A photograph of a man sitting on a large, weathered stone cross. The man is seen from behind, wearing a light-colored shirt and dark pants, looking out over a vast ocean under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. In the distance, a small, forested island is visible on the horizon. The cross is made of light-colored stone and sits on a multi-tiered base. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

Partners in Prayer

A Prayer Resource for Mission

Five Marks of Mission

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

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

1
Witness to Christ's saving, forgiving and reconciling love for all people

2
Build welcoming, transforming communities of faith

3
Stand in solidarity with the poor and needy

4
Challenge injustice and oppression

5
Protect, care for and renew life on our planet

Welcome to ABM's 2012 Prayer Diary

Prayer is an essential part of our faith as Christians, and brings us closer to God. Sometimes we are called to pray whether it is for someone who is sick, for a positive outcome or whenever there is a need for support in the form of prayer.



The Prayer Diary is a resource which can be used as part of your prayer life, with daily prayers for ABM's Partners, the Anglican Church, other agencies and groups involved in the work of mission within Australia and around the world. As they seek to proclaim the good news of God's love as expressed through Jesus Christ by helping others in need, we hope that you too will be inspired and transformed by their actions.

We give thanks for your participation in the mission of the Church through prayer. May you be blessed with God's peace as you pray for the work of ABM and for all those who work in partnership with them.

Yours in Christ,

The Most Rev David Vunagi
Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Melanesia

The First Mark of Mission

ABM grounds all of its work in one or more of the Five Marks of Mission. We aim to: “Witness to Christ’s saving, forgiving and reconciling love for all people”. As we work with people and partners around the world, ABM strives to build inclusive communities by offering and promoting forgiveness and love to its people.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for your great cloud of witnesses and we pray especially for:

- *All preachers, evangelists and catechists in Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Vanuatu, Kenya, Zambia, South Sudan and the Solomon Islands*
- *All those providing loving and faithful Christian witness in countries or areas where Christians are in the minority, such as Pakistan, Myanmar (Burma), South Sudan, North Kenya, Mindanao (Southern Philippines) and China*

...the Diocese of The Murray and the Venerable Richard Seabrook, Administrator

God of mission, you call us into relationship with your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Help us to participate with him in seeking the lost, and drawing all people into your heavenly kingdom.

Grant that we may be so filled with your love, that we too may love extravagantly, forgive all slights, rejoice in the success of our neighbours and make faithful use of our talents.

This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Personal Prayers

A close-up photograph of a person wearing a teal-colored robe over a white long-sleeved shirt. A wide, patterned sash in shades of teal, white, and dark blue is draped across the chest. The person's hands are clasped together in front of them, with fingers interlaced, suggesting a gesture of prayer or contemplation. The background is softly blurred.

Day **1**

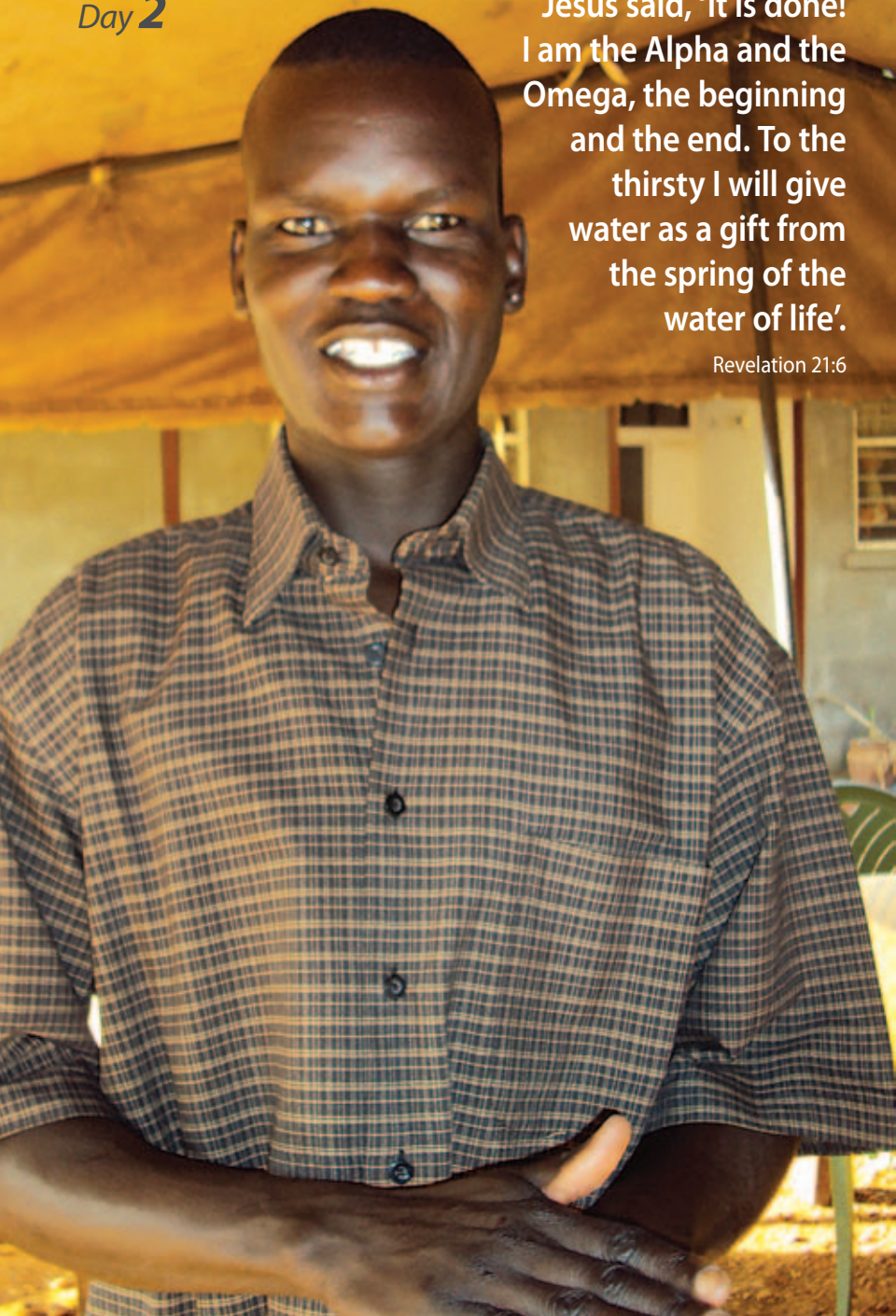
The Son of Man
came to **seek** out
and to **save** the lost.

Luke 19:10

Day **2**

Jesus said, 'It is done!
I am the Alpha and the
Omega, the beginning
and the end. To the
thirsty I will give
water as a gift from
the spring of the
water of life'.

Revelation 21:6



Episcopal Church of Sudan

The Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS) comprises about 6 million members across the whole of southern Sudan, as well as several parts of the north. At a grassroots level, the church can be found in many rural areas and has a base in the southern capital of Juba. With the formation of a new country, South Sudan, it is a challenge for the church to fulfil its mission when there is a state to rebuild.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for the Episcopal Church of Sudan and we pray especially for:

- *The Most Rev Daniel Deng Bul of the Episcopal Church of Sudan*
- *The people, clergy and bishops of all 24 dioceses of the ECS, rebuilding after such a long period of conflict*
- *The Dioceses of Khartoum, Port Sudan and Kadugli, facing particular challenges in the north*
- *The work of the ECS Health and Education Commissions*
- *All people in Sudan still affected by ongoing conflict and other difficulties*
- *Anglican partners from all over the world who are working to help the ECS become a strong servant of your kingdom*

...the Diocese of Adelaide and the Most Rev Dr Jeffrey Driver

God of new beginnings, pour out your blessings upon the Episcopal Church of Sudan. Be with them as they work with little more than the strengths of your people and their faith in you.

Help them to build strong and healthy communities of faith. May they continue to reach out to others, to provide basic health and education services, and relief to those affected by ongoing human violence.

This we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Many Sudanese people fled to Australia during the war and some are now hoping to return to their home country to assist with the rebuilding. ABM will be part of this work. Garang, a young Sudanese Australian who lives in Adelaide, visits Sudan. © ABM/Julianne Stewart 2011.

Sharing in Learning – Pilgrimage and Encounter

Spending time with our partner churches and learning from each other is important to ABM. Through pilgrimage and such encounter, strong bonds are formed. ABM's Encounter Program allows invited clergy and lay people from other countries to spend three months in ministry environments in Australia. This opportunity for shared learning forms stronger partnerships and education for all people involved.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for all your gifts and we pray especially for:

- *Opportunities to experience pilgrimage and to learn more about you, our faith and contexts quite different from our own*
- *ABM's Encounter visitors from Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands, spending time in Australian parishes and church organisations, and the families and congregations they leave at home*
- *The Australian parishes who host Encounter visitors*
- *Awareness of our own lives as a pilgrimage*


...the Diocese of Rockhampton and the Rt Rev Godfrey Fryar

God of all pilgrims, through your Son we learnt the great commandment of loving our neighbours. Be with all those who take the step of visiting communities very different from their own.

May they learn more about their neighbours and how to appreciate each other's ways of being, thus enriching themselves and your Church.

This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Personal Prayers

A photograph of three people walking away from the camera down a paved road. The person on the left is wearing a black shirt and shorts. The person in the middle is wearing a blue and white checkered shirt and khaki pants. The person on the right is wearing a red shirt and dark shorts. The road is flanked by lush green vegetation and trees, with a large tree on the left and a palm tree on the right. The sky is overcast.

