



Partners in Prayer

The 2014 Prayer Diary

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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.
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:

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

Protect, care for and renew life on our planet



The Anglican Communion

There are around 85 million people on six continents who call themselves Anglican (or Episcopalian) in more than 165 countries. The Anglican tradition has always valued its diversity and the pursuit of unity across the world. Through this unity and work to further God's mission, the Communion is a powerful source of support and relief for many in need.

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

- *the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev Justin Welby and the Lambeth Palace staff*
- *the Primates' meetings; the Anglican Consultative Council; the Anglican Communion Office; the General Secretary, Kenneth Kearon and their staff*
- *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*

Blessed Trinity, three in one, we thank you for the Anglican Communion. Help us to seek unity without demanding uniformity; to relish our differences as expressions of the diversity of your creation; to pray for one another as we learn to obey your commandment to love you and to love one another. Forgiving our failures, good Lord, draw us ever closer to the unity to be found in you, and so may your Kingdom come on Earth. Amen.

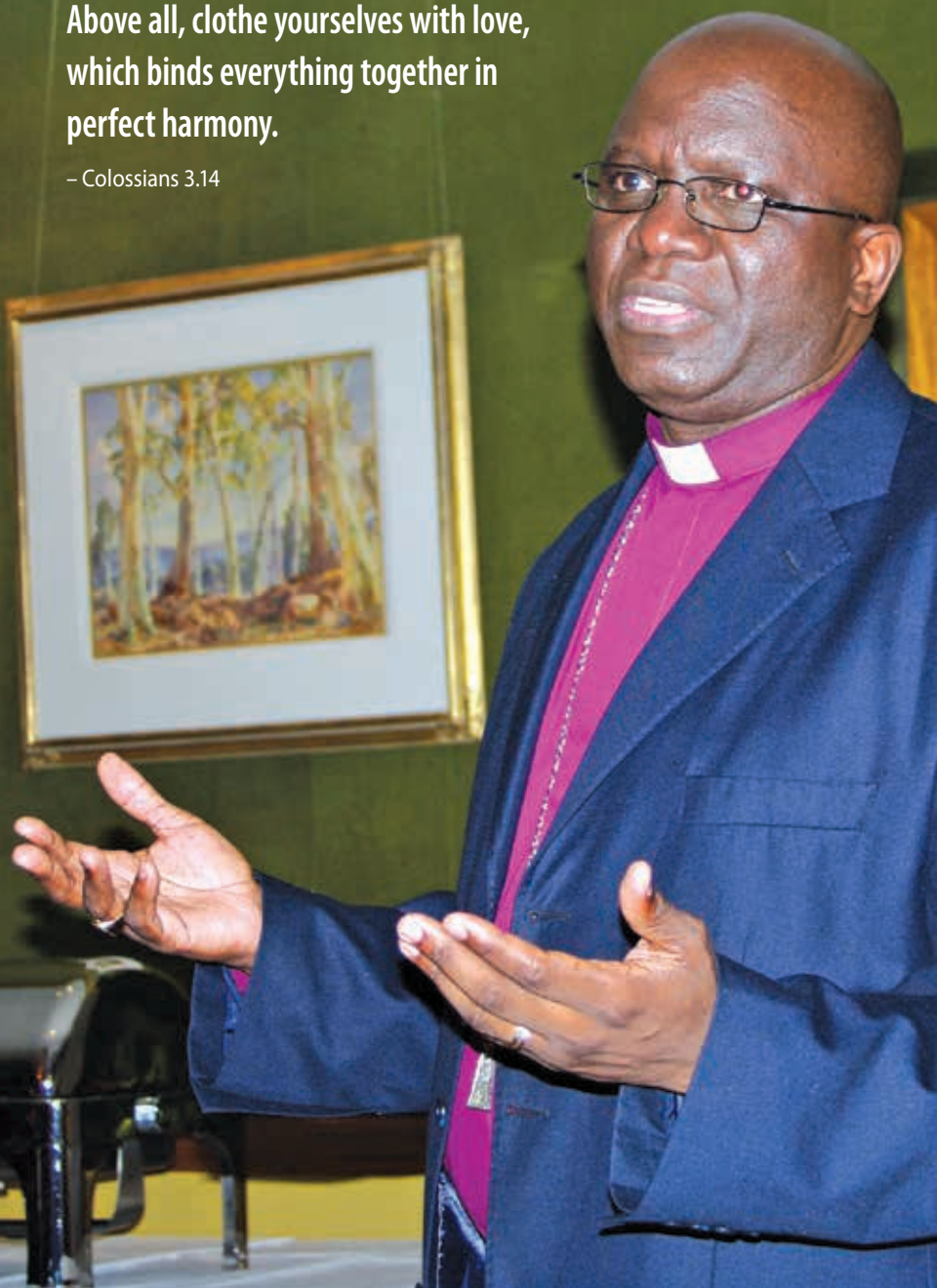
Personal Prayers

Archbishop Albert Chama is the Primate of Central Africa and Chair of the Anglican Alliance. He visited ABM in 2013. © ABM/Edwin Porter, 2013.

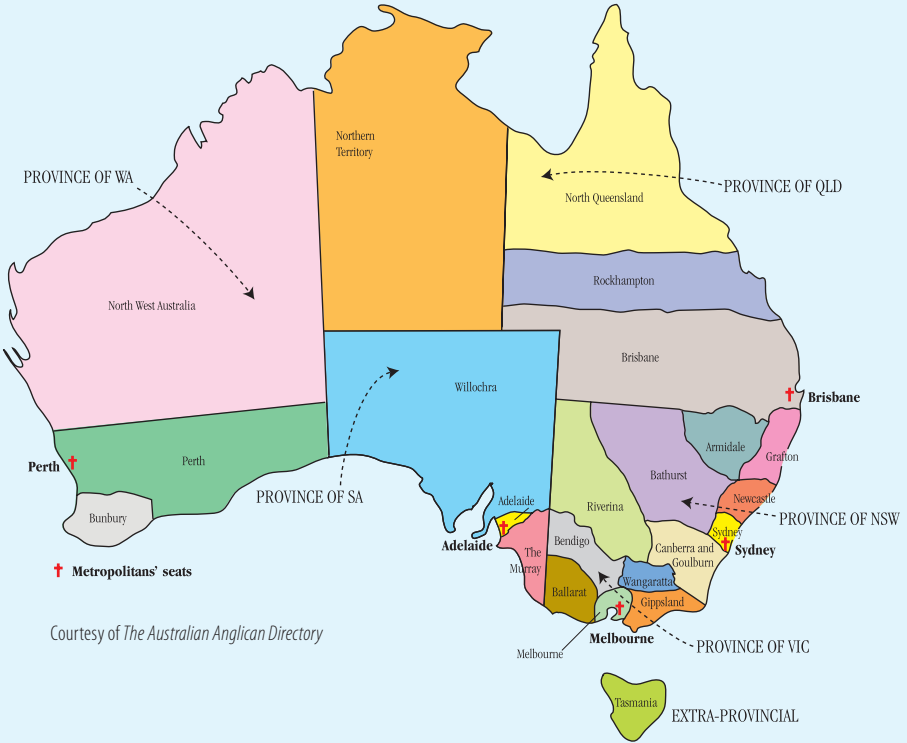
Day **1**

**Above all, clothe yourselves with love,
which binds everything together in
perfect harmony.**

– Colossians 3.14



Day 2



Let us not grow weary in doing what is right,
for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.

