diocese of Sydney and the Most Reverend Dr Peter Jensen**

*Christ, may we see your face in every person,  
and honour and respect your image whenever we see it.*

*Forgive, we pray, the grotesque caricature of love  
that reveals itself through whacks and wallops.*

*Empower the victims of domestic violence,  
and those who know that it is taking place,  
to speak out against it wherever they are,  
whether in Australia or beyond our borders.*

### **Personal Prayers**

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The Sisters of the Church of Melanesia run a women's refuge in the Solomon Islands in order to help women and children escape domestic violence and rebuild their lives. ABM supports the Christian Care Centre which is the only refuge for women and children in the Solomon Islands. © Don Brice/ABM 2008.



# Health

Lack of access to healthcare contributes to the cause of many unnecessary deaths in developing countries. Globally there are more than 100 million people are pushed into poverty every year by the need to pay for healthcare (WHO). For ABM, developing health centres, particularly in rural areas, is essential to preventing and treating illness and disease in developing countries.

- 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 and Mr Ulch Tapia, the Health Secretary in Papua New Guinea
- Pray for all the ABM projects that contribute to better health by supplying clean water and sanitation together with providing hope through the sharing of God's Word

**...and the Diocese of Tasmania and the Right Reverend John Harrower**

*Jesus, you heal those who are ill in body, mind or spirit.*

*Be with the doctors, nurses and carers  
who work in the hospitals and medical centres of ABM's Partners.*

*May the sick find your love as they are cared for,  
and see your face in those who seek to restore them to health.*

### **Personal Prayers**

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I will **heal** them and reveal to them  
abundance of **prosperity** and security.





**Truly** I tell you,  
unless you change and  
become like children,  
you will never enter the  
kingdom of heaven.

- Matthew 18:3

## Children

Care for children has long been a priority of the Anglican Church. Yet, nearly 11 million children aged under five die in developing countries each year (UNICEF). Many of ABM's programs support children in developing countries and indigenous Australia through education, healthcare and resources.

- Give thanks for the work of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and the Episcopal Church in the Philippines for the high priority they place on ministry with children and youth
- Pray for the support and good health of mothers and children
- Give thanks for the many helpers who work with the children and young people in their church activities

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

*In Africa they say that the world was not left to us by our parents,  
but rather, it has been lent to us by our children.*

*God, let us then strive to make this world a better place  
by valuing love over exploitation,  
forgiveness over revenge,  
people over profit,  
so that your kingdom may be realised on earth.*

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A small girl from a village where ABM has funded clean water and other development projects.  
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## Day 26

Since there will never cease to be some in **need** on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your **hand** to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.'

– Deuteronomy 15:11



## Poverty

More than half the global population struggle to survive on less than two dollars per day (UNDP). ABM is developing global partnerships which help the alleviation of poverty.

- Pray for the work of ABM and other mission agencies as we aim to reduce poverty around the world so that the number of those suffering from hunger can be lessened
- Pray for all those who live in poverty
- Give thanks for those who give generously to our programs so that we can offer support to those suffering from poverty

**...and the Diocese of Wangaratta and the Right Reverend John Parkes**

*Jesus, our brother, your ministry on earth teaches us that the poor and needy have a special place in your heart.*

*Help us always to remember that whenever we feed those who are hungry, or give a drink to the thirsty, or welcome those who are strangers, or clothe the naked, or tend the sick, or visit those who are prisoners, in your name, then we do that to you.*

*May we never forget that you are to be found in the slums as well as in the highest heaven.*

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# Religious Orders

The Anglican Church of Melanesia works with a number of religious orders in Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands. The Melanesian Brothers is the largest and longest established order. The Sisters of Melanesia were established in 1980 when four women took vows of obedience, chastity and poverty. Today there are around 110 sisters.

- Give thanks for Anglican religious orders and for their lives, which witness to Christ wherever they find themselves
- Pray for the Melanesian Brotherhood and their work to reach out to the whole community
- Pray for the Sisters of the Church and the Sisters of Melanesia, and give thanks for the care they offer to women in need at the Christian Care Centre

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

*God for whom we yearn, we thank you that you have given us the example of religious orders to encourage us to pray and to prod us into action.*

*Send your blessings on the monks and nuns, friars and sisters who have surrendered their lives to you.*

*May we always remember to pray for them regularly and to support their needs so that they can continue to respond to your call.*

## **Personal Prayers**

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Sister Catherine Rosa is a Sister of Melanesia and the centre co-ordinator at the Christian Care Centre. With a team of sisters, she cares for women seeking refuge and hopes to raise awareness in the community about violence and help improve the status of women in their society. © Don Brice/ABM 2008.

