

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

5
Protect, care for and renew life on our planet

Front cover: Sister Doreen from the Chrisitan Care Centre walks along the beach.

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Back cover: Prayer in Papua New Guinea. © ABM/Don Brice 2003.

Welcome to ABM's 2013 Prayer Diary

True prayer is an integrative act of body, mind and spirit. Therefore, it is indeed an action which can touch the heart of God and through God it can reach everywhere. In fact, we can participate in God's mission locally and globally through our prayers.



The Prayer Diary is like a map which can help us to reach all places or areas where ABM has been doing God's mission. Moreover, through our daily prayers, which are our integrative actions, we can join hands with ABM and its partners to be able to accomplish God's will in those areas.

We thank God for giving us this Prayer Diary to participate in God's mission together with ABM and Partners through our daily prayers. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be always with you all.

Yours in Christ,

The Most Rev Stephen Than Myint Oo

Archbishop of the Church of the Province of Myanmar

Five Marks of Mission

ABM grounds its work in the Five Marks of Mission. The Church sees the Five Marks as signposts that challenge our actions to be transforming and empowering. The Marks of Mission ask us to Witness to Christ's saving, forgiving and reconciling love for all people; Build welcoming, transforming communities of faith; Stand in solidarity with the poor and needy; Challenge injustice and oppression and Protect, care for and renew life on our planet.

Loving God, we give you thanks for your guiding mission for us and we also pray for:

- *the faith to witness your saving, forgiving and reconciling love for all people*
- *the strength to build welcoming, transforming communities of faith*
- *the confidence to stand with the poor and needy*
- *the courage to challenge violence, injustice and oppression, and work for peace and reconciliation*
- *the wisdom to protect, care for and renew life on our planet*
- ***the Anglican Church of Australia, the General Synod and Martin Drevikovsky, the General Secretary***

God of Mission, we give you thanks that your Spirit has enlightened the Church to discern the Five Marks of Mission, and is helping initiatives to grow because of them. Draw your Church together to follow Jesus Christ, your Son, in order to serve the world alongside him. May the Church show love and concern to every person, and every community, in your name. Amen.

Personal Prayers

The stunning scenery of Papua New Guinea reminds us to protect, care for and renew life on our planet as we also support the people in such environments. © ABM/Brad Chapman 2011.



Day **1**

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds all people,
from this time on and forevermore.

Psalms 125.2

A young boy with dark skin and short hair is the central figure. He is wearing a short-sleeved polo shirt with horizontal stripes in red, black, and white. The shirt has some text on it, including "EVER", "SCIENCE", "58", and "NIAGARA". He is holding two bright yellow plastic jerrycans, one in each hand, in front of him. He is standing in front of a fence made of vertical bamboo or wooden poles. The ground is muddy and there is some green grass and a blue plastic bag in the background. The sky is overcast.

Day 2

God split rocks open in
the wilderness, and gave
them drink abundantly
as from the deep.

Psalms 78:15

Episcopal Church of Sudan

The Church faces an important challenge in Sudan as a result of the countries' history of civil war and years of unrest. The Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS), which still spans Sudan and South Sudan, embraces millions of followers across the two countries and envisages that the church will play a significant role in contributing to the new direction.

Loving God, 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*
- *reconciliation and peace for all people in Sudan affected by ongoing conflict*
- *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***

Lord Jesus Christ, you make all things new. Direct and guide the Episcopal Church of Sudan as it now finds itself working across two countries – Sudan and the newly-formed Republic of South Sudan. May the Church be one, just as you and the Lord are one, and may it prosper as it looks to the future with confidence and with faith. Amen.

Personal Prayers

ABM supports projects in South Sudan to improve health and education. Here, a young girl collects water nearby the clinic. © ABM/Julianne Stewart 2012.

Day **3**

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

Psalm 25.5



Anglican Schools

The future of the Anglican Church is always in the hands of the next generation so the importance of Anglican schools and their youth can never be overestimated. Our schools play a significant role in shaping the future of the Church.

Loving God, 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*
- *St Pauls School, Balbalasang, Northern Luzon in the Philippines*
- *Juba Diocesan Model Secondary School in South Sudan*
- *Western Australian schools' Reachout Manila Pilgrimage*
- *Anglican Schools Commissions around Australia*
- *ABM's Development Education Program and its work with Australian schools*
- *Australian Anglican schools and their chaplains*
- ***the Diocese of North West Australia and the Rt Rev Gary Nelson***

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the work done in Anglican schools here in Australia and overseas. Bless the principals, teachers and chaplains who strive to nurture their students in body, mind and spirit. May the students thrive under their care and come to know your love. This we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Students at Juba Diocesan Model Anglican Secondary School in South Sudan.
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Sharing in Learning – Pilgrimage and Encounter

The shared learning that results from the interaction between partner churches means that parishes and individuals enhance their Christian commitment and produce powerful outcomes. The acceptance and welcoming of clergy and lay people from other nations provides the opportunity for personal growth for all involved. Through pilgrimage and encounter, the Anglican community grows in the understanding of God's love and purpose.

Loving God, 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*
- *Meagan Morrison, leader of the Modawa Pilgrimage*
- *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***

Bless and guide, O Risen Lord, all those who go on ABM pilgrimages this year and those partners who come to Australia on the Encounter program. Help us, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, to recognise you in the strangers we meet on our everyday journeys and be transformed by the encounter. May our final destination be with you in that place where joy is everlasting. Amen.