– Galatians 6.9

The Anglican Church of Australia

The Anglican Church of Australia is organised into 23 dioceses, grouped into five provinces. Parishes and organisations working within education, health, mission and social welfare form the framework for the ongoing development of the Church across the country. The Anglican Church's goal is to serve Christ faithfully in the circumstances of our daily lives and to spread God's word so that Australian lives can be spiritually enriched.

Loving God, we thank you for the Church in our country, and we pray today particularly for the work and witness of each diocese:

- *Adelaide (the Most Rev Dr Jeffrey Driver)*
- *Armidale (the Rt Rev Richard Lewers)*
- *Australian Defence Force Chaplaincy (the Rt Rev Ian Lambert)*
- *Ballarat (the Rt Rev Garry Weatherill)*
- *Bathurst (the Rt Rev Ian Palmer)*
- *Bendigo (the Rt Rev Andrew Curnow)*
- *Brisbane (the Most Rev Dr Phillip Aspinall, Primate)*
- *Bunbury (the Rt Rev Allan Ewing)*
- *Canberra and Goulburn (the Rt Rev Stuart Robinson)*
- *General Synod Office (Martin Drevikovsky, General Secretary)*
- *Gippsland (the Rt Rev John McIntyre)*
- *Grafton (the Rev Dr Sarah Macneil, Bishop-elect)*
- *Melbourne (the Most Rev Dr Philip Freier)*
- *Newcastle (the Rt Rev Greg Thompson)*
- *Northern Territory (the Rt Rev Clyde Wood, Administrator)*
- *North Queensland (the Rt Rev William Ray)*
- *North West Australia (the Rt Rev Gary Nelson)*
- *Perth (the Most Rev Roger Herft)*
- *Riverina (the Ven Dr Edwin Byford, Administrator)*
- *Rockhampton (the Rt Rev Godfrey Fryar)*
- *Sydney (the Most Rev Dr Glenn Davies)*
- *Tasmania (the Rt Rev John Harrower)*
- *The Murray (the Rt Rev John Ford)*
- *Wangaratta (the Rt Rev John Parkes)*
- *Willochra (the Rt Rev John Stead)*

We pray, O Lord, for the Anglican Church of Australia as we wrestle with the challenges of living with the past and proclaiming your Gospel for the future. We pray for our bishops and leaders; and for hope in their calling. May we, your children, listen and learn from one another, rejoicing in our differences and building on the love we share through you, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Day 3

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life.

– 1 John 1.1



ABM's work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities was strengthened in 2013 by the appointment of a Reconciliation Coordinator, Mal MacCallum. He works with people like Susan Greenwool, Evelyn Ambrym, Yvonne Jimmy, and Dorita Bounghi who come from isolated parishes in the Diocese of North Queensland. © ABM/Mal MacCallum 2013.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministry

Please pray for the support and growth of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministry as a critical support structure to both the people and the vision of the Anglican Church across Australia. ABM supports projects that encourage Indigenous Anglicans in spiritual as well as in practical aspects of ministry. They are assisted in their ministries, developing their skills and knowledge to create new prospects for personal and spiritual growth. In partnership, ABM works to inspire Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders to minister to their communities and to progressively encourage and create leadership opportunities.

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 in all facets of Australian society*
- all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and for stronger futures for their communities*
- 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*
- ministry training and, in particular, the appointments of a new Bishop and Ministry Development Officer for ongoing Aboriginal ministry development and support*
- Nungalinya and Wontulp-Bi-Buya theological colleges in equipping people for ministry*
- Reconciliation Australia, and all organisations striving to develop and implement Reconciliation Action Plans*

Father of all, we give you thanks for the First People of this land and all they have to offer. We pray for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council; for true reconciliation and recognition. May the programs to support communities and to raise up leadership in the new generation be fruitful, and may all your children learn to live in harmony and respect for one another. We pray this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Nippon Sei Ko Kai – The Anglican Church of Japan

The healing and forgiveness process has been an important part of Nippon Sei Ko Kai's (NSKK) role in the history of modern Japan since the end of World War II. The Anglican Church of Japan, as an instrument of Christ's peace, has resolved to address the pain of division and the cries of suffering. In recent years, the Church has provided much needed support for Japan's natural disasters. It is NSKK's mission to unite in God's word so that peace and compassion endure.

Loving God, we give you thanks for the work and witness of our Anglican sisters and brothers in Japan. We pray especially for:

- *the victims of the East Japan Great Earthquake and Tsunami of 11 May 2011, and for those who have lost their loved ones, houses, jobs, or the will to live*
- *those who have to live in great hardship because of the radiation caused by the malfunction of the nuclear power plant in Fukushima*
- *the 'Let us walk Together' Project of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai and the Diocese of Tohoku which is operating to help people who have been affected by the earthquake and tsunami*
- *Nippon Sei Ko Kai's commitment to abolish the nuclear power plants in Japan and in the world*
- *peace in the northern region of Asia, especially for the peaceful unification of the Korean Peninsula and for the joint effort of Nippon Sei Ko Kai and the Anglican Church of Korea to promote peace in this region*

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for the Anglican Church of Japan as they seek to proclaim your Good News. May they continue to be diligent in mission, courageous in proclamation and effective in outreach to the greatest and the least. Fill them, we pray, with your Holy Spirit to inspire, to guide and to encourage; for your name's sake. Amen.

Personal Prayers

When at midday along the road I saw a light from heaven,
brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions.