Day **27**



Jesus said, 'Anyone who has left brothers or sisters, father, mother or children, land or houses for the sake of my name will be repaid many times over, and will be given **eternal** life.'

– Matthew 19:29



Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved, to do so more and more.

- 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10a

## ABM Appeals

The donations and prayers from ABM's supporters are what make much of ABM's work possible. Every year our appeals work to fund existing programs and support new needs as well as offer financial support when disasters occur around the world.

- Pray for the success of this year's appeals
- Pray that parishes around Australia are able to honour their financial commitments
- Pray that funds will be donated for the work that God would have us do on this earth
- Give thanks for those who generously donate to ABM's programs

**... and pray that ABM may gain 1,000 more supporters this year.**

*Lord, we in Australia have much to be thankful.*

*Help us to realise this, and to share the gifts we have with those who have little.*

*Inspire us as a nation to be generous and compassionate, interested in the world's affairs, wanting to give without having to be asked.*

*May support for ABM's appeals grow so that more and more people may come to know you, the God of grace.*

### **Personal Prayers**

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Happy are those who consider the poor;  
the Lord delivers them in the day of trouble.  
The Lord **protects** them and keeps them  
alive; they are called **happy** in the land.

– Psalm 41:1-2a

## Mission Committees and Secretaries

Around the Dioceses of Australia, there are many people who contribute to the work of ABM by volunteering and being a part of diocesan or parish mission committees. This support is an integral part of ABM's work and these groups contribute invaluable assistance to ABM's belief in holistic mission. As God calls us to serve people in all aspects of their lives, from the spiritual to the practical, we give thanks for the work of mission committees throughout the Anglican Church.

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

**... and pray also for theological colleges**

*Trinity-in-Unity, we give you thanks for all who serve the Church as mission secretaries in their parishes, or on diocesan mission committees.*

*May their enthusiasm and commitment refresh your Church's dedication to winning souls and to providing for the material needs of those in want so that all we who call ourselves Christians may never forget what you call us to do.*

### **Personal Prayers**

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Norma Noble has been a supporter of ABM at a parish level since arriving in Australia over twenty years ago. She is an active member of the Perth Diocesan Committee and also works to assist with the promotion of the ABM Auxiliary, where she has served two terms as National Vice-President.

# The Anglican Communion

The Anglican Communion has member Churches around the world in more than 160 countries. There are 38 provinces and over 80 million members whose churches are held together by bonds of affection and a loyalty expressed by four instruments of communion: the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lambeth Conference, the Primates' Meeting and the Anglican Consultative Council.

- Pray for the 'Instruments of Communion'
- Give thanks for the work of the Revd Canon Kenneth Kearon and the staff of the Anglican Communion Office
- Pray for continued respect and friendship around the Anglican Communion

**...and pray for the National Council of Churches**

*We thank you, Three-in-One God, that you bind us to our overseas partners through the world-wide Anglican Communion.*

*Bless Rowan, our chief bishop,  
and may we who live beneath the Southern Cross  
always remember the needs of your Church  
in other parts of the world.*