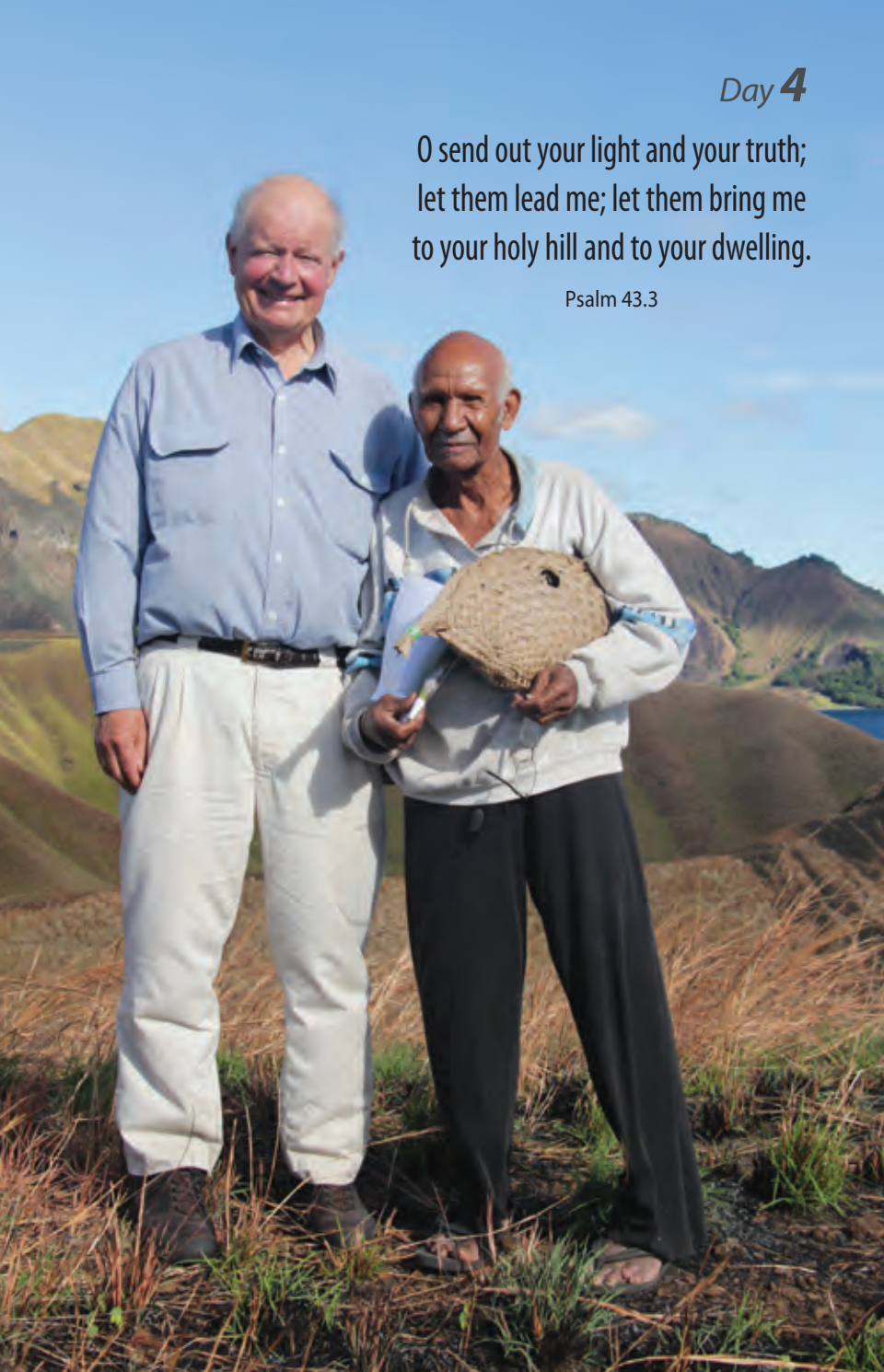
Personal Prayers

Michael Galore from PNG and Geoffrey White from Australia share some time together during the ABM 2012 Modawa Pilgrimage in PNG. © ABM/Brad Chapman 2012.

Day **4**

O send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me; let them bring me
to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Psalms 43.3



A young boy with dark skin and curly hair is sitting at a desk, looking directly at the camera while writing in a notebook. He is wearing a white polo shirt and a yellow beaded bracelet on his left wrist. The notebook is open, showing handwritten text in blue ink. The background is slightly blurred, showing other papers and a desk.

Day 5

Your hands have made and fashioned me;
give me understanding that I
may learn your commandments.

Psalms 119:73

Anglican Church of PNG

ABM has a long history of partnership with the Anglican Church of PNG and the work in 2013 will continue to produce further outcomes for communities across the country. Building the capacity of the leadership of the Church, both ordained and lay, is an important focus in Papua New Guinea as well as the promotion of God's Word in remote areas. People's lives have been significantly enhanced in the spiritual, physical and social sense as a result of the Church and ABM's projects.

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

- *the Archbishop of Papua New Guinea*
- *the bishops of ACPNG – the Rt Rev Alan Migi (senior Bishop), the Rt Rev Clyde Igara, the Rt Rev Nathan Ingen, the Rt Rev Lindsley Ihove and the Rt Rev Peter Ramsden, their wives and families, and 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 Program Coordinator, Betty Gali*
- *Russell Thompson, for coordinating ABM's work at St Margaret's Hospital in Popondota Diocese; Trevor Terina, National Health Secretary; Dennis Kabekabe, Education Secretary; and Sr Mildred Laksen, Manager of St Margaret's Hospital*
- *Heni Meke, National Director of Anglicare PNG and Anglicare HIV and literacy programs in Port Moresby Aipo Rongo and Popondetta*
- *the Melanesian Brotherhood, the Society of Saint Francis and the Congregation of the Sisters of the Visitation of Our Lady*
- ***the Diocese of The Murray and the Venerable Richard Seabrook, Administrator***

Blessed Three-in-One God, we praise you for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and ask you to strengthen its work and witness to the many peoples of that country. May your name be exalted on the mountains and in the valleys so that all people may be drawn into your life of love. Amen.

ABM funded four class rooms at St Paul's Primary School in Dogura, PNG. Students are able to gain education thanks to ABM's support. Pictured, a Year 7 student works in the new classroom.
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Day 6

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Psalms 122.6a



Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East

Since the establishment of the Episcopal Church in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, ABM has supported various institutions including hospitals, clinics, kindergartens and schools in the region. ABM's Good Friday Gift aids essential ministries such as medical outreach and care, scholarships for needy students, support for refugees, as well as spiritual outreach.

Loving God, 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 (including Ethiopia)*
- *the Rt Rev Suheil Dawani, Bishop of Jerusalem; Sawsan Aranki-Batato, Programs Development Officer, Diocese of Jerusalem*
- *the Rt Rev Grant Lemarquand, Bishop of Ethiopia; Rev Drew W. Schmotzer, Chaplain to Bishop Anis; and for Sherry Wageh, Partnership Officer in the Diocese of Egypt*
- *the people of Palestine, Egypt, Israel and the Middle East*
- *the Walking Together Assembly and the after-school library in Gambella, Ethiopia*
- *the work of EpiscoCare in Cairo, Egypt and for its Executive Director, Mariam Ibrahim*
- *St George's College, Jerusalem and the Very Rev Graham Smith, Dean*
- ***the Diocese of Grafton and the Rt Rev Keith Slater***

Long ago, Lord Jesus, you came to us as a baby born in a stable at Bethlehem. Today we ask you to pour your blessings upon the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East. May your peace come to Jerusalem and the Middle East so that everyone may live together in friendship and understanding. This we ask in your name. Amen.

The Good Friday Gift supports the Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East and provides funds to support schools, hospitals and people. These women sell their goods to try and make a living.

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Day 7



Let them praise God's name
with dancing, making
melody to him with
tambourine and lyre.

Psalm 149.3

Anglican Church of Melanesia

ABM was started in 1850 following a request to provide a boat for Bishop Patteson to evangelise in Melanesia. Since then, the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM), together with ABM, has formed a partnership that ensures the support and development of communities across the Solomon Islands into Vanuatu. ACOM now has approximately 40% of the population identifying with it. The partnership of ABM and ACOM has provided opportunities for the development of self-sufficient communities that see sustainable development and important improvements in the standard of living.

Loving God, we give you thanks for the Anglican Church of Melanesia, the Mothers' Union and the Melanesian Board of Mission, and we pray 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*
- *the General Secretary; the Mission Secretary; and the Deputy Mission Secretary*
- *Sr Doreen Awaiasi, Head Sister, Christian Care Centre, Honiara and the Sisters of the Church*
- *Joses Tagase, Betarose Amkory and Janet Sine, Development Coordinators in Vanuatu Church Partnership Program*
- *the Melanesian Brotherhood, the Sisters of Melanesia, the Society of Saint Francis, and the Community of the Sisters of the Church*
- *Mary Koete, President of Mothers' Union, Melanesia*
- ***the Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn and the Rt Rev Stuart Robinson***

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Way, the Truth and the Life. We praise you for the life of Anglican Church of Melanesia. May it continue to follow the way in faith, speak your truth in love, and offer in your name, to all who seek it, the life that you share with the redeemed. This we ask in your name. Amen.