– Acts of the Apostles 26.13

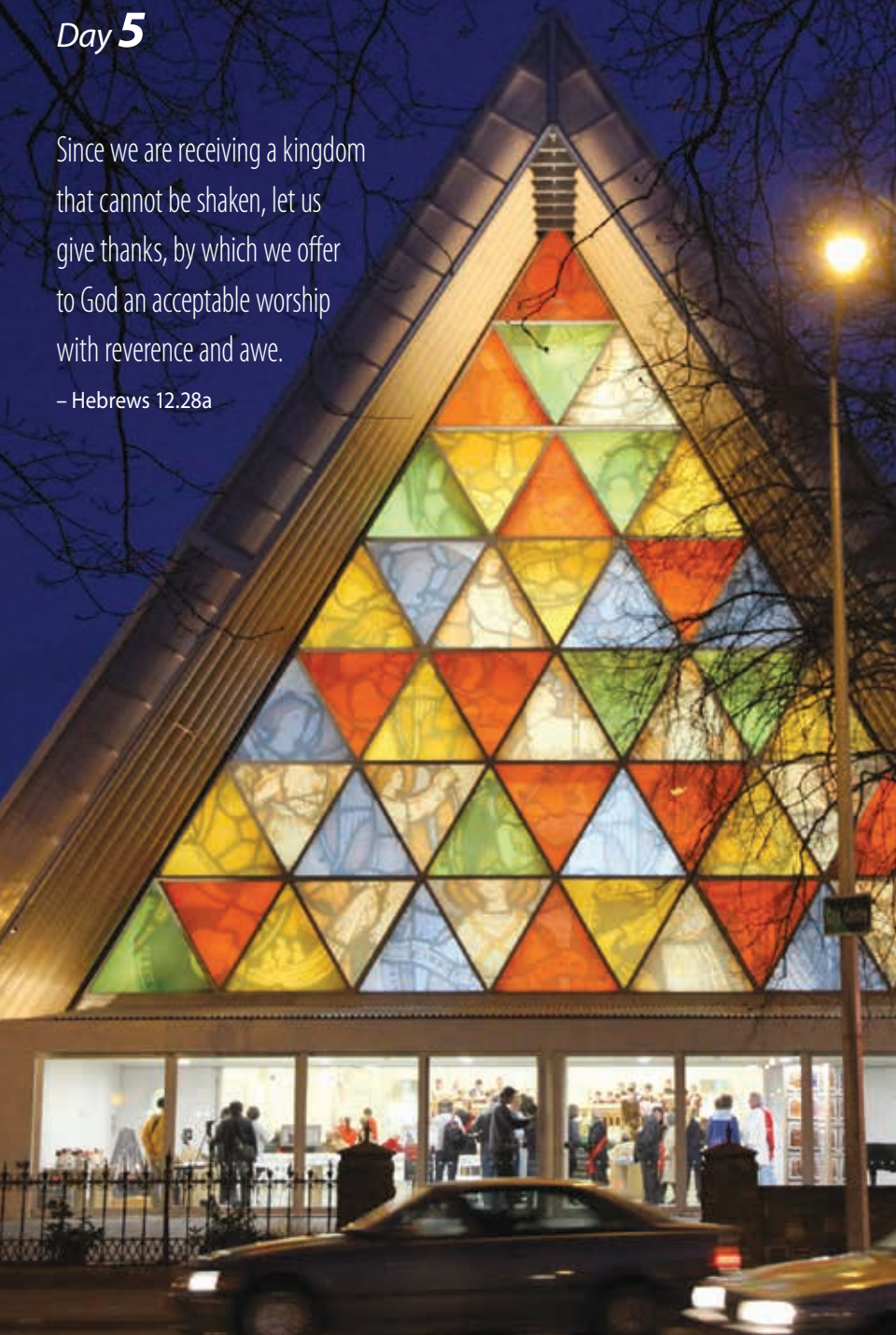


Emergency relief supplies ready for distribution from Christ Church Cathedral, Sendai.
© The Diocese of Tohoku, 2011.

Day 5

Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe.

– Hebrews 12.28a



The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia enjoys the rich diversity that is created by its Maori, Pakeha and Pasefika members. The Church in the South Pacific is resilient and strong and supports local communities by spreading the Gospel and ensuring that there are opportunities for future generations to contribute to the leadership of the Church.

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 Philip Richardson, and the Most Rev Dr Winston Halapua*
- *the people of Christchurch, and their bishops, the Rt Revs Victoria Matthews and John Gray, as they continue to rebuild the city and diocese*
- *the General Secretary, the Rev Michael Hughes and the General Synod Office staff*
- *the Anglican Missions Board, New Zealand, the Rev Canon Robert Kereopa, Executive Officer and the staff*
- *CMS New Zealand and the Rev Steve Maina, National Director*
- *St John's Theological College, Auckland, and the Principal/Manukura, the Rev Canon Tony Gerritsen, and faculty*
- *the Three Tikanga Youth Commission and Commissioner, the Rev Michael Tamihere*

Lord God of all peoples and all times, we pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. As the strands of the three *tikanga* weave together in love, may they continue to share in the joy of discovering the treasures of cultural diversity. May their shared experiences lead them to ever deeper discovery of your will for your people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Christchurch's new Transitional Cathedral. Designed by the Japanese architect Shigeru Ban and built using high-strength compressed paper tubes, the 'Cardboard Cathedral' offers a glimmer of hope to the earthquake-ravaged city. © The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia/Lloyd Ashton, 2013.

Day 6

Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

– Revelation 2.11



Ecumenical leaders, including Archbishop Philip Aspinall and Bishop Bill Ray, gather with the General Secretary of the National Council of Churches in Australia, the Rev Tara Curlewis, to plant an olive tree in honour of the Catholic Bishop of Townsville, the Most Rev Michael Putney DD (fifth from left), a noted ecumenist, during the Walk of Witness. © Townsville Catholic Diocese/ Neil Helmore, 2013.

Ecumenical Relationships

The Anglican Church of Australia is a member of the National Council of Churches in Australia and takes part in ecumenical dialogue at a national level. ABM works with a number of ecumenical partners on community development programs overseas.

Lord Jesus Christ, on the night before you died you prayed that the Church might be one so that the world may believe. Hear our prayers for:

- *the work of the National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA) and for its 19 members (Anglican Church of Australia, Antiochian Orthodox Church, Armenian Apostolic Church, Assyrian Church of the East, Chinese Methodist Church in Australia, Churches of Christ in Australia, Congregational Federation of Australia, Coptic Orthodox Church, Greek Orthodox Church, Indian Orthodox Church, Lutheran Church of Australia, Mar Thoma Church, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Roman Catholic Church, Romanian Orthodox Church, The Salvation Army, Serbian Orthodox Church, Syrian Orthodox Church, Uniting Church in Australia)*
- *the NCCA's Executive and its President, the Rev Dr Mike Semmler, and for the General Secretary, the Rev Tara Curlewis*
- *the work of the state- and territory-based ecumenical bodies*
- *ABM's Ecumenical Partners: Act for Peace, Adventist Relief and Development Agency, Australian Lutheran World Service, Baptist World Aid Australia, Caritas Australia, The Salvation Army, UnitingWorld*

Lord Jesus Christ you prayed that your disciples might be one, as you and the Father are one. We ask your blessing on our attempts to establish meaningful and lasting ecumenical relationships. May we listen creatively, and focus on what we have in common instead of our differences. Teach us, dear Lord, to walk in each other's footsteps and sing each other's songs as we learn to understand and celebrate your Good News with one another. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Day 7

If while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

– Romans 5.10



The Rev Annette Bailey (left) and the Rev Yulki Nunggumajbarr talk together before an ordination in the Northern Territory in 2013. ABM is committed to working towards reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians. © Anne van Gend, 2013.

Reconciliation

Reconciliation importantly reminds us of the character and work of Jesus Christ. The principle of inclusivity and the acceptance of each other's strengths and differences continue to be a major focus for ABM. Reconciliation recognises that we have all been created in God's image and that we have the power to embrace diversity and celebrate the variety of life.