Come and see
what God has done: he
is awesome in his deeds
among mortals.

Psalm 66:5

Day **4**

Learn to do good; seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan,
plead for the
widow.

Isaiah 1:17



Anglican Schools

Anglican schools around Australia are sharing God's mission with students and connecting with a younger generation. There are over 150 Anglican schools throughout Australia, teaching more than 150,000 students (AASN). Join with ABM to pray for the mission of these schools.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for all Anglican Schools, and we pray especially for:

- *The Gawura campus of St Andrew's Cathedral School, its staff, students, family and community members*
- *Martyrs', Holy Name and Aiome Schools in Papua New Guinea*
- *Selwyn College in the Solomon Islands*
- *Juba Diocesan Model Secondary School in South Sudan*
- *The Reachout Pilgrimages Program and their Chaplaincy and Service Learning Manager, the Rev David Lord*
- *Australian Anglican schools and their chaplains*

...the Diocese of North West Australia and the Rt Rev David Mulready

Loving God, we pray for Anglican schools in Australia and all over the world. Inspire leadership in their principals, enthusiasm and dedication in their teachers, a love of learning in their students, and care and concern among their families.

May they all contribute to creating a world where your love, peace and justice prevail. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Personal Prayers

ABM supports the Gawura Campus at St Andrew's Cathedral School, an Anglican School in Sydney. The project offers a scholarship for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student at the school.
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Day 5

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!
For the Lord has comforted his people,
and will have compassion on his
suffering ones.

Isaiah 49.13



Anglican Church of PNG (ACPNG)

In some provinces of Papua New Guinea, up to 60% of people identify with the Anglican faith. ABM has been working with the Anglican Church of PNG for over 120 years. Projects include working with women, children and youth; as well as water, health and education programs. Work focused on evangelism and training clergy in PNG has prepared many locals for a life of service to their communities as leaders of the Church.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, and we pray for:

- *the Most Rev Joe Kopapa, Archbishop of Papua New Guinea*
- *the bishops of ACPNG – the Rt Rev Alan Migi, the Rt Rev Clyde Igara, the Rt Rev Nathan Ingen, the Rt Rev Denys Ririka, the Rt Rev Lindsley Ihove and the Rt Rev Peter Ramsden, and for their clergy and people*
- *the General Secretary, Richard Rabiati; staff of the church; workers in the Anglican Health Service and the Anglican Education Division*
- *Church Partnership Coordinator, Betty Gali and all the CPP staff*
- *The sexual health improvement program and all those working to improve awareness and treatment of related illnesses*
- *Russell Thompson, coordinating ABM's work at St Margaret's Hospital in Popondota Diocese; Ulch Tapia, National Health Secretary; and Sr Mildred Laksen, Manager of St Margaret's*
- *Communities served by the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea*

...the one Church in Christ to which we all belong

Gracious God, you ask us to put all our hopes in you and to trust in your grace. Bless the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea as it works to provide for the spiritual growth of its people, to reach out to serve the health, education and development needs of ordinary Papua New Guineans. Give them renewed hope, faith and joy in the knowledge that in serving others they are also serving you.

This we ask in the name of your most blessed son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parishioners at St Matthew's, Wimira, in the Diocese of Dogura receiving communion and blessings.
© ABM/Brad Chapman 2010.

Day 6



The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem. Acts 6:7a

Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East

The Episcopal Church in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East was formed in 1976. ABM supports the work of the church in the Middle East through its annual Good Friday Gift.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, and we pray especially for:

- *The Rt Rev Dr Mouneer Hanna Anis, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East and Bishop of Egypt, North Africa and the Horn of Africa*
 - *The Rt Rev Suheil Dawani, Bishop of Jerusalem; the Rev Drew W. Schmotzer, Chaplain to Bishop Anis; and for Sherry Wageh and Rosie Fyfe, Partnership Officers in the Diocese of Egypt*
 - *The people of Palestine, Egypt, Israel and the Middle East*
 - *The Walking Together Assembly in Gambella, Ethiopia and for the after-school library in Addis Ababa*
 - *The work of EpiscoCare and for its Executive Director, Mariam Ibrahim*
- ...the Diocese of Grafton and the Rt Rev Keith Slater**

God, you gave us your son, Jesus Christ, and you call us daily to take up our cross. Help us to follow in the footsteps of our Lord, and enter into those places where we would rather not go.

Bless our annual Good Friday Gift for the Holy Land of the Middle East. May your Church in the Dioceses of Jerusalem and Egypt continue to minister to your people in our times who are in need, sickness or any other adversity. Amen.

Personal Prayers

The community library in Ethiopia offers space for local children to study and do their homework.
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Day 7

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

Jeremiah 31:12



Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM)

ABM partners with the Anglican Church of Melanesia to support missional work throughout Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands and New Caledonia. Through a new partnership agreement, ABM and ACOM work together on programs that build the church's capacity to help their communities, teach adult literacy skills, build self-sufficient communities, as well as provide water and sanitation and respond to climate change.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for the Anglican Church of Melanesia, the Mothers' Union and the Melanesian Board of Mission, and we pray especially for:

- *The Most Rev David Vunagi, Archbishop of Melanesia, and Bishop of Central Melanesia*
- *The Bishops of ACOM – the Rt Rev Nathan Tome, the Rt Rev James Ligo, the Rt Rev Sam Sahu, the Rt Rev Richard Naramana, the Rt Rev Ben Seka, the Rt Rev Alfred Karibongi, the Rt Rev George Takeli and for their clergy and people*
- *George Kiriau, General Secretary; the Rev Patteson Worek, Mission Secretary; and the Rev John Sovan, Deputy Mission Secretary*
- *Sr Doreen Awaiasi, Head Sister, Christian Care Centre, Honiara*
- *Joses Tagase, Betarose Amkory and Janet Sine, Development Coordinators in Vanuatu Church Partnership Program*
- *Josiah Maesu, Program Manager, Inclusive Communities Program, Solomon Islands*

...the Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn and the Rt Rev Stuart Robinson

God, our Father in heaven, by your Son Jesus Christ, you have promised to those who look first for your rule and your holy will, all things they need for their bodies.

Send us, we pray you, such sun and rain for our gardens, that we may receive the food of the ground to strengthen us, and may glorify you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Taken from A Melanesian English Prayer Book)

Whole communities including many children benefit from the programs which ABM works on with its church partners in Melanesia. © ABM 2011.

ABM Committees and their Chairs

There are many people around the country who volunteer their time and energy to support the work of ABM. The ABM Committees and their Chairs coordinate promotion and support of our projects in different dioceses. We give thanks for the many who support ABM and pray that these people will continue their hard work and encourage others to offer their gifts.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for all of ABM's Committees in various dioceses, and we pray especially for:

- *The Chairs of the Committees: The Venerable Lionel Snell (Perth); the Rev Warwick Cuthbertson (Tasmania); Edwina Waddy (Sydney); Brett Collins (Melbourne); the Rev Ken Spreadborough (Brisbane); the Rt Rev David McCall (South Australia)*
- *All of the committee members and their supporters*

...the Diocese of Sydney and the Most Rev Dr Peter Jensen

God of encouragement, your Son Jesus encouraged the downtrodden, the marginalised, and those who were poor in spirit.

Bless all who seek to encourage, especially the members of the ABM Committees, their chairs, and all who give of their time, their energies and their talents.

Help them as they spread the word about the wonderful work of ABM's partners in serving you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Some of the 2011 Chairs of Committees. © ABM/Brad Chapman 2011.



Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:25-26

Day 9



Encourage one another and build up each other.

1 Thessalonians 5.11

Iglesia Filipina Independiente (IFI)

(Independent Philippines Church)

The IFI works in Cebu and Mindanao in the Philippines. ABM works with the church to contribute to its mission to alleviate poverty through the empowerment of marginalised members of society. The Visayas and Mindanao Regional Office for Development (VIMROD) is primarily focused on community organising and empowerment through the strengthening of community structures. Activities include meetings, training and workshops for the community and for leaders elected by the community. Training topics in workshops include skills training, gender sensitivity and good governance amongst others.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for the Iglesia Filipina Independiente, and we pray especially for:

- *The Obispo Maximo, the Most Rev Ephraim S. Fajutagana and all the bishops*
- *IFI General Secretary, the Rt Rev Joselito Cruz*
- *The Rev Herbert Fadriquela, Executive Director of VIMROD*
- *Development staff Clagel Nellas, Analie Tandog, Norbert Ejusa and the work of VIMROD in building strong communities*
- *The numerous 'Community Organisations for Development' that VIMROD have created*

...the Diocese of Bathurst and the Rt Rev Richard Hurford

God who builds up community, you call us to reach deep into our own communities. Help us to befriend the lonely, comfort the sick, encourage the young and visit the prisoner.

Bless the Iglesia Filipina Independiente as it reaches into its local communities, to witness to your love, hope and justice. Amen.

Personal Prayers

ABM's work in villages around the world empowers local people to build their own communities while strengthening their own faith. Pictured, people in the Philippines plan their town with the support of ABM and its partners. © ABM/Lina Magallanes 2009.