A traditional dance is performed by the Mothers' Union in Central Solomons Diocese, part of the Church of Melanesia. ABM supports women's projects, environmental and community programs in the Solomons. © ABM/Julianne Stewart 2012.

ABM Diocesan Representatives

Ongoing support, in its various forms, is the essential factor that allows ABM to expand its participation in God's mission. With continued support and prayer ABM will strengthen its commitment to helping others and further develop its support to those in need. The Diocesan Representatives and Committees in the various dioceses educate, inspire and generate support for ABM's work. As a result of their dedication we achieve outcomes that transform people's lives.

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

- *the Chairs of the Committees: The Rev Ken Spreadborough (Brisbane); the Rev Rebecca Newland (Canberra/Goulburn); Brett Collins (Melbourne); the Venerable Lionel Snell (Perth); the Rt Rev David McCall (South Australia); Edwina Waddy (Sydney); the Rev Warwick Cuthbertson (Tasmania)*
- *all of ABM's Diocesan Representatives and Contacts: Bill and Judy Howarth (Armidale); Alice Knight (Ballarat); Lorraine Clarkson (Bathurst); Myrtle Shay (Bendigo); the Rev Bill Byleveld (Bunbury); the Rev Caroline Nancarrow (Gippsland); Helen Newton (Grafton); the Rev Canon Katherine Bowyer (Newcastle); the Rev Rodney Gooden (North Queensland); the Venerable Bill Ross (North West Australia); the Rev Anne Van Gend (Northern Territory); the Venerable Cameron Venables (Rockhampton); Tim Williams (Wangaratta); Mary Catford (Willochra)*
- *all of the committee members and their supporters*
- ***the Diocese of Sydney and the Most Rev Dr Peter Jensen***

We thank you, God, for all the people who serve on ABM committees. We acknowledge before you their dedication and drive, their skills and support, without which ABM would be all the poorer. May their enthusiasm ignite an interest in mission in others, for your kingdom's sake. Amen.

Personal Prayers



Let the assembly of the peoples be gathered
around you, and over it take your seat on high.

Psalm 7:7

Day 9



Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements
are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

Psalms 36.6

Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP)

Natural disasters and a long history of poverty have taken their toll on the Philippines. ABM's partnership with the Episcopal Church in the Philippines involves important community based programs that aim to develop individual resilience and develop broader community strength. Initiated projects match skills with the people's needs and prepare local communities for the challenges of their environment.

Loving God, 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 Malecdan*
- *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, the Rt Rev Jonathan Labasan Casimina and the Rt Rev Brent Alawas*
- *Provincial Secretary and National Development Officer, Attorney Floyd Lalwet*
- *National Christian Education Officer of the ECP, the Rev David Tabo-oy*
- *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*
- ***the Public Affairs Commission of the General Synod and the social responsibility committees of the dioceses***

We praise you, Creator of the Universe, for the energy and enthusiasm of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, and for the community development work and formation of Christian leaders which they undertake in your name. Continue to guide their efforts, that the communities and parishes in which they work may be places where your love is made real. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Personal Prayers



The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;
God is their refuge in the time of trouble.

Psalm 37:39

The Anglican Alliance

First proposed at the 2008 Lambeth Conference, this Alliance has proved itself to be a significant initiative. This collaborative venture includes participants working at local, regional and global levels. The participants in grassroots activities include provinces and dioceses of the Anglican Church, departments of specialised development ministry and relief or development organisations associated with the Church. The Anglican Alliance for development, relief and advocacy brings together the Anglican family of churches and agencies to work for a world free of poverty and injustice, to be a voice for the voiceless, to reconcile those in conflict, and to safeguard the earth.

Loving God, we thank you for the work of the Anglican Communion and we pray for:

- *Sally Keeble, Director of The Anglican Alliance and her team that support her*
- *other national Anglican mission agencies of the Anglican Alliance: Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), USA; The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), Canada; Us (formerly USPG), UK; HOPE Africa, South Africa*
- *other members of the Anglican Alliance: ACROSS (Anglican Crisis Relief Outreach and Support Singapore) Singapore; Anglican Overseas Aid, Australia; Church Missionary Society; Mothers' Union*
- *specialised development ministries of the Anglican Church*
- ***the Diocese of Ballarat and the Rt Rev Garry Weatherill***

Strengthen, O Lord, the work of the Anglican Alliance as it seeks to strengthen communities by development work, to aid the afflicted by providing relief and to advocate for a fairer world. May our lives exemplify love, hope and justice to a world which stands in need of all three.

This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Personal Prayers

People in Crisis and for Peace

Each year, the number of displaced people grows worldwide. Recent years have been no exception with people forcibly displaced as the result of conflict and persecution. ABM has a focus on peace building programs in a number of countries throughout the world that support people in crisis and supply them with the skills and resources necessary for their survival and advancement. The Church serves as an important support to those who are vulnerable and need strategies to strengthen their futures. ABM assists with building inclusive communities that provide a safe environment for all its members.

Loving God, 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 the Middle East, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar (Burma) and between North and South Korea*
- *the Inclusive Communities Program in the Solomon Islands*
- *women and children, who suffer most during drought and other crises*
- *strengthening of communities everywhere*
- ***the National Council of Churches, Australia***

We yearn for peace, Lord, and yet so often it eludes us because of our foolishness. Help us to attune our minds to make decisions that bring forth peace in our own lives and in the lives of others. Help us to bring your comfort and peace to anyone whose life is in crisis, either through their own actions, or through the actions of others. This we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Amid famine in Kenya, this woman is still able to laugh as she waits on her rationed food bag.
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Truly the eye of the Lord is on those
who fear him, on those who hope
in God's steadfast love, to deliver
their soul from death, and to
keep them alive in famine.

Psalms 33:18-19

Day **11**



Missionaries and Overseas Volunteers

Missionaries have been an important part of ABM's work in countries around the world. Their dedication and generosity of self, have ensured that lives have been transformed and that God's Word has reached people in isolated and poverty stricken communities. Through their perseverance and faithful service, often in the midst of great hardship, partner churches were established and have flourished. Overseas volunteers play an increasingly valuable role in supporting communities for short periods of time and supplying specific skill requirements.

Loving God, we give you thanks for missionaries who have adhered to the Church's commitment to care for and to serve others by following the example of Christ, and we pray especially for:

- *local missionaries who evangelise in their own communities*
- *Mission Committees and Mission Secretaries*
- *all who give of their time to volunteer overseas*
- *those whose lives are transformed by the spirit of God*
- ***the Diocese of Melbourne and the Most Rev Dr Philip Freier***

Lord, you send the Church out into the world you love, commanding us to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching what you have shown us in Jesus the Christ. We thank you for those who have taken your gospel to the ends of the earth, forsaking all the comforts of home. We pray for your care of those who are cross-cultural missionaries today. May we, like them, play our part in your mission in whatever way you call us. This we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Rev Bice Houghton, warden of Goroka Training College in Simbai, 1965. © ABM.

Say among the nations, 'The Lord is king!
The world is firmly established;
it shall never be moved.
God will judge the
peoples with equity.'

Psalms 96:10

Day **12**



Day **13**

Those who fear you shall see me and
rejoice, because I have hoped in
your word.

Psalms 119.74



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministry

ABM has an important commitment to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population and has established a number of projects in Australia that have a focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Projects currently operate in New South Wales, Queensland and the Northern Territory assisting Indigenous Anglicans in their ministries. The projects primarily seek to encourage and support Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders to minister to their own communities in Australia. Lifelong learning is promoted across all churches and ministries with workshops designed to nurture a new generation of leaders in the church.