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*

Creator of all, you made us to be wonderfully different. Help us to promote reconciliation and healing, both here and wherever your children are divided. As we listen with obedient attention, help us to forgive and understand. Teach us that we do not have to be the same to value one another. Bless, O Lord, the peacemakers, and may the bonds of peace grow ever stronger in our communities; in the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Personal Prayers

The Anglican Church of Melanesia

ABM and the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM) have had a partnership that has extended over 160 years and now sees 40% of the population across the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu identifying with the Church. The partnership of ABM and ACOM provides enhanced opportunities in literacy, water and sanitation, climate change adaptation and strengthening families that ultimately see improvements in the education, social fabric and health of the local people.

Loving God, we give you thanks for the Anglican Church of Melanesia, its Mothers' Union and its 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, the Rt Rev Alfred Hou, Bishop-elect Patteson Worek and for their clergy and people*
- *Dr Abraham Hauriasi, General Secretary; Anthony Sekata, Deputy General Secretary; the Rev George Elo, Mission Secretary; and the Rev John Sovan, Deputy Mission Secretary*
- *Sr Doreen Awaiasi, Head Sister, and all the sisters who staff the Christian Care Centre, a refuge for women and children*
- *Joses Togase, Betarose Amkory and Janet Sine, Development Coordinators in the Vanuatu Church Partnership Program*
- *the Melanesian Brotherhood, the Sisters of Melanesia, the Society of St Francis, and the Community of the Sisters of the Church*
- *Mary Koete, President of the Mothers' Union, Melanesia, and all the members in the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu*

Bless, we pray, the Anglican Church of Melanesia, as they continue to respond to human needs in loving service. We give you thanks for their success in strengthening communities and providing health and educational opportunities for the people they serve. May their endeavours continue to bring wholeness of life and hope for the future. Be with their bishops and clergy, as well as lay leaders such as the Mothers' Union and the Religious Communities. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Agnes attends the Positive Parenting Workshop offered by the Mothers' Union in the Solomon Islands. © ABM/ Elizabeth Baker, 2013.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

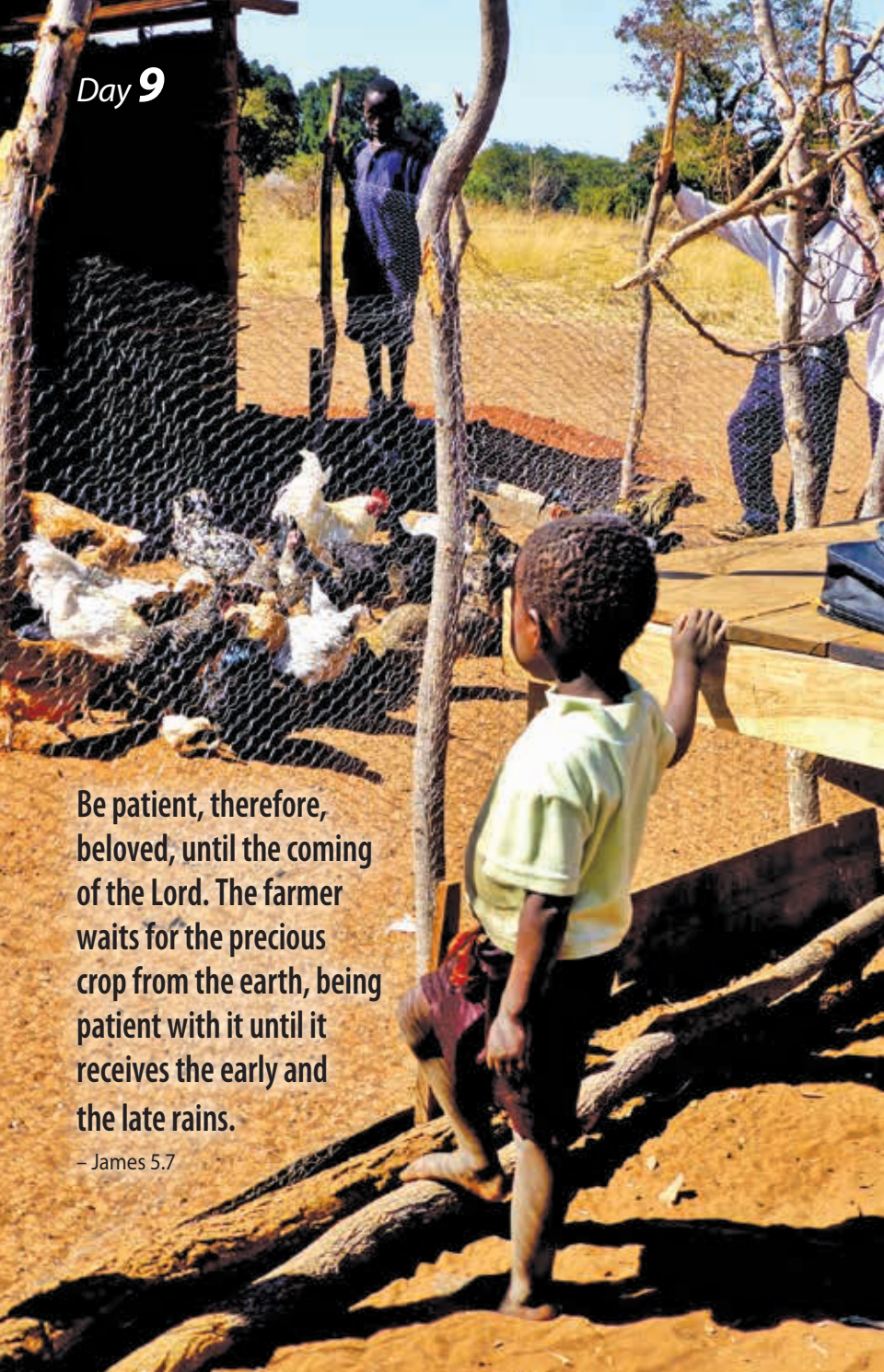
– 1 John 5.13



Day 9

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.

– James 5.7



The Church of the Province of Central Africa

The Church of the Province of Central Africa is comprised of Anglicans in Botswana, Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Each country faces its own challenges. For example, Zambia (in which ABM funds a gender and governance program and supports St John's Seminary) is adjusting to the effects of rapid industrialisation. ABM's partnership support in Zambia aids mostly people living in rural communities or in poor settlements near the capital cities. Empowerment of women is a particular focus of the program and all assistance has an emphasis on empowering locals and developing communities.