A man with a beard, wearing a red short-sleeved button-down shirt, is shown in profile from the chest up. He is pointing his right index finger towards a chalkboard. The chalkboard is filled with handwritten Hebrew words in white chalk. Some of the visible words include 'la', 'le', 'lin', 'lo', 'lu', 'ma', 'me', 'mi', 'mo', 'mu', 'no', 'ne', 'ni', 'no', 'nu', 'pa', 'pe', 'pi', 'po', 'pu', 'ra', 're', 'ri', 'ro', 'ru'. The background is a chalkboard with these words written on it. The lighting is warm, and the man's expression is focused.

Day **10**

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels,
nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38

A man with a beard, wearing a red shirt, is shown in profile, pointing with a piece of chalk at a chalkboard. The chalkboard has some faint, illegible writing on it. Overlaid on the top of the image is the text: "will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38".

A man with a beard, wearing a red short-sleeved button-down shirt, is shown from the chest up in profile, facing right. He is pointing his right index finger towards a chalkboard. The chalkboard is blue and has some faint, illegible white markings. The text 'Romans 8:38' is overlaid in white at the top center of the image. The lighting is warm, coming from the left, casting a soft glow on the man's face and shirt.

The Second Mark of Mission

The second of the Five Marks of Mission is to: “Build welcoming, transforming communities of faith.” ABM works with its partners to build communities that develop and provide for the spiritual, social and material needs of people.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for your faithful people in all times and places, and we pray especially for:

- *People engaged in the ministry of pastoral care*
- *All parish priests and deacons*
- *Parish councils and vestries*
- *Liturgists*
- *All church volunteers*
- *Church administrators*
- *Teachers and preachers*
- *Ministries of hospitality*
- *Those engaged in community outreach and social justice*

...the Diocese of Ballarat and the Rt Rev Garry Weatherill

God of grace and truth, you sent your son into the world as a supreme revelation of your love for us. Help all who are associated with ABM to witness daily in our lives to this remarkable love we have been shown in and by our Saviour, Jesus the Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Personal Prayers

A literacy teacher in Papua New Guinea assists in developing the social and material needs of people. © ABM/Melany Markham 2010.

People in Crisis and for Peace

At the end of 2010, some 43.7 million people worldwide were forcibly displaced due to conflict and persecution (UNHCR). ABM works to challenge injustice and oppression through peace building programs in a number of countries. In Korea we work towards reconciliation of the North and South and in Melanesia we work with the church to build inclusive communities and assist people in crisis. In Kenya we have assisted families and saved lives during the drought that affected much of East Africa, including Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for the church's work in responding to disasters and in brokering peace, and we especially pray for:

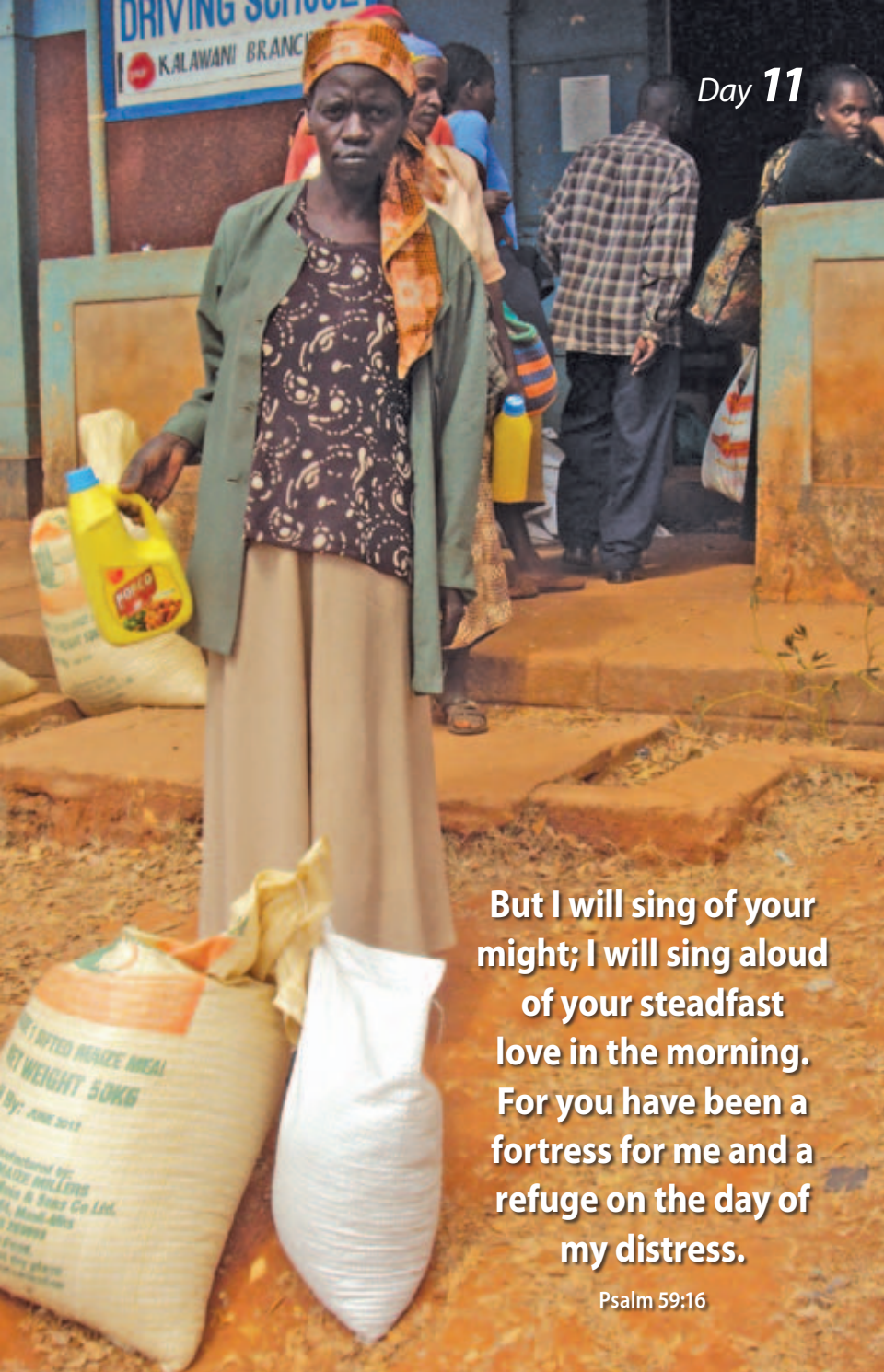
- *Better policies and planning that make drought less catastrophic for vulnerable people*
- *Peace in Somalia, the Holy Land and between North and South Korea*
- *Continued recovery after the natural disasters in New Zealand, Queensland and Japan*
- *The Inclusive Communities Program in the Solomon Islands*
- *Women and children, who suffer most during drought and other crises*
- *Strengthening of communities everywhere*

...the Diocese of Bendigo and the Rt Rev Andrew Curnow

Eternal God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the Comforter. Comfort and sustain, we pray, all people who suffer in times of natural or human-caused disasters. We pray especially for those who are most vulnerable in times of crisis: for children, women, migrants, people living in poverty, the disabled, the sick, the elderly. Fill our hearts with generosity, that we too may be of comfort to those in crisis. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Personal Prayers

ABM responds to emergencies and natural disasters. In 2011, working with our Anglican Church Partner Kenya, ABM was able to offer funds so that humanitarian aid could be provided to those in need. Ruth Syano, a widow with 12 children, was one of the first to receive vital food assistance for herself and her family. © UCCS 2011, used with permission.



**But I will sing of your
might; I will sing aloud
of your steadfast
love in the morning.
For you have been a
fortress for me and a
refuge on the day of
my distress.**

Missionaries

In 1891, ABM sent its first missionaries to the island of New Guinea and then to other parts of the globe. Today, we give thanks for ABM's missionaries of the past, for their dedication and gifts. ABM's current purpose is to provide ongoing support to local theological education, ministry and community development.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for your missionaries in every place and time, and we pray especially for:

- *The love and support of their families*
- *Those who selflessly give their lives in God's mission*
- *Mission Committees in our dioceses*
- *The Mission Secretary in our parish*

...the Diocese of Melbourne and the Most Rev Dr Philip Freier

God who is the light of the world, you call us into the great mystery that is your mission, in order that your will be done, your plan fulfilled.

Help us to remember that it is your mission, not ours, and that all will be well, and all manner of things will be well.

This we ask in the name of Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Sister Aileen Lawrence, St Margaret's Oro Bay in Papua New Guinea. © ABM 1971.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people, in order
that you may proclaim the mighty acts of
him who called you out of darkness into
his marvellous light.

1 Peter 2:9

Day **12**



Day 13

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

Ephesians 1:3-4



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministry

ABM works with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders around Australia. Working with communities in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and the Northern Territory, ABM believes that Indigenous Australians have a special place in this country and there is a need for trained Indigenous Christian leaders to minister to their communities.

Loving God we give you thanks for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council, and we pray especially for:

- *The ongoing work of reconciliation and justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people*
- *All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people*
- *ABM's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander program*
- *The Rev Gloria Shipp, working for God's kingdom in the Diocese of Bathurst and to bring greater understanding between all people*
- *Reconciliation Australia, and all organisations striving to develop and live up to Reconciliation Action Plans*

...the Diocese of North Queensland and the Rt Rev William Ray

Holy Father, God of Love, we give thanks for the original custodians of the ancient land on which we tread.