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*
- *the work of the Diocese of the Northern Territory in Aboriginal ministry training*
- *Reconciliation Australia, and all organisations striving to develop and implement Reconciliation Action Plans*
- ***the Diocese of North Queensland and the Rt Rev William Ray***

We give you thanks for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministry Program and the great gifts which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people offer to us all. Bless the clergy retreats and the Bishop's Award Project in the Diocese of the Northern Territory; guide the work of Gloria Shipp in the Diocese of Bathurst; and empower the work of Nungalinya and Wontulp-Bi-Buya Colleges, that your name may be glorified by everything done in these areas. This we ask in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anglican Communion

The Anglican Communion has more than 80 million members throughout the world. The diversity of the Communion enriches a search for unity involving real difficulties and opportunities; a search in obedience to the Lord's call for unity in the Church and world.

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

- *the Primates' meetings; the Anglican Consultative Council; the Anglican Communion Office; the General Secretary Kenneth Kearon and its staff*
- *the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev Justin Welby and the Lambeth Palace staff*
- *the work of Archbishop Rowan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury*
- *the work of the Anglican networks*
- *ecumenical dialogue and cooperative endeavours of the Anglican Communion*
- *the more than 2,000 members of Anglican religious orders worldwide*
- ***the work of the Anglican Men's Society Australia and CEBS (the Anglican Boys' Society Australia)***

Holy God, your Spirit binds us together to be the Church through the seal of Holy Baptism. We thank you for the Anglican Communion, and for Justin Welby whom you have chosen to be Archbishop of Canterbury. Bless him as he settles into this role this year. Bless all the monks and nuns, friars and sisters of our Communion, that their fidelity may point us towards you. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Connecting Anglicans around the world through scripture and prayer.

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Let my prayer be counted as incense
before you, and the lifting up of my
hands as an evening sacrifice.

Psalms 141.2

Day **14**



Day **15**



It was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. Psalm 139



Amity Foundation, China

By many accounts, Christianity is growing faster in China than any other part of the world. Amity is a large ecumenical Christian welfare and development foundation in China, founded by the late Anglican Bishop, Rt Rev K.H. Ting. In partnership with the Amity Foundation, ABM offers important support to rural Chinese women by providing them with the opportunity of education that will benefit their health and general wellbeing. Women are also empowered to create their own health awareness organisations. Amity also produces bibles and has recently printed its 100 millionth copy. *Loving God, we give you thanks for all the workers at the Amity Foundation, and we especially pray for:*

- *Qiu Zhonghui, General Secretary of Amity*
- *She Hongyu, Director of Amity's Development Centre and the rest of the Amity staff*
- *the life and work of the late Rt Rev K.H. Ting*
- *the continuing empowerment of the women in remote rural China who are being supported by this project*
- *Longchuan County local government, whom Amity partners with*
- *the production of the 100 millionth Bible*
- ***the Diocese of the Northern Territory and the Rt Rev Gregory Thompson***

Gracious God, we thank you for the work of the Amity Foundation in China. Bless all that it does, especially those activities which improve health for those in rural areas, and also its printing presses which produce Bibles and liturgical books for Christians throughout the world. This we ask in the name of Jesus, our friend and guide. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Top: A woman is given an ultrasound. Below: Maternal health education is key to the work in China. Women receive health material and information. © ABM/Julianne Stewart 2012.

ABM Auxiliary

The Auxiliary of ABM celebrated its centenary in 2010 and has played a vital supportive role to ABM's work. The Auxiliary offers prayers and raises funds for specific projects in various countries where important needs of local communities are identified. Over the years, the Auxiliary has raised over a million dollars. Such funds have made a significant difference to the lives of many.


Loving God, 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 2013 project of Christian Education in the Philippines*
- ***the Australian Defence Force Chaplaincy and the Venerable Eric Burton, Administrator***

Thank you, Lord, for the great blessing of encouragement that comes from those that support ABM's work. We thank you especially today for the work of ABM's Auxiliary throughout Australia. May they continue to serve you faithfully through ABM, that your name may be praised over the whole world. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Last year, the ABM Auxiliary raised money to support women's empowerment in Zambia.
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A photograph of two women in the foreground, smiling and clapping their hands. They are wearing matching blue short-sleeved shirts and blue skirts with a green and yellow pattern. The woman on the left has a colorful floral headwrap. In the background, other people are visible, including a young girl sitting on the ground. The scene is outdoors with trees and foliage in the background.

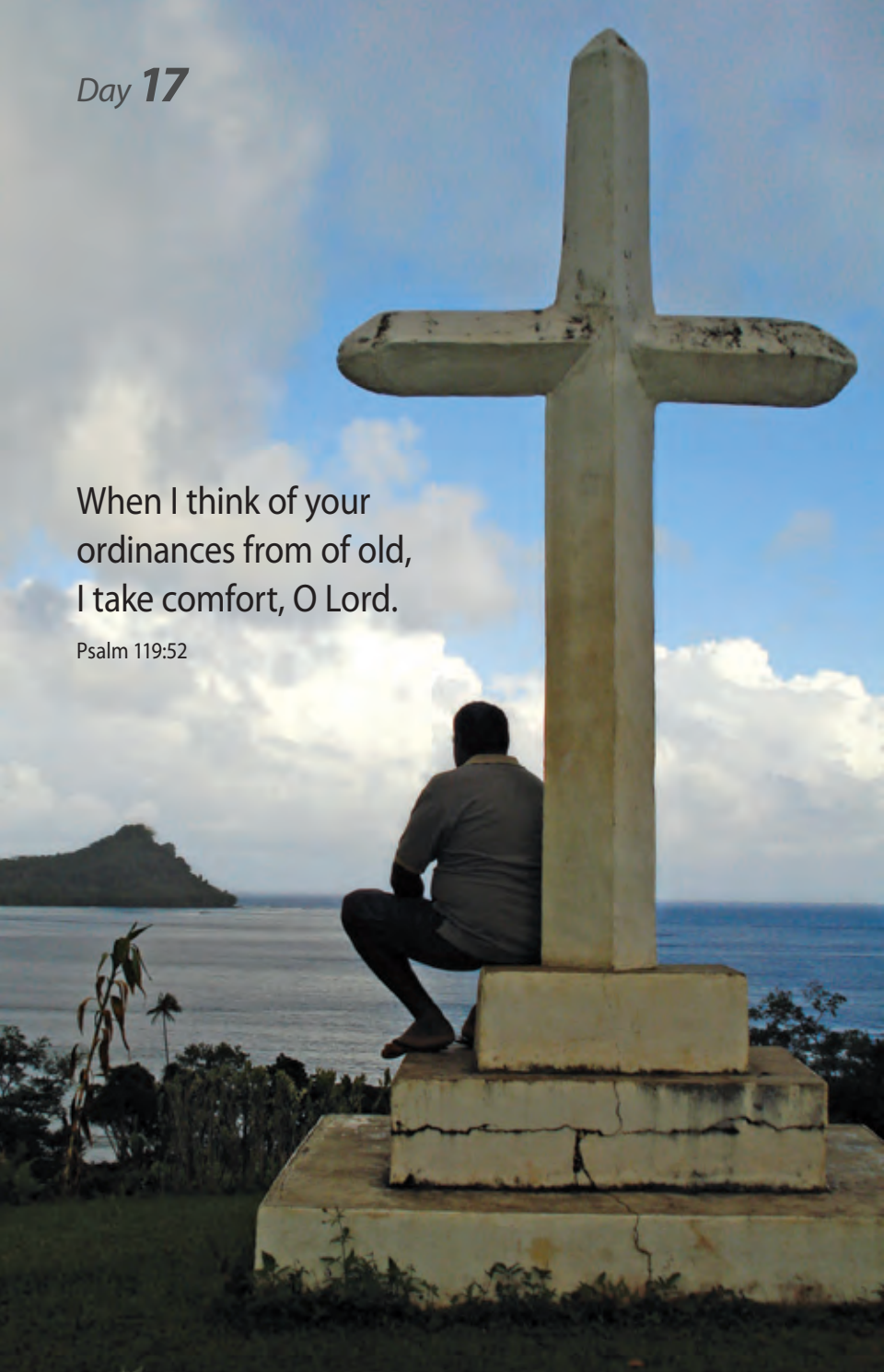
You have turned
my mourning
into dancing; you
have taken off
my sackcloth and
clothed me with joy.