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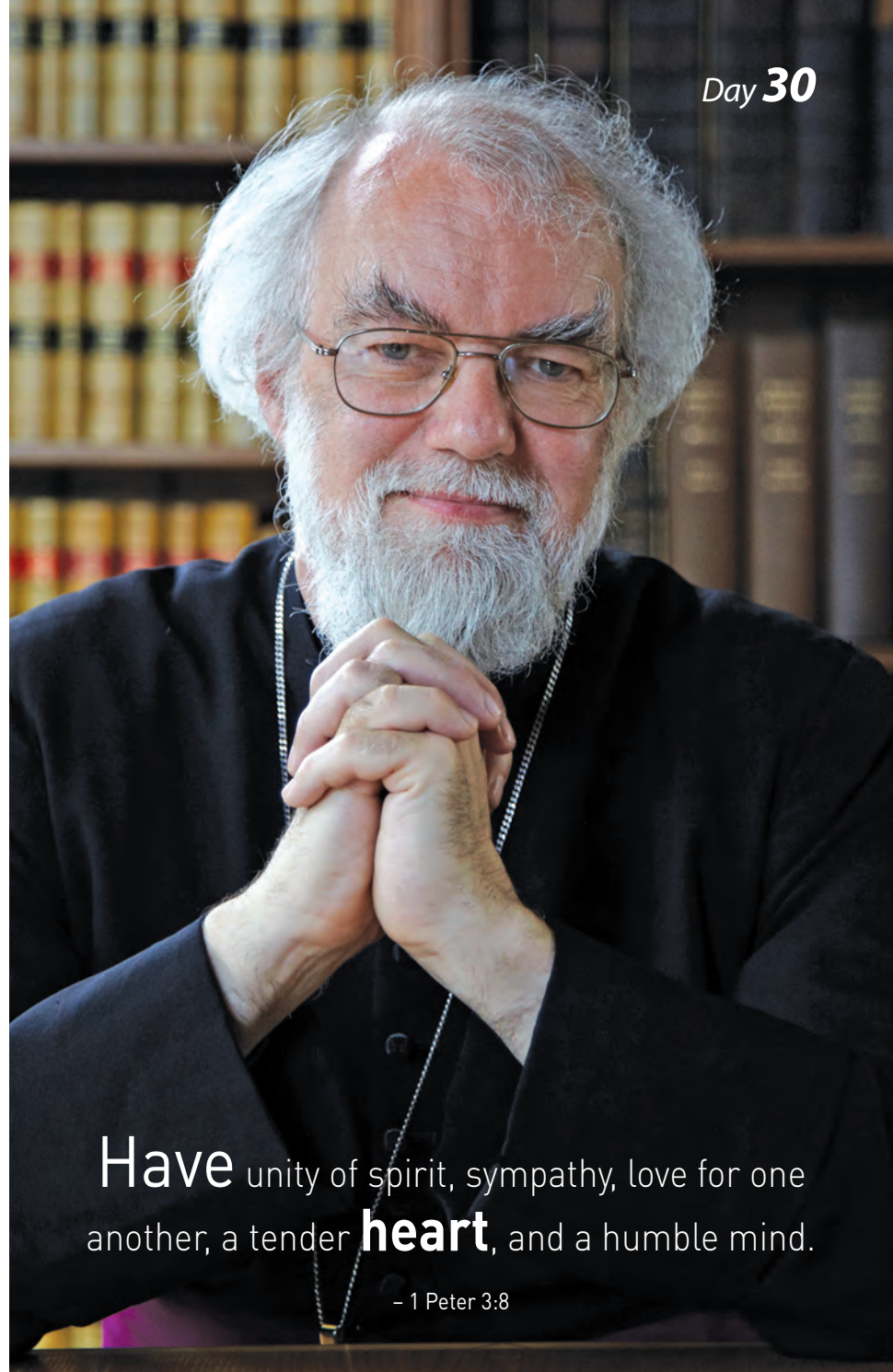
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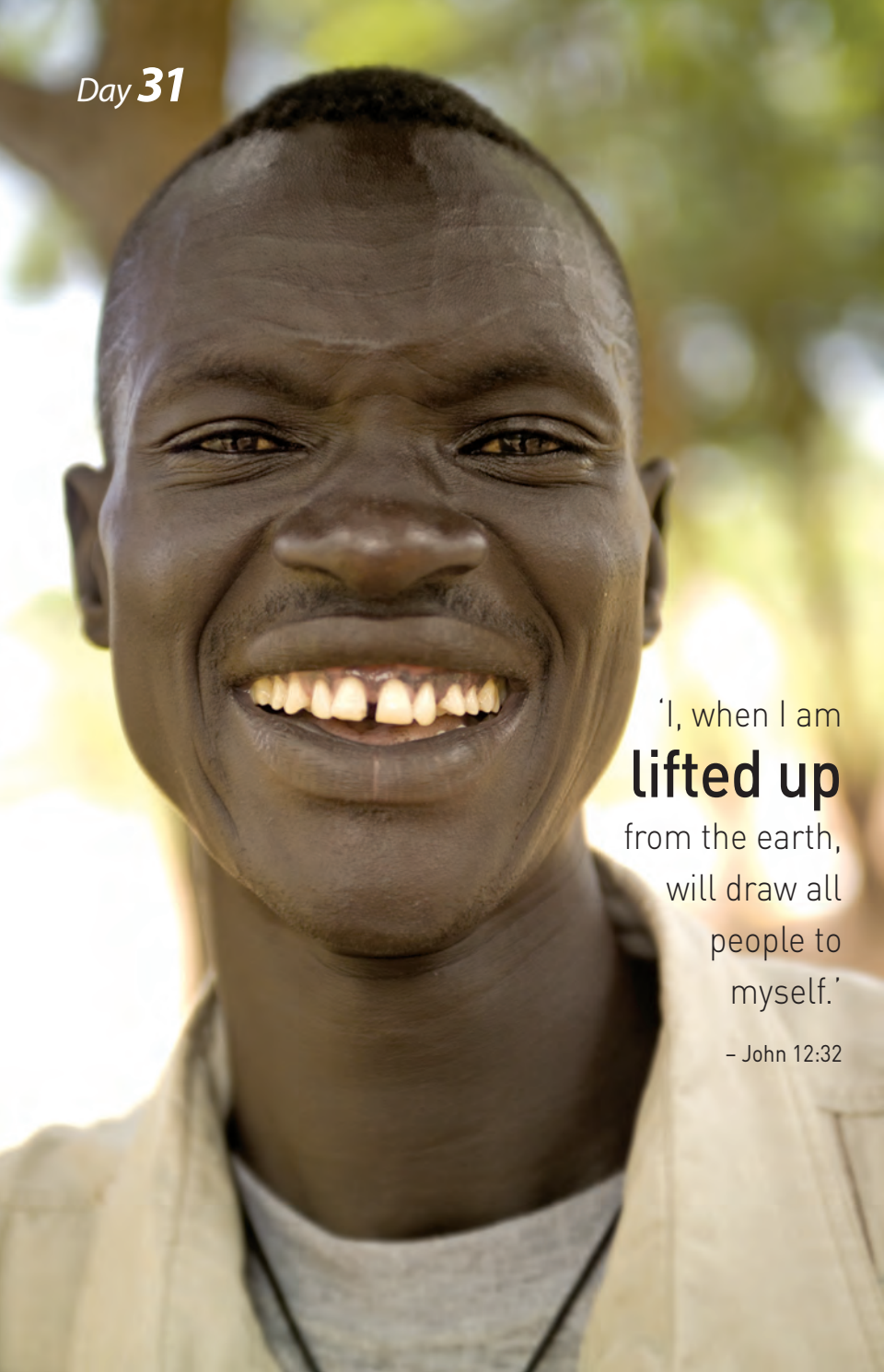
The Archbishop of Canterbury is seen by the Churches of the Anglican Communion as their spiritual leader. Archbishop Rowan Williams is the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury and his position is the unique focus of unity for the communion. © Tim Ashley.