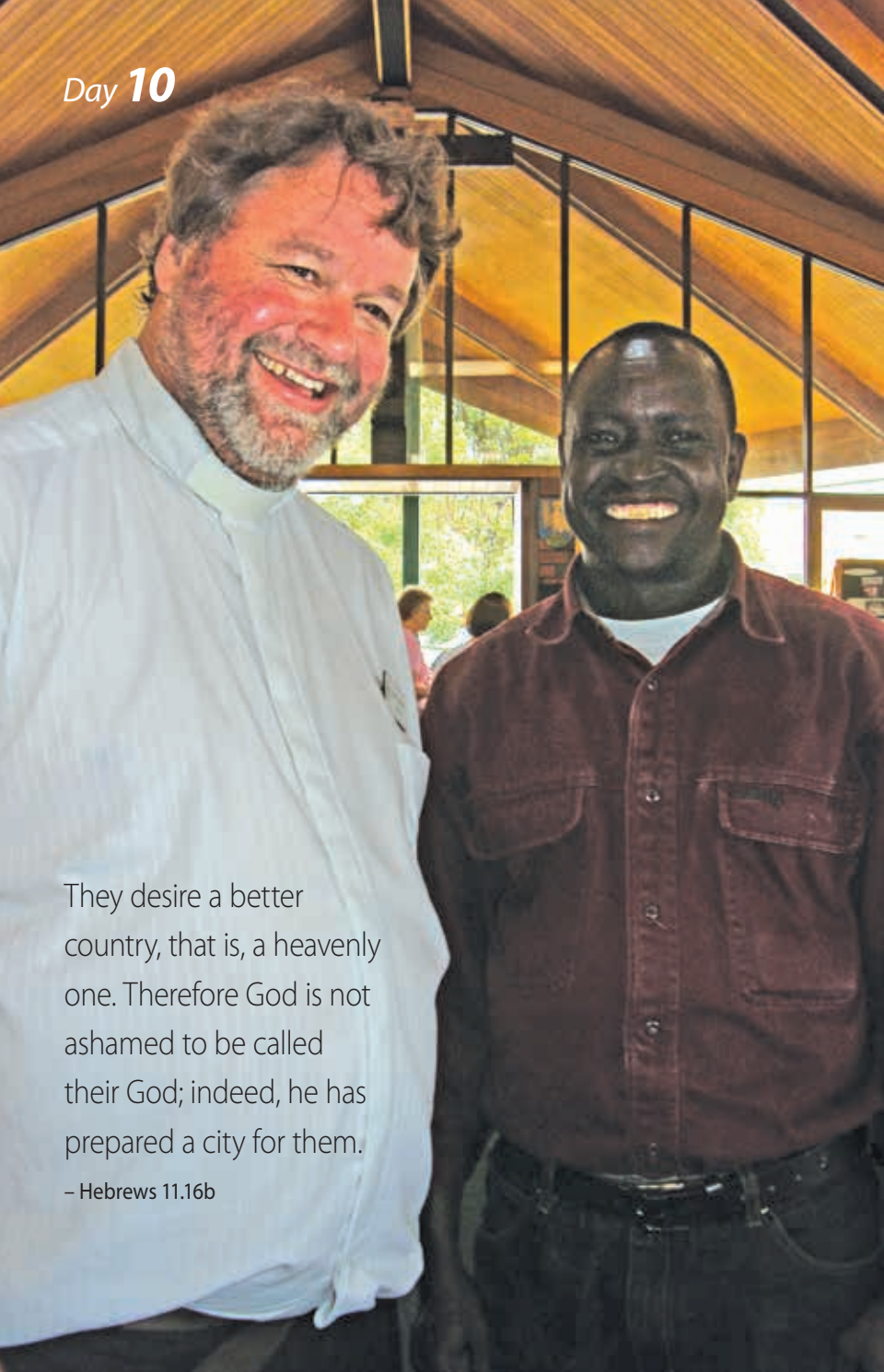
Loving God, we give you thanks for the Church of the Province of Central Africa, and we pray especially for the work and witness of the Church in Zambia:

- *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;*
- *the Zambia Anglican Council (ZAC) which oversees Anglican work in the country*
- *Wilson Sumaili, General Secretary of ZAC*
- *Grace Mazala Phiri, National Programs Director of ZAC*
- *ZAC staff in the five dioceses of the Anglican Church in Zambia*
- *the staff and ordinands at St John's Seminary, Kitwe*
- *the women of Eastern Zambia and Lusaka Dioceses participating in the Gender and Governance Program*
- *communities of all denominations who work with ZAC*

Empower, we pray O Lord, the leaders of the Zambia Anglican Council and the people it serves. As they work in partnership with government bodies, may they succeed in their efforts to change attitudes which discriminate against women. Guide them in their efforts to provide theological education, develop skills and improve the livelihoods of communities. May everything they do to raise the standard of living in Zambia be done in your name, Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

In Zambia, ABM supports a Gender and Governance Initiative that helps remove discrimination against women, enabling both women and men to flourish. Here, a child watches over chickens for his family. © ABM/Beth Snedden, 2013.

Day **10**



They desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

– Hebrews 11.16b

Internally-Displaced People, Asylum Seekers and Refugees

ABM prays for the plight of the many refugees across the world. In recent years Syria has experienced large numbers of civilian casualties, many internally displaced people and growing numbers of refugees. According to UN OCHA (Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Aid) over 4 million people are displaced within Syria and almost 2 million refugees are hosted by other countries. ABM recognises the severity of the crises surrounding such people and contributes to the humanitarian response by supporting refugees to find peace and stability in their lives.

Loving God, the Holy Family fled a mad king's murderous rage by escaping to another country in fear. We rejoice that Australia is able to offer safe haven to refugees and we thank you for all the gifts and skills they bring to this country. We bring before you now:

- *all who have been displaced from their homes by natural or human-caused disasters in their countries*
- *all who flee to other countries from persecution in their own*
- *the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) as it assesses the claims of asylum seekers*
- *refugees adjusting to their new life in Australia*
- *all refugee advocates in Australia.*

God of Abraham, who left his home, and of Ruth, the alien who left hers, your Son was also a refugee in Egypt. You have always commanded your people to welcome the homeless and the refugee. Forgive us when we put our own comfort above your command to do justice and love mercy. Defend, we pray, those who are forced to leave behind their homes, their families, their careers and all that is familiar. May they find in us a welcome and a new homecoming, for the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Fr Ian Mabey, Rector of St John's Coffs Harbour, with Kassimiro Yanga, who works tirelessly as a leader of the South Sudanese people in the parish. Kassimiro understands the concept of the ministry of all believers and has taken hold of his ministry and his place in the leadership of the Coffs Harbour parish. The focus of the parish is being one in Christ, one in the gathered people of God in this place. © ABM/Julianne Stewart, 2012.

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

ABM's partnership with the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP) provides essential community programs that strengthen the local population's resilience to overcome challenges. A long history of poverty as well as adversities from natural disasters has led ECP to implement programs that create stability and sustainability so that the present and future challenges of local communities can be addressed.

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 Wandag, the Rt Rev Joel Pachao, the Rt Rev Renato Abibico, the Rt Rev Danilo Bustamante, 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; CDBP (Community-based Development Program) Officer, Dominga Anosan; Research and Documentation Officer, Farida Pasiwen; and Provincial Treasurer, Bridget Ladao*

We give you thanks, gracious Lord, for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines and for all they do to promote community based programmes aimed at individual resilience and community strength. As they cope with poverty and the results of natural disasters, may they find courage in you and the strength to work together for the future. We ask your blessing on their leaders and all who support them in their vision to be a dynamic and vibrant church. In your name we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Funded by ABM, the newly-developed Sunday School curriculum is helping children in the Philippines to grow in faith. © ABM/Brad Chapman, 2013.