Psalms 30:11

Day **17**

When I think of your
ordinances from of old,
I take comfort, O Lord.

Psalm 119:52



Reconciliation

Reconciliation is an important focus for ABM as it ultimately reflects God's character revealed in the person and work of Christ Jesus. The strength of reconciliation is in the coming together as one so that the shared values of the Anglican Church reconcile, heal and forgive. The power and importance of the reconciliation process is foremost a testimony to all of us being created in God's image and being accepting of each other's diversity and strengths.

Loving God, we give you thanks for the gift of listening, understanding and healing and we pray in particular for:

- *the implementation of ABM's Reconciliation Action Plan with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people*
- *reconciliation initiatives with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other indigenous peoples*
- *tolerance and respect in the midst of diversity and differences*
- *rapprochement and peace in the midst of hostility and enmity*
- *our vocation as the people of God bearing God's image*
- ***the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC) and the Rev Gloria Shipp, Chair***

Lord Jesus Christ, the Gospels tell us how you ministered to all – whether Samaritan, Roman, Syro-Phoenician or Jew. Help us to see each other through your eyes without fear, so that our future together may be marked by understanding and love. We ask this in your name. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Stanley Womak sits next to the Cross on top of Totamwat overlooking Sola in Vanuatu.
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Zambia Anglican Council

The Zambia Anglican Council (ZAC) works with ABM to improve services and community development. The projects focus on rural settings and are strongly community based. The Gender and Governance Program challenges traditional cultural and church beliefs about the place of women in society. It engages with the Church and government on gender issues. Empowering individuals with education and wellbeing programs, in turn, support the broader communities and equip the people for future challenges.

Loving God, 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*
- *the Zambian bishops: the Most Rev Albert Chama, the Rt Rev Derek Kamukwamba, the Rt Rev William Mchombo, the Rt Rev Robert Mumbi, the Rt Rev David Njovu; their clergy and laity who share in God's mission*
- *Grace Mazala Phiri, 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 Gippisland and the Rt Rev John McIntyre***

Creator of the world, we give you thanks for the Zambia Anglican Council and for the work it does in overseeing Anglican life in Zambia. May St John's Seminary and the community development work undertaken by the Church thrive because of your blessing. This we ask through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

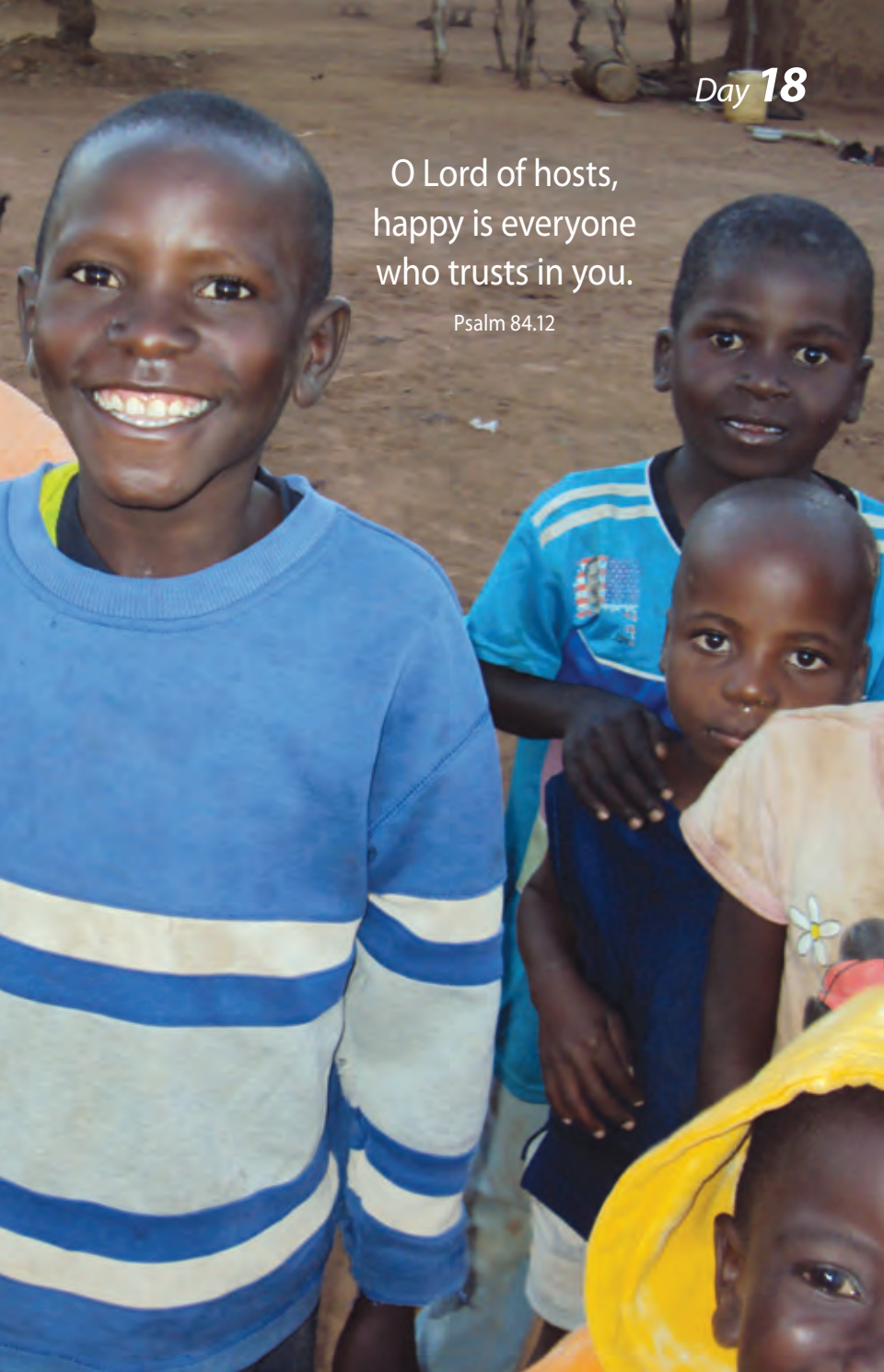
Personal Prayers

These young children stand to benefit from their mothers' participation in savings and loans schemes and training to start small businesses. © ABM/Julianne Stewart 2012.

Day **18**

O Lord of hosts,
happy is everyone
who trusts in you.