May your spirit continue to find ways for all your children to live together, pray together and build your Kingdom on earth.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Personal Prayers

The Rev Gloria Shipp was ABM's 2011 Lent visitor. The Rev Gloria Shipp is the coordinator of a ministry team called 'Walkabout Ministries' in the Diocese of Bathurst. She runs men's and women's camps for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people, giving them opportunities to share their life experiences. © ABM/Vivienne For 2010.

The Anglican Communion

There are more than 80 million members of the Anglican Communion. The work of Communion aims to enable unity in the diversity of the churches. Mission and aid organisations of the Communion work to foster such unity and provide support in times of need.

Loving Father, we give thanks for the Anglican Communion, and we pray especially for:

- *the Primates' meetings*
 - *all the Anglican Churches and agencies working in the global Anglican Alliance*
 - *the Anglican Consultative Council*
 - *the work of the Anglican networks*
 - *ecumenical dialogue and cooperative endeavours of the Anglican Communion*
 - *the more than 2000 members of Anglican religious orders worldwide*
- ...the Church of England and the Archbishop of Canterbury**


God of all nations, you quell our tumult and are the peace in our storms. Help us to know that you are with us all in our daily concerns, and lead us to a place that is beyond those concerns.

Bless the Anglican Communion in both its unity and diversity. Bless its many dioceses, parishes, religious orders and organisations. Bless especially the Archbishop of Canterbury in his leadership of our Communion.

This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Personal Prayers

There are a number of religious orders with which ABM works. The Melanesian Brotherhood is the largest and longest established order. The Brotherhood aims to live the Gospel in a direct and simple way following Christ's example of prayer, mission and service. © ABM/Vivienne For 2010.

A photograph of two young men sitting on wooden benches outdoors, wearing blue short-sleeved shirts and blue trousers with a pink waistband. They are both holding and reading small books. The man in the foreground is looking down at his book, while the man behind him is looking to the side. The background shows a blue metal frame and some greenery.

If we walk in the light as he
himself is in the light, we have
fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his
Son cleanses us from all sin.

Day **15**

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with
good things, and sent the rich away empty.

Luke 1:52-53



Amity Foundation (China)

ABM's work in China enables women in rural areas to learn about their health and be empowered through this education. Connecting with over 8,500 people, the project, in partnership with the Amity Foundation, offers women both physical check-ups and education workshops. The rural communities are benefiting from the access to health resources.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for all the workers at the Amity Foundation, and we especially pray for:

- *He Wen, Director of Amity's Project Management Centre*
- *Helen Zhao, Amity's Health Director*
- *She Hongyu, Director of Amity's Development Centre*
- *The continuing empowerment of the women in remote rural China who are being supported by this project*
- *The township of Zhang Feng in China's south west*

...the Diocese of the Northern Territory and the Rt Rev Gregory Thompson

God of all wholeness, your son healed the sick and gave strength to the weak and lowly. Bless the work of the Amity Foundation as it works with government, reaching out to the most vulnerable groups.

May its workers pass on your gift of healing and health, that people may live in fullness of life. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Personal Prayers

The Amity project provides basic training to the village health workers and volunteers on gynaecological illness prevention and treatment and other health care knowledge. Here, female villagers learn from the health workers. These women hope to also be able to learn to read and write for themselves in the future. © Amity Foundation, 2011, used with permission.

ABM Auxiliary

The ABM Auxiliary prays for, promotes and supports the work of ABM. Since 1910 the Auxiliary has encouraged the work of ABM and since 1965 the group has selected a particular project as the focus of prayer and fundraising for the year. In turn, the Auxiliary has raised thousands of dollars for projects like evangelism in PNG and education in Korea.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for all the members of the ABM Auxiliary, and we especially pray for:

- *The National President, Lyn Hall*
- *The National Secretary, Maureen Graham*
- *The National Auxiliary Council*
- *The Regional Auxiliary Presidents*
- *The Regional Auxiliary Committees in Provinces, Dioceses and Parishes*
- *The 2012 project of women's empowerment in the Diocese of Eastern Zambia*

...the Australian Defence Force Chaplaincy and the Rt Rev Len Eacott

God of eternal hope and perseverance, bless the work of the ABM Auxiliary as they work tirelessly to bring your love, hope and justice to our sisters and brothers in churches and communities around the world.

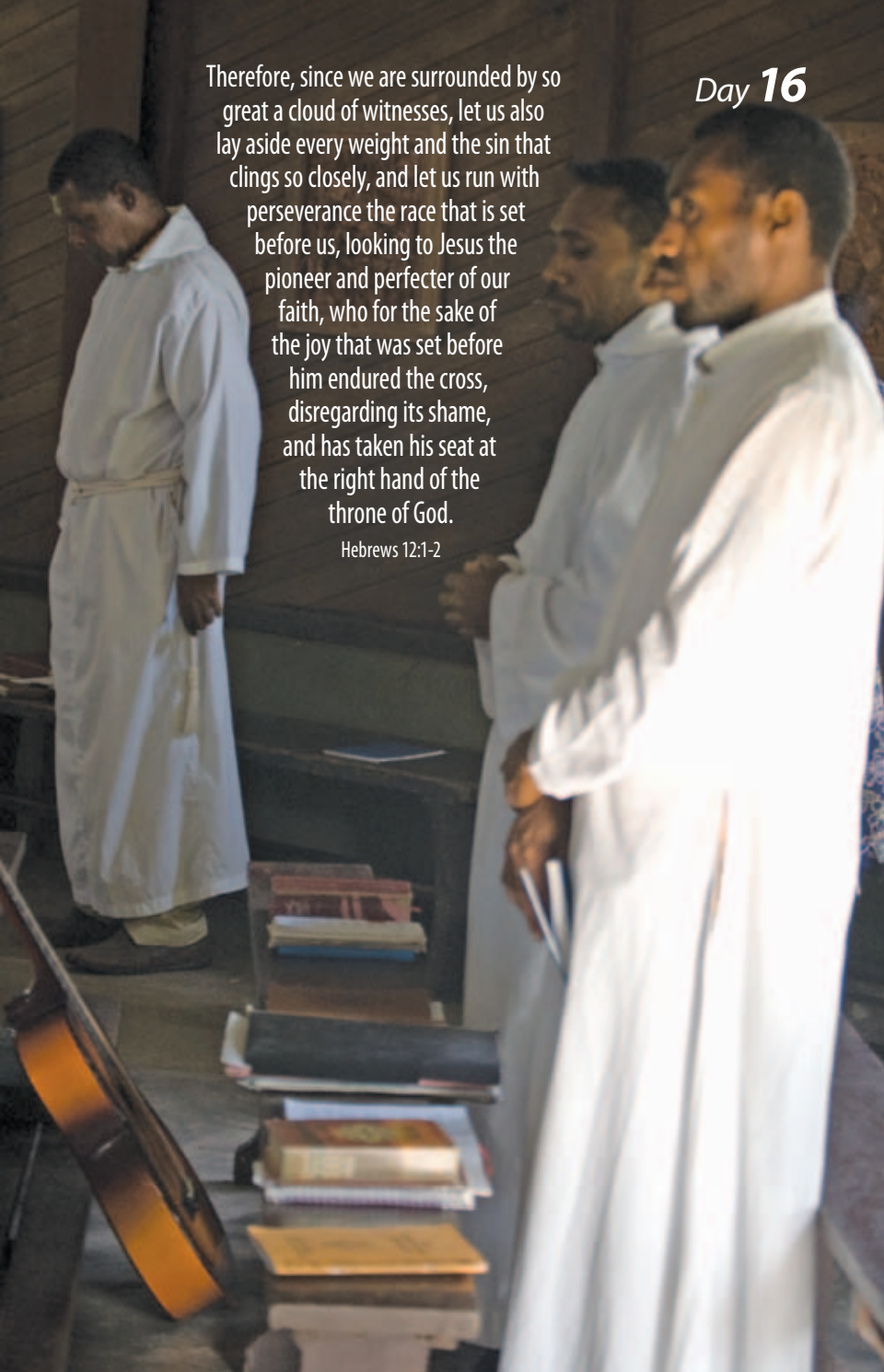
Bless all who have benefited from their past projects and bless their current project with the Zambia Anglican Council. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

Personal Prayers

In 2011, students at Newton College, PNG, benefited from library books and resources bought from the money the ABM Auxiliary raised. Auxiliary National President, Lyn Hall, said, "The National Auxiliary felt it was extremely important that future ministers receive the best theological education possible in such a remote location. This means providing them with the latest books and the best possible research material to be able to complete their training and be fully equipped for their ministry." © ABM/Melany Markham 2010.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