Be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

– 1 Corinthians 15.58b

The Episcopal Church of the Sudan

The Episcopal Church of the Sudan (ECS) has millions of members across both Sudan and South Sudan who face significant daily challenges as a consequence of years of civil war and political instability. The Church provides spiritual guidance, supporting the faith of its members and is making a significant contribution to peace building and service delivery for local communities.

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

- *the Most Rev Daniel Deng Bul Yak, Archbishop of the Sudan*
- *the people, clergy and bishops of all 31 dioceses of the ECS, rebuilding after such a long period of conflict*
- *the Dioceses of El-Obeid, Kadugli, Khartoum, Port Sudan and Wad Medani, facing particular challenges in the north*
- *the work of the ECS Health and Education Commissions*
- *reconciliation and peace for all people in Sudan and South 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*

Lord, we pray for the Episcopal Church of the Sudan as it faces the challenges of working across two countries, to rebuild and reconcile after years of conflict. Strengthen her people, clergy and bishops to embrace your peace which passes all understanding, and bring hope for the future of their countries. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Women in South Sudan cooking rice with their solar ovens which assist them to provide for their families and saves them having to collect scarce firewood. © Graham Dillon, 2012.



This is the message we have heard from him
and proclaim to you, that God is light
and in him there is no darkness at all.

- 1 John 1.5

Day 13

Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

— Philippians 4.9



Anglican Schools

Our Anglican schools play an important role in the Church both now and in the future. The Church supports Anglican schools to teach God's word and, in so doing, provides enduring relevance and hope for our future adults. Leadership opportunities for younger generations ensure that the Anglican Church will continue God's mission in future years and that the Church hold its place in the modern world.

Loving God, we give you thanks for all Anglican schools, and we pray especially for:

- *the Gawura Aboriginal campus of St Andrew's Cathedral School, Sydney, its staff, students, family and community members*
- *Martyrs', Holy Name and Aiome Schools in Papua New Guinea*
- *St Paul's School, Balbalasang, Northern Luzon in the Philippines*
- *Pamua Secondary School in the Solomon Islands*
- *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*

Jesus, you taught your disciples through word and through example. Be with those who teach and those who learn in Anglican schools around the world. May teachers and chaplains, through their own example, inspire a love of learning in their pupils, a delight in your word and a vision for the future built on the way you showed. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Students from Anglican schools gather for the 2013 OneWorld WonTok Conference in Adelaide.
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Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui – The Anglican Church of Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (HKSKH) is the Anglican Church in Hong Kong and Macau. It is made up of three dioceses and one missionary area – the Diocese of Hong Kong Island, the Diocese of Eastern Kowloon, the Diocese of Western Kowloon and the Missionary Area of Macau. There are more than 50 parishes and mission churches. The Church is committed to sharing the love of God and to serve the community by providing quality social services and education through its Welfare Council, and through over 120 kindergartens, primary and secondary schools.

Loving God, we offer our thanks for the work and witness of the Church in Hong Kong, and we ask for your blessing on:

- *the bishops, clergy and people of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Anglican Church of Hong Kong), including the Most Rev Paul Kwong (Primate of the Province and Diocesan Bishop of Hong Kong Island), the Rt Rev Louis Tsui (Diocesan Bishop of Eastern Kowloon) and the Rt Rev Andrew Chan (Diocesan Bishop of Western Kowloon)*
- *the election of the next diocesan bishop of Eastern Kowloon*
- *the development project of the Bishop Hill at Central which includes the conservation of three historical buildings and the establishment of a new hospital*
- *the training of seminary students and lay people at the Ming Hua Theological College*
- *the implementation of the HKSKH School Education Policy Paper and the HKSKH Social Service Policy Paper which have been adopted in the Provincial General Synod*

Bless, we pray, the Anglican Church of Hong Kong in the challenges it faces as it brings the Good News into a polarised society of extreme wealth and extreme poverty. We pray for all who are involved in their social welfare services. May they be successful in their aim to transform injustice, challenge violence and pursue peace and reconciliation, through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The blessing of the water as those soon to become Christians wait for their baptisms at St John's Cathedral, Hong Kong. © The Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, 2013.

For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

– 2 Corinthians 8.9

Day **14**



Day **15**

So then, whenever we have an opportunity,
let us work for the good of all, and especially
for those of the family of faith.

– Galatians 6.10



The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

ABM works with the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (ACPNG) to build the church's capacity to deliver health and education services to people in rural areas, to raise awareness about gender issues and to support ongoing clergy training. The long history between ABM and the Church in PNG has impacted lives and enriched the Church in both countries, over many years, and continues to do so.

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

- *the Most Rev Clyde Igara, Archbishop of Papua New Guinea*
- *the bishops of ACPNG – the Rt Rev Alan Migi, the Rt Rev Nathan Ingen, the Rt Rev Lindsley Ihove and the Rt Rev Peter Ramsden, their clergy and people*
- *the election process of the Bishop of Dogura and the people of the diocese*
- *the General Secretary, Samson Chicki; staff of the church; workers in the Anglican Health Service and the Anglican Education Division*
- *the PNG Church Partnership Program (CPP), the Anglican CPP Coordinator and Steering Committee*
- *Trevor Terina, National Health Secretary; Percy Kaniniba, National 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 St Francis and the Congregation of the Sisters of the Visitation of Our Lady*

Father, we pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. Inspire and equip its bishops and leaders as they seek your will and lead the Church into the future. Prosper, we pray, their work in community development, social services, education and health, especially in remote areas. May they be encouraged and inspired to humbly live your Gospel in the midst of the challenges of daily life. Amen.

ABM supports Community Development and Church to Church programs in Papua New Guinea, working to ensure community is built, the gospel is shared and opportunities are increased.
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Anglican Witness

Anglican Witness is the new name for the Anglican Communion's Evangelism and Church Growth Initiative. It aims to connect people – through regular newsletters and a Facebook group where people can share ideas – from around the communion who have a passion for sharing the faith and growing the Church. Anglican Witness' Core Group has prioritised these areas: children and young people; discipleship; unreached and engaged people; gathering and sharing evangelism resources; and communication tools, in order to help the Church to grow.

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 Rt Rev Ng Moon Hing, Co-Convenor; the Rev John Kafwanka, Director of Mission, Anglican Communion Office; Stuart Buchanan, Projects Officer, Anglican Communion Office*
- *The members of the Anglican Witness Core Group*
- *all those providing loving and faithful Christian witness in countries or areas where Christians are in the minority, such as Japan, China, Pakistan, Myanmar (Burma), northern Kenya, and Mindanao (southern Philippines)*

Jesus who commanded us, as your disciples, to go and make disciples, we give you thanks for the Anglican Witness group and its commitment to enacting your command. May their building of links, sharing and encouraging be successful in growing your Church throughout the world. Encourage them in their enterprise, we pray, and sustain them, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Personal Prayers


We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.