Psalms 84:12





I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord.

Evangelism

Proclaiming the Gospel and evangelising in local communities highlights and strengthens our commitment to God's Word. ABM supports our partner churches as they evangelise within their own communities and cultures. ABM helps to resource its work by providing liturgical resources and theological education that assist clergy and laity.

Loving God, we give you thanks for evangelists of every age, 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*
- *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***

You have entrusted your gospel to us, O Lord, as you did to the saints throughout the two thousand years before our day. Help us not to shrink from the great responsibility of handing on your gospel to others so that they too may know your love for us all. Strengthen us to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour in whatever way we can, wherever we find ourselves. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Day **20**

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water; you provide the
people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

Psalms 65.9



Iglesia Filipina Independiente (IFI)

(Philippines Independent Church – PIC)

The Iglesia Filipina Independiente has been in full communion with the Anglican Church since 1960. The Philippines is still mainly an agricultural society with most of the poor living in rural areas. There is little access to government services including health care, clean water and sanitation. The Church sees community development and social justice as an important part of its mission. As a means of achieving this, it delivers workshops that provide transferable skills and knowledge that benefit the community at large.

Loving God, 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 (Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development)*
- *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 Venerable Ian Palmer (who will be consecrated in February 2013)***

We praise you, O God for the Philippines Independent Church and rejoice that they are in communion with the Churches of the Anglican Communion. May we be encouraged by their faith, and enthused by their commitment to strengthening the communities in which they work. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Day **21**



O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in God.

Psalms 34.8

Giving – Time, Talents and Treasure

The act of giving is a powerful force and the gifts of time, talent and treasure have proven to make differences to people's lives around the world. The Anglican Church community's traditional and ongoing act of giving is the reason why so many positive outcomes have been witnessed in communities across the globe. The donation of one's time, talent or money guarantees that projects can continue to make important positive changes to people's lives. ABM is grateful to all who have contributed to our work, through various acts of giving.

Loving God, 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 and pray for us*
- *ABM's advocates who give of their time and talents*
- *ABM's unsung heroes who refuse acknowledgement*
- *ABM's supporters who plan to remember ABM in their Wills*
- ***the Diocese of Newcastle and the Rt Rev Dr Peter Stuart, Administrator***

Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, you blazed like a candle till the very end, giving your life on the Cross for the sake of God's mission. May we be so encouraged by that selfless love that we devote ourselves to learn about mission and pray for mission, to enthuse others about mission and to raise funds for mission, so that your name may be glorified round the world over. This we pray in your name. Amen.

Personal Prayers

In Papua New Guinea a man is given a drink. ABM appreciates the act of giving as transforming and enriching. © ABM/Brad Chapman 2007.

Day **22**

Your statutes have been my songs
wherever I make my home.

Psalms 119.54



Theological Education

Through its Church-to-Church program, ABM provides funding for theological education in several countries so that strong foundations for youth ministry exist, ensuring that the spread of the Gospel will see development and growth in the years to come. In Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Zambia there are several projects that aim to build the Christian faith. All Church-to-Church Projects aim to see the continuation and development of a stronger spiritual presence for future generations.

Loving God, 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*
- *Newton College and Kerina College in PNG; Bishop Patteson College, Solomon Islands; St John's Seminary, Zambia and their principals*
- *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*
- *Trinity College, Melbourne; St Mark's Centre, Canberra; St Francis' College, Brisbane; Ridley Melbourne; Moore College, Sydney; John Wollaston College, Perth and St Barnabas' College, Adelaide*
- *diocesan theological training programs and in-service training for ministry*
- ***for the Diocese of Armidale and the Rt Rev Richard Lewers***

Holy Spirit, illuminator of our minds, pour down your blessings on all places where people's lives are empowered through theological education. Bless all those who train to be leaders in the Christian community. Grant them zeal for the Gospel, and love for the people you call them to serve. Sustain them by your power, and help them to lead us closer to you. Amen.

Personal Prayers

A student and his family welcome ABM to their accommodation at Kerina College in PNG.
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Day 23

Let everything
that breathes
praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

Psalms 150.6



Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia appreciates the culturally diverse experience that it enjoys with the inclusion of Maori, Pakeha and Pasefika members. The Church in the South Pacific is strong and vibrant and supports the local communities by spreading the Gospel and ensuring the foundations of the Church are solid for the generations to come.

Loving God, 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, the Rev Canon Robert Kereopa, Executive Officer and the staff*
- *CMS New Zealand and Steve Maina, National Director*
- *St John's Theological College, Auckland and the three Tikanga Deans, the Rev Dr Helen-Ann Hartley, Dr Jenny Plane-Te Paa, Le Vaotogo Dr Frank Smith*
- *the Three Tikanga Social Justice Commissioner, the Rev Dr Anthony Dancer*
- ***and the work of Mothers' Union (MU) Australia, Anglican Women Australia, and GFS (Girls' Friendly Society Australia)***

Christ of the Southern Cross, God of the land of the long white cloud, of Maori, Pakeha and Pacific Islanders, we praise you for the three tikanga of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and we praise you for that Church's common life. Bless their endeavours and grant them unity of purpose as they witness to you. Like a dolphin that swims in front of a boat, lead the Church in the wide South Pacific into the future with you. Amen.

Rt Rev Ngarahu Katene, who is Pihopa (bishop) of Manawa o te Wheke, a tribal region in the central North Island, exchanging a hongi (breath of life) with a kaumatua (elder) at the Episcopal ordination.
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Day **24**



Your hands have made and fashioned me;
give me understanding that I may learn
your commandments.

Psalms 119.73

Church of the Province of Myanmar

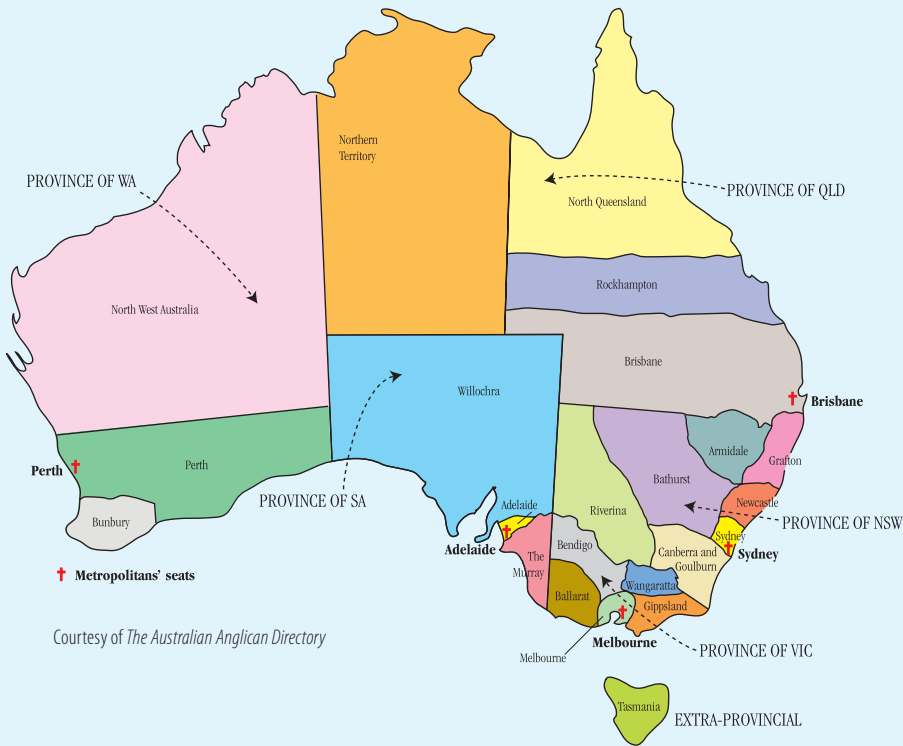
The Church in Myanmar is presented with many challenges. Projects that involve agricultural improvements, the environment, health issues, education and liturgical resources are all important and have far-reaching effects. Projects that involve simple water and sanitation systems to ease the burdens of everyday life have a positive impact on the whole community and assist with improved living conditions for future years. With the poverty and the history of natural disasters in this region, the work of ABM and its partnerships serves as vital support for the people.