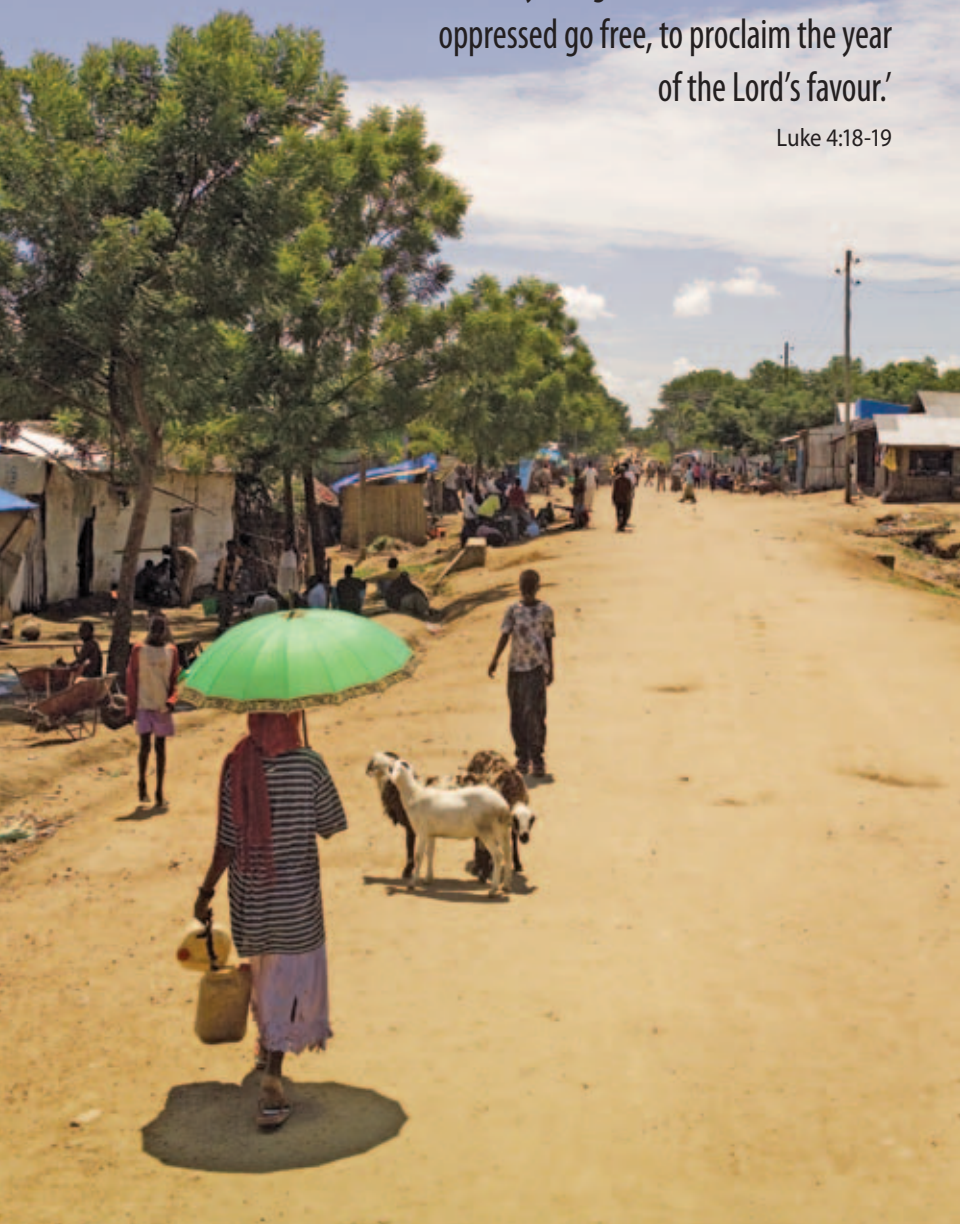
Hebrews 12:1-2



Day **17**

Jesus said, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

Luke 4:18-19



The Third Mark of Mission

More than one billion people in the world live on less than one dollar a day (UN). ABM chooses to “stand in solidarity with the poor and needy”. This is the third of five Marks of Mission which also contributes to the achievement of some of the eight Millenium Development Goals. We are working with other organisations around the world to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, reduce child mortality, combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases and improve maternal health.

Loving God, we give you thanks for all those who stand in solidarity with the poor and needy, and we especially pray for:

- *The 14% of the world population that survives on less than a dollar each day*
- *The people who have more than a dollar a day to live on but who's standard of living is still inadequate*
- *For governments around the world to work together to help solve problems of poverty*
- *For leaders to have the courage to stand up for what is right and seek the best possible outcomes for their communities*
- *The poor people within our own communities who struggle to make ends meet*

...the Diocese of Willochra and the Venerable Michael Hillier, Administrator

Lord God, you sent your Son to proclaim liberty to captives, sight to the blind and to let the oppressed go free. Bless the work of ABM and its partners in working to attain the Millennium Development Goals.

May we be guided by your Holy Spirit to lobby governments at all levels to redouble their efforts to ensure these goals are met. This we ask in the name of Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Zambia Anglican Council

ABM works with the Zambia Anglican Council (ZAC) which is the development and social services arm of the Anglican Church in Zambia. Together, we continue to develop local projects which empower communities in rural areas by supporting health initiatives, women and young people.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for the work of the Zambia Anglican Council, reaching out to communities across Zambia, and we pray especially for:

- *The Church of the Province of Central Africa, which includes Zambia*
- *For all the Zambian bishops, clergy and laity who share in God's mission*
- *Grace Phiri Mazala, National Programs Director of ZAC*
- *Wilson Sumaili, General Secretary of ZAC*
- *ZAC staff in the five dioceses of the Anglican Church in Zambia*
- *Communities of all denominations who work with ZAC*
- *The women of Eastern Zambia participating in the Women's Empowerment Program*

...the Diocese of Gippsland and the Rt Rev John McIntyre

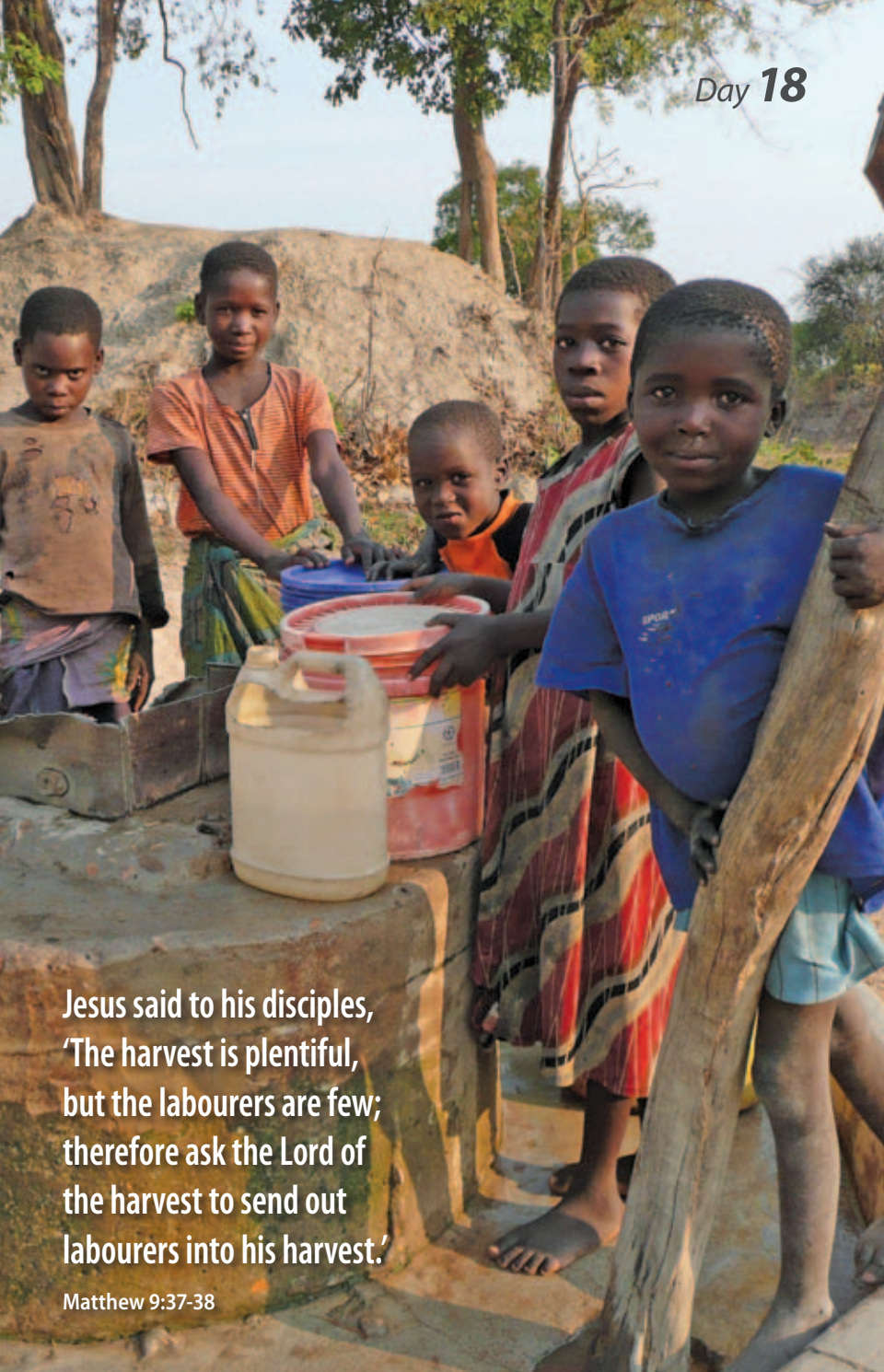
God of steadfast love, you call us to be labourers for your harvest and you give us strength for our labours.

Be with the Zambia Anglican Council as they mobilise your church to work to improve the lives of sick, poor and marginalized people in the rural and city areas of Zambia.

Open our hearts to give generously to support this work. This we ask in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Personal Prayers

In partnership with ZAC, ABM works to build healthy and self-sustaining communities in the most disadvantaged regions throughout Zambia. Children gather around the community's central food and water supply. © ABM/Julianne Stewart 2009.