Have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender **heart**, and a humble mind.

- 1 Peter 3:8





'I, when I am  
**lifted up**  
from the earth,  
will draw all  
people to  
myself.'

- John 12:32

## God's Mission

We support our partners – from Australia to Zambia – in order that they may live out God's mission as they see it in their community. ABM's vision is to see people everywhere experience the wholeness of life that God offers in Jesus Christ. By proclaiming the good news and by helping communities to develop, ABM helps to share God's love with our partners around the world.

- Pray for the Mission Department at the Anglican Communion office and for the Revd John Kafwanka and Stuart Buchanan
- Give thanks for the work of the Evangelism and Church Growth Initiative
- Pray for its convenor, the Rt Revd Patrick Yu

**...and give thanks for the continuing efforts to establish an Anglican relief, development and advocacy alliance**

*Trinity of love, your mission calls all humanity  
to turn towards you and share in the divine life.*

*May we, the Church, respond to your mission  
by effective words  
empowering action  
and extravagant love  
that is compelling enough  
to turn even the hardest heart to you.*

### **Personal Prayers**

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# Five Marks of Mission

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

1 Stand in solidarity with the poor and needy

2 Challenge injustice and oppression

3 Protect, care for and renew life on our planet

4 Build welcoming, transforming communities of faith

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

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