Loving God, we give you thanks for the Church of the Province of Myanmar, and we pray especially for:

- *the Most Rev Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon*
- *the Rt Rev Dr Saw Wilme, the Rt Rev Saw Stylo, the Rt Rev David Than Lwin, the Rt Rev James Min Dein and the Rt Rev David Nyi Nyi Naing, bishops of the Church*
- *all the priests, deacons and congregations of the church throughout Myanmar (Burma)*
- *Saw Kenneth, Provincial Secretary and staff of the Provincial Office*
- *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 Venerable Dr Edwin Byford, Administrator***

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the work of Church of the Province of Myanmar, and for the exciting developments that have occurred in that country recently. Bless the Church as it faces the future which will be characterised by much change. May all that they do in their parishes and communities be anchored in Christ, the rock of our salvation. Amen.

School children read in Myanmar (Burma). ABM's projects support education in rural areas to help share God's word. © ABM/Lina Magallanes 2008.



Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who
fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Psalms 85.9

Mission in Australia and Mission Organisations

The history of ABM forms a strong foundation for the future in assisting the Anglican Church and the wider community to respond to the invitation for all to be a part of God's hope for the world.

Loving God, we give you thanks for your mission in the world and we pray for:

- *other mission agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia: Anglican Aid; Anglican Aid Abroad; Anglicare; Anglican Overseas Aid; 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*
- *other Australian agencies: Act for Peace; Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA); Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS); Baptist World Aid Australia; Caritas Australia; The Churches of Christ Overseas Aid; The Exodus Foundation; Friends of the Outback (FOTO); 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 religious orders in Australia: Community of Christ the King; Community of Saints Barnabas and Cecilia; Community of the Holy Name; Community of the Sisters of the Church; Little Brothers of Francis; Oratory of the Good Shepherd; Order of Saint Benedict; Society of Saint Francis; Society of the Sacred Advent; Society of the Sacred Mission; Sisters of the Incarnation; and the Society of the Holy Cross*
- ***the Diocese of Brisbane and the Most Rev Dr Philip Aspinall***

Bless, O Lord, all those in Australia who involve themselves in your mission, in whatever way. May their example and enthusiasm encourage others to do the same, so that your name can be known by everyone in this wonderful country, for you are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Day **26**



Sustain in me a willing spirit.

Psalm 51.12b

ABM Volunteers – Speakers, Associates, Secretaries

Without the generosity and grace of our many volunteers, ABM would not be the effective organisation that positively impacts on people across the globe. We give thanks to the support of all our Diocesan representatives, secretaries, speakers and associates who have given their time and skills to guarantee that our work endures. We trust that our volunteers continue to grow in numbers so that our influence continues to make a difference to people's lives.

Loving God, 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*
- *parish representatives and supporters who help ABM to flourish*
- ***the Diocese of Bunbury and the Rt Rev Allan Ewing***

We give you thanks, O God, for the volunteers who contribute towards the fulfilment of your mission through ABM. We are blessed to have such willing co-workers in Christ! May their readiness to help ever remind us of your Son, Jesus Christ, who willingly laid down his life for us, that we might live with you for ever. Alleluia, Amen.

Personal Prayers

Cec Wilson receiving the FIA Volunteer Recognition Award at NSW State Parliament with Rev John Deane, ABM's Executive Director. © ABM 2012.

Anglican Church of Kenya

Isolation and a harsh environment creates hardships for the people of Kenya. ABM is working in the dioceses of Machakos, Kitui and Bungoma to assist the local community in overcoming the challenges that their rural life presents to them. Improvements in water and agriculture are just two positive outcomes that the local people have experienced but more initiatives are required in order to allow the people to have access to improved livelihoods and a stronger future. ABM have also started to work with the Diocese of Bungoma on a catechesis program for young people.

Loving God, we give you thanks for the work of the Anglican Church of Kenya, and we pray especially for:

- *the Most Rev Dr Eliud Wabukala, Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Kenya*
- *the Bishops where Ukamba Christian Community Services (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 and all the staff at UCCS*
- *the Rt Rev George Mechumo, Bishop of Bungoma and the people and clergy of the diocese*
- ***the Diocese of Perth and the Most Rev Roger Herft***

We give you thanks, O God, for the Dioceses of Machakos, Kitui and Bungoma of the Anglican Church of Kenya. Guide them in everything that they do, especially as they train up teachers for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, work to improve livelihoods for farmers and give leaders the skills and knowledge to ensure that communities have diversified sources of food. We thank you for their great gifts. Equip them for the challenges ahead. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our master and friend. Amen.

Personal Prayers

ABM is working with communities in Kenya to improve agriculture and conditions in rural areas.
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You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use,
to bring forth food from the earth.

Psalm 104.14



Day **28**

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.

Psalms 122.9



Anglican Witness

Anglican Witness is a body of the Anglican Communion. ABM supports partner churches to proclaim the Gospel and evangelise in their local communities. This is central to ABM's work as it supports the upholding of the faithfulness to God and embracing a clear Christian commitment. Supporting the proclamation of the Gospel is important to ensure that the Anglican's Church foundations are strong and durable and that projects continue to positively impact on lives around the world.

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

- *the Rt Rev Patrick Yu, Convenor of Anglican Witness; the Rev John Kafwanka, Director of Mission, Anglican Communion Office; Stuart Buchanan, Anglican Communion Office and all other staff of Anglican Witness.*
- *all those providing loving and faithful Christian witness in countries or areas where Christians are in the minority, such as Pakistan, Myanmar (Burma), north Kenya, Mindanao (Southern Philippines) and China*
- ***the Diocese of Willochra and the Rt Rev John Stead***

Lord, you alone give growth to the Church, and you equip the Church with many gifts to help us play our part in your mission. Guide and prosper, we pray, the work of Anglican Witness, the evangelism and church growth network of the Anglican Communion. May the Church increase in its holiness and commitment to you. May the number of disciples of your Son Jesus Christ grow. Raise up good works from within the Church that transform the world, making it a better place for all. This we ask in your name. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Anglicans witness to God wherever they can. Nagragajan Church, Philippines.

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Anglican Church of Korea

The Towards Peace in Korea (TOPIK) Nutrition Program began in 2007 after the Worldwide Peace Conference was hosted by the Anglican Church of Korea. ABM supports this work and the five year humanitarian plan which aims to prevent widespread famine within North Korea and at the same time, promote the peaceful reunification of the two Koreas. TOPIK believes that real peace can be achieved through forgiveness, full understanding and reconciliation. The Church supports humanitarian aid including nutritional support to children and the vulnerable.