Jesus said to his disciples,
'The harvest is plentiful,
but the labourers are few;
therefore ask the Lord of
the harvest to send out
labourers into his harvest.'

Matthew 9:37-38

Day **19**



How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'

Isaiah 52:7

Evangelism

ABM supports partner churches to proclaim the Gospel and evangelise in their local communities. As our partners share the good news through the church, ABM bears witness to this good news through its programs in theological education, support of clergy and the provision of liturgical resources.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for evangelists of every age, and we pray especially for:

- *Institutions which train evangelists all over the world*
- *The evangelism of liturgical witness*
- *The evangelism of pastoral care*
- *The evangelism of missionaries and preachers*

...the Diocese of Tasmania and the Rt Rev John Harrower

God of mission, you call us to bring good news to the poor. May we, who are poor in spirit, receive this news joyfully and be inspired to live it to the full.

Let our light shine out to others, that all may know your love and receive your invitation to the wedding feast.

Bless the work of all preachers, evangelists and teachers, in Australia and in the countries of all ABM's partners.

Keep us faithful and vigilant until we come at last into your everlasting kingdom. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Personal Prayers

At Kerina College in Papua New Guinea, students are trained as evangelists and after graduation will work as lay ministers at their local chapels, villages and parishes. © ABM/Melany Markham 2010.

Day 20

I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; so I shall be saved from my enemies.

Psalms 18:1-3



Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP)

In 2006, over 40 million Filipinos were living on less than US\$2 a day. The economy took a further hit in late 2009, along with the worst typhoon season in 40 years (AusAID). ABM works with the Episcopal Church in the Philippines in Luzon and Mindinao to support its Community Based Development Program.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for the work of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, and we pray especially for:

- *The Prime Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, the Most Rev Edward Malacdan*
- *The bishops, clergy and people of the ECP, including the Rt Rev Dixie Taclobao, the Rt Rev Alexander Wadang, the Rt Rev Joel Pachao, the Rt Rev Renato Abibico, the Rt Rev Danilo Bustamente and the Rt Rev Brent Alawas*
- *National Christian Education Officer of the ECP, the Rev David Tabo-oy; and the National Development Officer and Provincial Secretary, Attorney Floyd Lalwet*
- *ABM-ECP Development Liaison Officer, Laura Ocampo; the CBDP Program Officer, Dominga Anosan; the Research and Documentation Officer, Farida Pasiwen; and the Provincial Treasurer, Bridget Ladao*

...all of ABM's Partners

O God, we know that in you alone our souls find rest, from you alone comes our help. You alone are our rock, our stronghold, our fortress in which we stand firm.

Pour your blessings on the Episcopal Church in the Philippines as it faithfully works to bring good news to the poor, to body and soul, as witnesses to your kingdom.

This we ask in Jesus' name, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

[based on Psalm 62:2-3]

A farmer can increase his or her income by 10–15% when produce is sold dry and stored properly. Drying rice on the highway is costly so ABM is working with partners and families to bring hope to rural communities. © ABM/Melany Markham 2010.

Day **21**

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8



Giving – Time, Talents and Treasure

The gifts of time, talents and treasure are what allow ABM to continue to work with partners around the Communion. Anglicans, staff and our partners constantly give to help others. Whether it be giving money to fund a project or the gift of one's time and talents, this act of giving contributes to the communities within which we work.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for all who give to ABM of their time, their talents and their treasure, and we pray especially for:

- *ABM's supporters who give so generously*
- *ABM's advocates who give of their time and talents*
- *ABM's unsung heroes who refuse acknowledgement*
- *ABM's bequestors who wish to be remembered after life*

...the Diocese of Newcastle and the Rt Rev Dr Brian Farran

Creating God, you endow all people with unique gifts. Help us to find these gifts in ourselves and others.

Inspire us daily to give of our time, our talents and our treasure, so that, in giving to others, and in seeing their gifts to us, we know we are also giving to and receiving from you.

This we ask in the name of Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Day 22



After three days,

Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. Luke 2:46-47

Theological Education

Theological education offers students an opportunity to reach their full potential in their ministry and mission to others. ABM, through its Church to Church program, funds theological colleges in Zambia, the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea. We support partners in these countries as well as the Philippines and Myanmar (Burma) to strengthen the ministries of clergy and laity.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for the work of the teachers of theology, and we pray especially for:

- *Lay and clergy ministry training in all the dioceses of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines*
- *The work of Newton College in Papua New Guinea; Bishop Patteson College in the Solomon Islands; St John's Seminary in Zambia and their principals*
- *For the building of a new University by the Anglican Church of Melanesia, incorporating the theological college*
- *Nungalinya College, Darwin and Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns*
- *For Trinity College, Melbourne; St Mark's Centre, Canberra; St Francis College, Brisbane; Ridley Melbourne; Moore College, Sydney; and John Wollaston College, Perth*

...for the Diocese of Armidale and the Rt Rev Peter Brain

God, you sent your son Jesus to be a teacher to the ordinary people of Palestine, and from among these people you founded your church. Grant that all who engage in theological education will be inspired by Holy Scripture, guided by Church tradition, and attuned to your gift of human reason, that they may serve to build up a Church filled with the Holy Spirit and obedient to your will. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Day 23

Bless the Lord, you priests of the Lord; sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever. Bless the Lord, you servants of the Lord; sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

From the Benedicite



Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia uniquely comprises three Tikanga (cultural strands): Maori, Pakeha and Pasefika. There are some Anglican churches and religious orders in the islands of Polynesia, including in Fiji, Tonga and Samoa. It is a vibrant church in the South Pacific and one of Australia's closest neighbours.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, and we pray especially for:

- *The three Archbishops, the Most Rev William Brown Turei, the Most Rev David Moxon, and the Most Rev Winston Halapua*
 - *The people of Christchurch, and the bishop, the Rt Rev Victoria Matthews*
 - *The Community of the Sacred Name who lost their home in the earthquake*
 - *General Secretary, the Rev Michael Hughes*
 - *The Anglican Missions Board, New Zealand and the Rev Canon Robert Kereopa, Executive Officer*
 - *CMS New Zealand and Steve Maina, National Director*
 - *The Three Tikanga Social Justice Commissioner, the Rev Dr Anthony Dancer*
- ...and the National Council of Churches**

O give thanks to our God who is good: whose love endures for ever.
You sun and moon, you stars of the southern sky: give to our God your thanks and praise.

Sunrise and sunset, night and day: give to our God your thanks and praise.
All mountains and valleys, grassland and scree, glacier, avalanche, mist and snow: give to our God your thanks and praise... Amen.

[from Benedicite Aotearoa, p. 457, A New Zealand Prayer Book He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa]

Personal Prayers

Ordination procession in the Diocese of Wellington. © Anglican Missions Board, 2011.
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Day **24**

All the paths of the Lord
are steadfast love and
faithfulness, for those
who keep his covenant
and his decrees.

Psalms 25:10



Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Only 50% of Myanmar's adolescent population goes on to secondary education (UNICEF). Projects in Myanmar include water and sanitation, English language tuition, youth skills training programs and Diocesan partnerships. Work also continues with the Church of the Province of Myanmar to work with the many people in need following Cyclone Nargis.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma), and we pray especially for:

- *The Most Rev Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon*
- *The Rt Rev Dr John Wilme, the Rt Rev Saw Stylo, the Rt Rev David Than Lwin, the Rt Rev James Min Dein and the Rt Rev Saw Noel Nay Lin, bishops of the Church*
- *All the priests, deacons and congregations of the church throughout Myanmar (Burma)*
- *The staff of the provincial development desk in Yangon, especially Peter San Lin and Joy Hla Gaw*
- *Communities whom the church assists*
- *The work of the church on the Thai-Burma border*

...the Diocese of Riverina and the Rt Rev Dr Douglas Stevens

God of all faithfulness, when Jesus ascended into heaven, you sent your Holy Spirit to be among us and comfort us at all times.

Be with your Church in the Province of Myanmar as they witness to your saving love in thought, word and deed.

Bless their bishops, priests, deacons and congregations in all the challenges of their calling. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Personal Prayers

A close-up portrait of a smiling African woman wearing a white nun's habit. She has a large, light-colored wooden cross necklace. The background is slightly blurred, showing a window with green frames and some items on a desk.

Day **25**

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 54:14

The Fourth Mark of Mission

In many of ABM's projects, we work to "challenge injustice and oppression". This is the fourth mark of mission and is central to projects such as literacy and education programs as well as working with women. Around the world, 584 million women are illiterate (UN). Goal 3 of the Millennium Development Goals is to promote gender equality and empower women. ABM works to promote education and encourages the growth of equitable communities.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for all who work towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, and we pray especially for:

- *An end to extreme poverty and hunger*
- *Children everywhere to enjoy a complete primary school education*
- *Equality and empowerment of women*
- *A reduction in the mortality rate of children under five*
- *Maternal health to improve*
- *An end to HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases*
- *Sustainability of the earth's environment*
- *An international climate that prioritises the needs of the least developed countries and the poorest people*

...the Diocese of Brisbane and the Most Rev Dr Philip Aspinall

God of all people, we know that in Christ there is no male or female, free person or slave. All people are equal in your sight.

Strengthen those who are fighting against discrimination, injustice and oppression based on gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, religion or any other grounds.

Empower those who suffer from such oppression to grow into the fullness of their human potential, as created by you.

This we ask in the name of Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sister Doreen is the Head Sister and Centre Coordinator at the Christian Care Centre in the Solomon Islands. She works at the only women's refuge in the country to protect women fleeing from domestic violence. © ABM 2005.

Day **26**

Woe betide me
if I do not proclaim the gospel!

1 Corinthians 9:16b



ABM Volunteers

The work of ABM is not possible without the dedicated support of many volunteers. We give thanks for the support of all our Diocesan Representatives and secretaries around the country. Without the generosity of our travelling speakers and associates the good news of ABM and our church partners would not be possible.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for all ABM's volunteers, and we pray especially for:

- *Volunteer speakers, who sacrifice their time for the love of ABM*
 - *Office support volunteers who selflessly give so much to ABM*
 - *ABM associates – Friends of ABM and their representative on the ABM Board*
 - *Diocesan contacts and representatives who champion the work of ABM in their dioceses*
 - *Parish representatives and supporters without whom ABM could not survive*
- ...the Diocese of Bunbury and the Rt Rev Allan Ewing**

O God, your son sent his disciples to preach the good news far and wide. Bless and inspire the ABM Associates, volunteers, speakers, diocesan representatives, mission secretaries and all who support ABM.

Help them to spread the good news about ABM's mission work with partners, as they reach out to meet spiritual and material needs. Encourage all ABM's supporters as they tell the stories of your love, hope and justice in the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our savior and our guide. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Volunteers assist ABM with a variety of tasks. Pictured are volunteers helping at ABM's office.
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Ukamba Christian Community Services, Anglican Church of Kenya

In Wanzauni, the average distance to water is five kilometres, taking around three hours to travel there and back. ABM is working with the Dioceses of Machakos and Kitui, and local farmers to overcome the hardships this harsh environment presents. Work continues to build subsurface dams which will assist over 9,000 people by supplying clean water and offering irrigation, growing the food supply. The Wanzauni Livelihood Improvement Project is empowering locals in Kenya.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for the work of Ukamba Christian Community Services (UCCS), and we pray especially for:

- *The Most Rev Dr Eliud Wabukala, Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Kenya*
- *The Bishops where UCCS work – the Rt Rev Joseph Kanuku, the Rt Rev Josephat Mule and the people of the mission district of Garissa*
- *The communities of the Ukambani served by UCCS*
- *Esther Musili, Executive Director; John Mutua, Deputy Director; Urbanus Mutua, Program Officer at UCCS*

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

God of grace, your scriptures teach us hospitality, generosity and hope. Bless the Ukamba Christian Community Services as they reach out into communities in Eastern Kenya with messages of hope, abundance and stewardship.

Continue to help them work with communities to conserve precious water, to care for the earth, to increase its abundance and give security to future generations. Help us to be generous in supporting this work.

We ask this in Jesus' name, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Local women make the most of the new access they have to drinking water.

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Cast all your
anxiety on him
because he cares
for you.

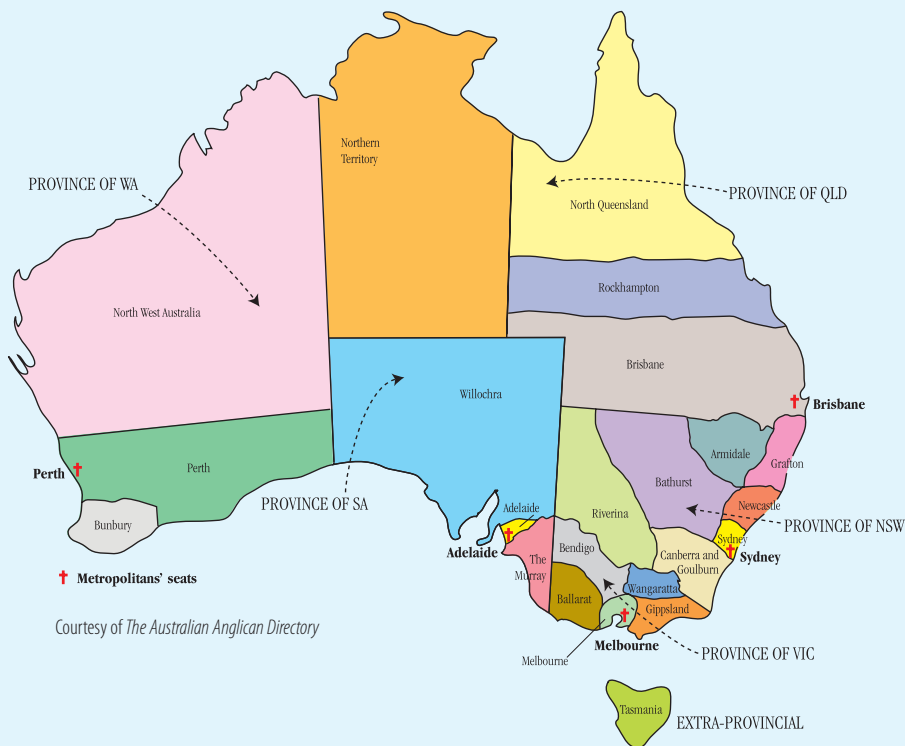
1 Peter 5:7



Day 28

Jesus said, 'Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

– Mark 10:43b-45



God of mission, you call us to be labourers in your kingdom.

Bless the work of the Anglican Alliance as it inspires and strengthens your church around the world to reach out to the poor and needy, advocate for justice and respond to disasters.

Bless also the work of the Evangelism and Church Growth Initiative as it promotes evangelism and church growth throughout the Anglican Communion.

Help us all to remember that it is better to serve than to be served, to seek to understand than to be understood. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Mission Organisations

There are many mission agencies of the Anglican Church offering unconditional support to those in need. The Anglican Alliance for development, relief and advocacy is the international initiative that brings together work across the communion. We give thanks for this Alliance and also for the work of the Evangelism and Church Growth Initiative for sharing of news, stories, experiences and strategies of various evangelism and church growth initiatives.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for the Evangelism and Church Growth Initiative of the Anglican Communion and we pray for:

- *Other national Anglican mission agencies: Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), USA; The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), Canada; Anglicans in World Mission (USPG), UK*
- *Other mission agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia: Anglican Aid; Anglican Aid Abroad; Anglicare; Anglicord; The Brotherhood of St Lawrence; 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*
- *The work of Mothers' Union (MU) Australia; CEBS (The Anglican Boys' Society) Australia; GFS (Girls' Friendly Society) Australia; the Anglican Men's Society and Anglican Women Australia*
- *Other Australian agencies: Act for Peace; Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA); Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS); Baptist World Aid Australia; Caritas Australia; The Exodus Foundation; Islamic Relief Australia; Jewish Aid Australia; Mary MacKillop International Mission; Melbourne Overseas Missions Fund; Mission World Aid; Quaker Service Australia; The Salvation Army; Uniting World*

...the collaboration of Anglican agencies and other organisations

Personal Prayers

Anglican Church of Korea (ACK)

In 2010, 50,000 coal briquettes were supplied to people in North Korea. This was made possible thanks to the Towards Peace in Korea (TOPIK) project where ABM partners with the Anglican Church of Korea to alleviate famine and promote peace.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for the tireless work of the Anglican Church of Korea in pursuit of peace, and we pray especially for:

- *The Most Rev Paul Kim, Archbishop of Korea and Bishop of Busan*
- *The bishops of the Anglican Church of Korea, including the Rt Rev Michael Hi Yeon Kwon, the Rt Rev Paul Keun-Sang Kim*
- *General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Korea, the Rev Abraham Gwang Joon Kim*
- *The Rev Joachim Kim, Main Coordinator of the TOPIK program*
- *The Peace Conference being organised by the Anglican Churches of Korea and Japan (postponed from October 2011 due to the Japanese earthquake and nuclear disaster)*

...the Diocese of Wangaratta and the Rt Rev John Parkes

God of peace, your son proclaimed the blessedness of peacemakers.

Bless the work of the Anglican Church of Korea as it reaches out to the people in the North, showing them your love, bringing them your hope.

Bless the TOPIK program as it builds small bridges of peace in a troubled world. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Towards Peace in Korea assisted to deliver a second shipment of supplies to North Korea.

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He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

Isaiah 2:4



Day **30**

**And they will say, *'This land that was desolate
has become like the garden of Eden'.***

Ezekiel 36:35a



The Fifth Mark of Mission

Through the programs of ABM we try to “protect, care for and renew life on our planet.” To fulfill our duty of this fifth Mark of Mission, projects such as the climate change project in the Solomon Islands ensure environmental sustainability. This new program will benefit 26,000 people around the islands by preserving coastlines and promoting health and sanitation strategies to ensure ongoing water supply and minimise resettlement of people.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for planet Earth and the wonders of your creation, and we pray for:

- *Renewed commitment of Christians everywhere to protect, care for and renew life on our planet*
- *The work of the Anglican Environment Network*
- *ABM's Climate Change Program*
- *Communities in Eastern Kenya working to rehabilitate their dry environment with tree-planting*
- *Communities in the Philippines engaging in reforestation and organic farming activities*
- *Projects which provide alternatives to charcoal burning and tree-cutting for poor communities*
- *Legislators and policy makers with power to make important decisions about the environment*
- *Those working to improve the health of the Murray River in Australia*

...and we pray for God's Mission in our community

God of earth, sea and sky, you gave human beings stewardship over the earth's resources. Help us to ensure that these resources are used wisely, for the good of all, and for the ongoing health of our planet.