Loving God, 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 Seoul*
- *the Rt Rev Michael Kwon, Bishop of Daejeon and the Rt Rev Onesimus Park, Bishop of Busan, their clergy and people*
- *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***

Prince of Peace, you reveal to the Church through St Paul: 'How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!' We give you thanks for the Towards Peace in Korea (TOPIK) program run by the Anglican Church of Korea and for their efforts to support the people in the North of the peninsula by prayer and practical help. May their witness bear much fruit in your name. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Children offer the peace sign in Korea. ABM works with the TOPIK program to promote peace and reconciliation between North and South Korea. © ABM/Nic Deane 2007.



Seek peace, and pursue it.

Psalms 34:14b

Day **30**

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

Psalms 16.1



MDGs and The United Nations

Three years before 2015, the United Nations has reported some broad progress towards the achievement of the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Most significantly, preliminary reports show that the target of reducing the world's poorest by half from the 1990 levels has been achieved. But whilst there has been significant progress in some of the goals, targets in other areas are far from being achieved. Beyond 2015, the global community will need to build on the achievements of the MDGs, to ensure that the world becomes a more equitable place.

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

- *Ban Ki Moon, Secretary-General, UN and for all UN staff and agencies*
- *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 whose standard of living is still inadequate*
- *for global governments 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 within our own communities who struggle to make ends meet*
- ***the Diocese of Bendigo and the Rt Rev Andrew Curnow***

We praise you, O God for the work of the United Nations and for the Millennium Development Goals. But we need your help: Help us to share what we have to achieve them. Help us feed the hungry and rescue those trapped by poverty. Help us achieve universal primary education. Help us eliminate gender inequalities in primary and secondary education. Help us reduce the mortality rate among children under five. Help us reduce the numbers of women dying in childbirth. Help us begin to reverse the spread of HIV and AIDS, and the incidence of malaria and other major diseases. Help us to reduce the number of people without access to safe drinking water and reverse the loss of environmental resources. And help us to secure a global partnership for development, in order to work together to promote economic growth and poverty reduction – for we have no help but you. Amen.

A woman protects her grandson from the sun in the Solomon Islands. © ABM/Julianne Stewart 2012.

Day **31**



O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt God's name together.

Psalms 34.3

The Anglican Board of Mission – Staff, Board

The staff and board members of ABM work to see people have their needs met spiritually, physically, socially and materially. The work of ABM continues to create opportunities for people to embrace the Anglican faith and to participate in actions and projects that transform lives by adhering to the Church's commitment to care for and to serve others by following the example of Christ.

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

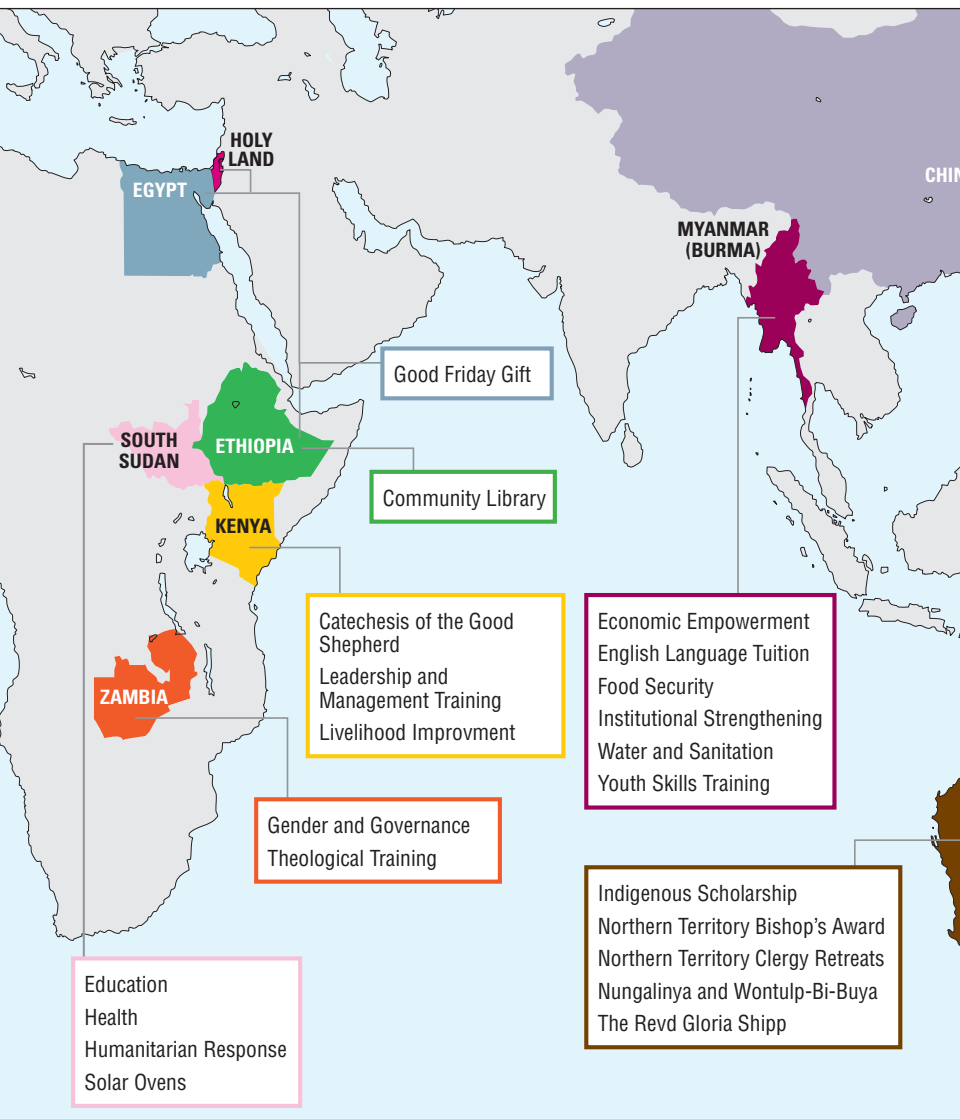
- *ABM's Executive Director, the Rev John Deane*
- *the ABM Board: Most Rev Dr Philip Aspinall (President), Claire Barrett-Lennard, the Venerable Arthur Copeman, David Gowty, the Rt Rev Dr Christopher Jones, Stephen Matthew, Philip Miller, Ian Morgan, the Honourable Justice Richard Refshauge (Chair), Christopher Roper, Jane Still, the Rt Rev Garry Weatherill, the Rev Canon Janne Whitehead*
- *the governance and advisory committees of the board, including the Church to Church, Development and Finance Committees*
- *the ABM staff: Elizabeth Baker, Michael Begaud, Christopher Brooks, Brad Chapman, Vivienne For, Lorraine Forster, Sabene Gomes, Greg Henderson, Lina Magallanes, Robert McLean, Ruth Moline, Merlina Nixon, Edwin Porter, Isabel Robinson, Michael Robinson, Karin Schrooder, Beth Snedden, Dr Julianne Stewart, Ivy Wang and Denise Wilson*
- ***the Commissions of the General Synod, Australia***

Trinity of mutual love, bless the board and staff of ABM. As they seek to educate the Church in Australia about mission, and as they strive to help Churches and communities around the world, may they always be focussed on you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Amen.

Personal Prayers

ABM staff member, Isabel Robinson speaks with Richard Rabiafi, General Secretary of ACPNG on a trip to Lae, Papua New Guinea in 2012. © ABM/Julianne Stewart 2012.

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