Help us to remember our interconnectedness across our living planet, that we may live simply, eschew greed, and leave small footprints.

This we ask in the name of Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ABM works with communities to preserve their environments and help them reverse environmental degradation by tree planting, hill contouring and finding viable alternatives to burning forests for fuel. © ABM/Julianne Stewart 2009.

Day **31**

What does the Lord require of you but to do
justice, and to love kindness, and to walk
humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8



The Anglican Board of Mission

The Anglican Board of Mission works to see people everywhere experience the wholeness of life God offers in Jesus Christ. As the national mission agency of the Anglican Church of Australia, ABM works with Anglican Church Partners around the world to develop and provide for the spiritual, social and material needs of people. Please pray for the staff and board members of ABM.

Loving Father, we give you thanks for the work of the Anglican Board of Mission and its partners, and we especially pray for:

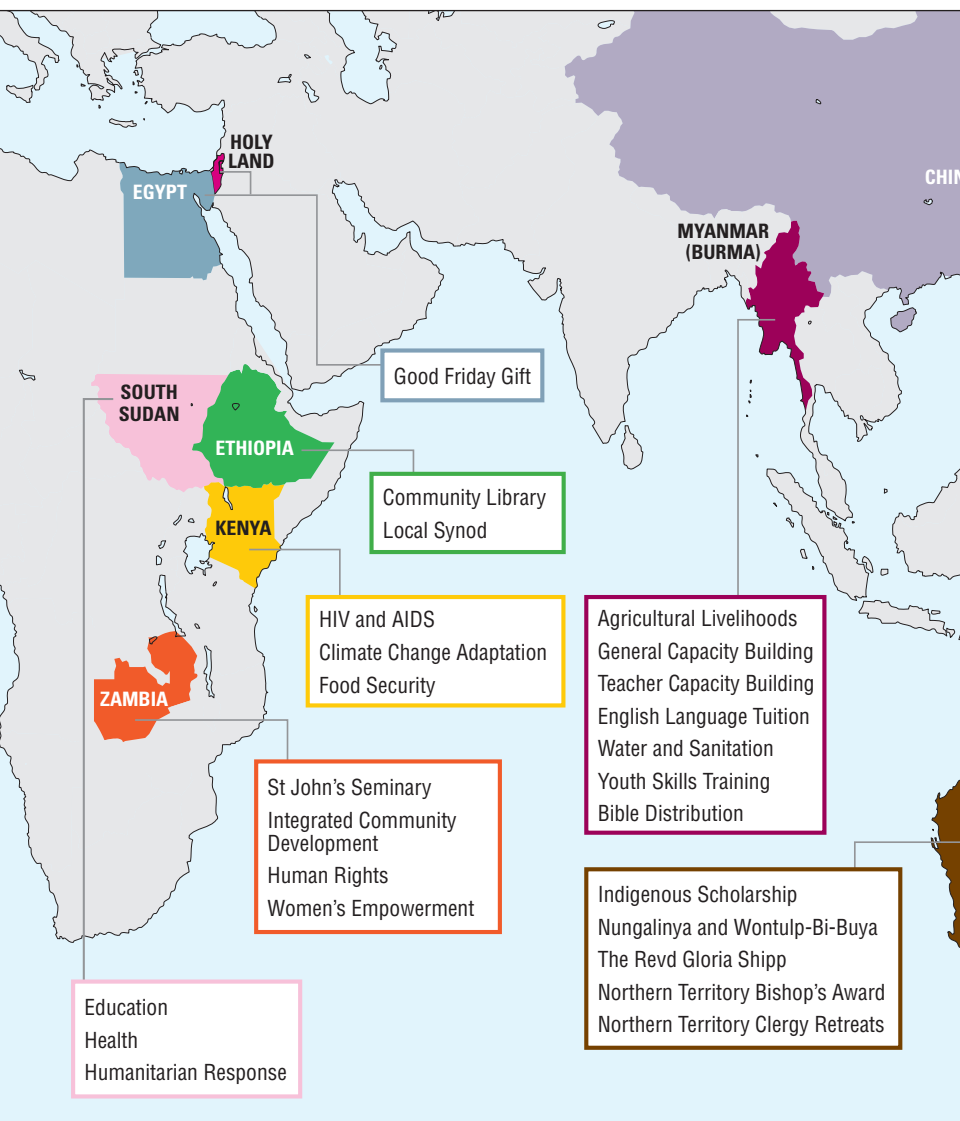
- *ABM's Executive Director, the Rev John Deane*
 - *The ABM Board: Claire Barrett-Lennard, the Rev Paul Black, the Honourable Patricia Forsyth, Joy Freier, the Rt Rev Dr Christopher Jones, Stephen Matthew, Philip Miller, the Honourable Justice Richard Refshauge (Chair), Christopher Roper, the Rt Rev Garry Weatherill, the Rev Canon Janne Whitehead*
 - *The governance committees, including the Church to Church, Development and Finance Committees*
 - *The ABM staff: Michael Begaud, Christopher Brooks, Brad Chapman, Annabel Dulhunty, Lorraine Forster, Vivienne For, Sabene Gomes, Elizabeth Baker, Robert McLean, Lina Magallanes, Ruth Moline, Merlina Nixon, Chris Peters, Edwin Porter, Isabel Robinson, Michael Robinson, Karin Schrooder, Beth Snedden, Dr Julianne Stewart, Ivy Wang and Denise Wilson*
- ...the Anglican Church of Australia and the Most Rev Dr Philip Aspinall, President of the ABM Board***

O God of all, bless the Anglican Board of Mission as it serves the Church in Australia and 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.

Personal Prayers

Dr Julianne Stewart, ABM's Programs Director, is pictured presenting a goat to a child and her carer under the Orphan and Vulnerable Children (OVC) program in the Diocese of Machakos. ABM staff travel to visit partners around the world to strengthen relationships. © ABM 2009.

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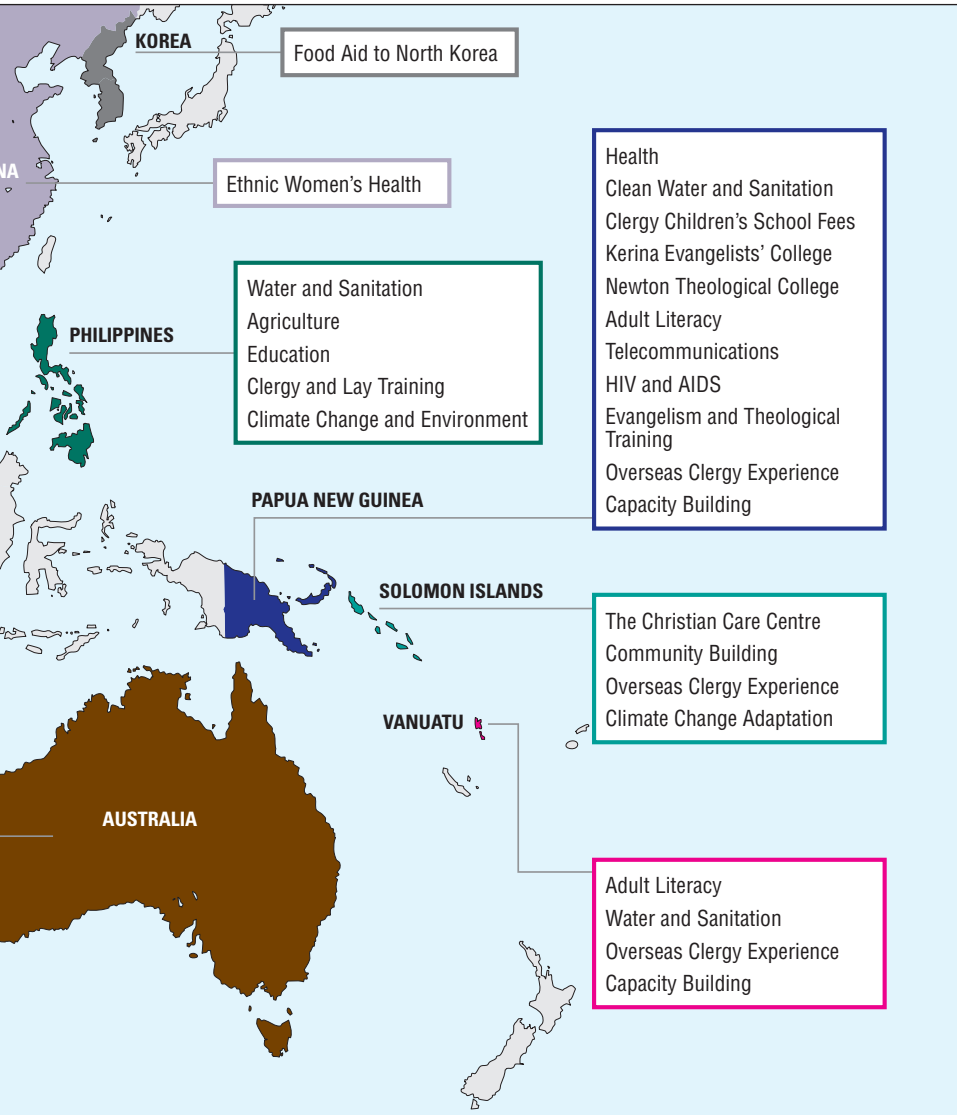


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