– 2 Peter 1.16



The Rev John Kafwanka, the Rt Rev Patrick Yu and the Rt Rev Ng Moon Hing with Judy Douglas from Church Army Australia at the Anglican Witness Core Group meeting in Limuru, Kenya. © Anglican Witness, 2013.

Day 17



Let us then pursue what makes for
peace and for mutual edification.

– Romans 14.19

People in Crisis and for Peace

Many of ABM's partners are engaged in peace-building and responding to crises. ABM assists in this crisis response, where the Church serves as an important support to those who are vulnerable and at risk. It is essential that such people gain refuge in a safe and inclusive environment where their physical, social and spiritual needs can be met.

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

- *peace throughout the Middle East, the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan and between North and South Korea*
- *peace in Rakhine State (Myanmar (Burma)) and in the provinces of Mindanao (the Philippines)*
- *better policies and planning that make drought and other natural disasters less catastrophic for vulnerable people*
- *women and children, who suffer most during drought and conflict*
- *the strengthening of communities everywhere*

Incarnate Lord, be with those who have fled their homes as a result of human or natural disaster. We believe that your compassion embraces all who are lost, alone and vulnerable; teach us that compassion. We give you thanks for Church initiatives to broker peace and support the needy; may we be always vigilant, searching for opportunities to spread your light in the world, Prince of Peace. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Destruction in Gaza in the Diocese of Jerusalem. We pray for people affected by destruction and war in Gaza. © ABM/Julianne Stewart, 2013.

The Anglican Alliance

The global initiative known as the Anglican Alliance began five years ago and is already proving its value with its collaborative approach at local, regional and global levels. The Anglican Alliance for development, relief and advocacy supports the Anglican family of churches and agencies to work for a better world which realizes growth and productivity, justice and freedom. The Alliance's targeted development priorities and agreed strategies for advocacy and emergency relief continue to enhance people's lives in countries around the world.

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

- *the Rev Rachel Carnegie and the Rev Andrew Bowerman, Co-Directors of the Anglican Alliance, and the team that supports them*
- *other provincial Anglican mission agencies of the Anglican Alliance: Episcopal Relief and Development – USA; the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund – Canada; Us (formerly USPG) – UK and Ireland; HOPE Africa – South Africa*
- *other members of the Anglican Alliance: Anglican Crisis Relief Outreach and Support Singapore; Anglican Overseas Aid; the Church Missionary Society; the Mothers' Union*
- *the specialised development ministries of the Anglican Church*

Lord who prayed that your children might be one, thank you for this initiative, and for the success of collaborative Anglican responses to global needs. May the threefold aims of development, relief and advocacy bring the light of your presence where there is darkness. Where there is poverty, may we share in bringing development; where emergencies overwhelm your children, may we share in bringing relief and where there is injustice, may we share in being advocates for your justice. In your name we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Tagolyn Kabekabe is the Pacific Regional Facilitator for the Anglican Alliance. She works from the Solomon Islands in this advocacy and development role. © ABM/Vivienne For, 2013.

We are God's servants,
working together.

– 1 Corinthians 3.9a

Day **18**



Day 19

Hope does not disappoint us,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

– Romans 5.5



Women in Myanmar are supported by the Church which aims to empower communities with skills and strengthen faith. © The Church of the Province of Myanmar, 2013.

The Church of the Province of Myanmar

The history of natural disasters and poverty in this region means that the work of ABM and its partners serves as an essential support for the local people. Collaborative projects supported by ABM ensure sustainability and empowerment that improves living conditions and strengthens faith. The Church in Myanmar will continue to be an important support to the local population providing food and water security. ABM also resources the Church with Bibles and prayer books.

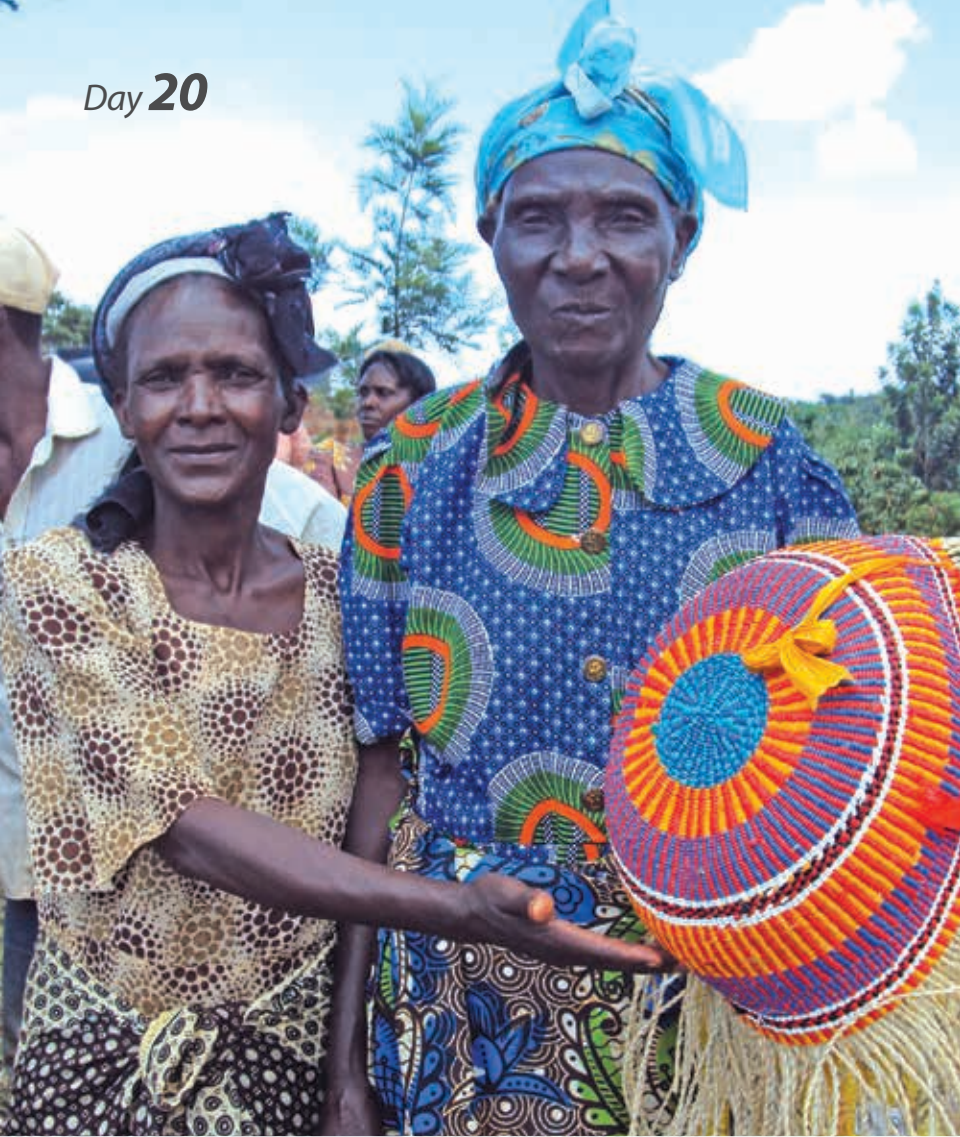
Loving God, we give you thanks for the Church of the Province of Myanmar, and we pray especially for:

- *the Most Rev Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon*
- *the Rt Rev John Wilme, the Rt Rev Saw Stylo, the Rt Rev John Zau Li, the Rt Rev James Min Dein, the Rt Rev David Nyi Nyi Naing, the Rt Rev Samuel Htan Oak, bishops of the Church*
- *all the priests, deacons and congregations of the church throughout Myanmar (Burma)*
- *the Rev Mark Maung Doe, General Secretary, and the staff of the Provincial Office*
- *the staff of the provincial development desk in Yangon, especially Peter San Lin and Joy Hla Gyaw*
- *the communities whom the Church assists*
- *the work of the Church on the Thai-Burma border*

Lord, our fount of living water, we pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar, as they act out your Gospel in the lives of their people. We ask you to bless the projects aimed at improving living conditions in that country, and for a people struggling to survive in the present as they plan for the future. May their efforts to provide for your children be fruitful, and their faith in you strengthened day by day. In your name we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Day **20**



In accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

– 2 Peter 3.13

The Anglican Church of Kenya

ABM is working with the Anglican Dioceses of Machakos, Kitui and Makeni, and the mission district of Garissa, through its partner, Anglican Development Services-Eastern, to assist locals to overcome the challenges of climate and poverty. Improvements to basic living essentials such as clean water and fertile land have resulted from program success. Understanding the need to support spiritual growth, ABM has also commenced work on a catechesis program for children that will ensure the gospel is shared as future Kenyans live out God's word.

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 Kenya*
- *the Bishops where Anglican Development Services (ADS)-Eastern work – the Rt Rev Joseph Mutungi, the Rt Rev Josephat Mule, the Rt Rev Joseph Kanuku and the people of the mission district of Garissa*
- *the communities of the Ukambani served by ADS-Eastern*
- *Esther Musili, Executive Director; John Mutua, Deputy Director; Urbanus Mutua, Program Officer and all the staff at ADS-Eastern*
- *the parishes across Kenya where the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has been established*
- *The children whose relationship with God will deepen this year through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd's programs*

Father of all, we pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya, in their mission to equip God's people to reach out and transform society with the gospel of Christ. Bless them as they endeavour to live out their faith in daily life. Uphold them as they endeavour to improve the lives of their people for the future. May their joy in you ignite their determination to walk together in collaborative partnership. Amen.

Personal Prayers

In Kenya, ABM works with ADS-Eastern (formerly UCCS). These women are supported by programs that aim to improve their livelihoods. © ABM/Julianne Stewart, 2012.



Day **21**

I hope to come to you
and talk with you
face to face, so that our
joy may be complete.

— 2 John 1.12b

Interfaith Dialogue

Our world is marked by plurality and we encounter people of many different faiths, ideologies and convictions regularly. Dialogue is a means by which we can together affirm life and the integrity of creation. Religious dialogue is possible only if, at the outset, we have an expectation of meeting God who has preceded us and has been present with others in their own contexts. God is there before we come (Acts 17) and our task is not to bring God along, but to witness to the God who is already there. Dialogue provides for an honest encounter where each party brings to the table all that they are in an open, patient and respectful manner.

Loving God, hear us as we pray:

- *for the Australian National Dialogue of Christians, Muslims, and Jews*
- *for the National Council of Churches in Australia who listen and speak on behalf of 19 Christian denominations, to representatives from the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils and the Executive Council of Australian Jewry*
- *grassroots interfaith initiatives in our communities, especially those to do with violence or gender issues*
- *that religious bigotry and intolerance may not fester in our Churches*
- *that our Churches may work to build understanding, goodwill and a sense of community between people of different faiths*

Creator of all, show us the way to work together with people of other faiths as together we search for ways to protect the weak, nurture the young and embrace the lost and the lonely. We give you thanks for the successful dialogue we have with those of other faiths and we pray for a spirit of reconciliation and mutual respect in our dealings with one another. We pray particularly for those who speak out against sectarianism in places where it is dangerous to do so. For the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ our Prince of Peace. Amen.

Personal Prayers

The Rev Dr Jonathan Inkpin, Rector of St Luke's, Toowoomba, and Sheikh Abd al-Wahid Pallavicini, head of the Sufi Brotherhood in Italy, lunch together at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris during the UNESCO conference to mark Vesak (birth of the Buddha) Day 2013. © Jonathan Inkpin, 2013.



I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

– Ephesians 1.15-16

The Anglican Church of Korea

The Worldwide Peace Conference hosted by the Anglican Church of Korea six years ago resulted in the important Towards Peace in Korea (TOPIK) Nutrition Program. This program aims at alleviating famine in Korea as well as promoting peace and stability between the North and South Korean nations. The Church provides humanitarian aid including nutritional assistance to the vulnerable and upholds the belief that reconciliation and harmony can be accomplished through mercy and forgiveness.

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 Geun-Sang Kim, Archbishop of Korea and Bishop of Seoul*
- *the Rt Rev Onesimus Park, Bishop of Busan, his clergy and people*
- *the Diocese of Daejeon and their new bishop*
- *the General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Korea, the Rev Abraham Gwang-Joon Kim*
- *the Rev Gabriel Dae-Sung Lee, Administrator; Dr John Sang-Hun Lee, Assistant Administrator; and Michaela Min-Jeong Kim, Financial Officer of the TOPIK program*
- *The 'Living with St Francis' program run by the Franciscan order in the Diocese of Seoul*

We pray for the Anglican Church of Korea as they seek to serve you and to build peace. May they be strengthened and encouraged to work together to bring peace through forgiveness, understanding and reconciliation. Bless them in their humanitarian work among the vulnerable, including people from North Korea trapped in slum conditions and refuges. In your name we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Messages of hope for peace and reconciliation adorn this fence near Panmunjeom marking the border between North Korea and South Korea. © ABM/Brad Chapman, 2007.

Day **23**



You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions.

– Acts of the Apostles 20.34

Iglesia Filipina Independiente

(Philippines Independent Church)

As a society heavily dependent on agriculture, the Philippines faces a challenge to eradicate poverty and improve living conditions for its people. A long history of natural disasters (eg. the November 2013 typhoon) and insufficient government services has meant that basic living essentials such as clean water, sanitation and fundamental healthcare have been neglected. The IFI has been in full communion with the Anglican Church for over 50 years and its development arm, VIMROD (Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development), works with communities to help them realise and build on their strengths to improve their livelihoods.

Loving God, we give you thanks for the Iglesia Filipina Independiente (IFI), and we pray especially for:

- *the Obispo Maximo, the Most Rev Ephraim S. Fajutagana, and all the bishops*
- *the General Secretary, the Rt Rev Joselito Cruz*
- *the Rev Herbert Fadriquela, Executive Director of VIMROD*
- *the 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 has created*

We pray to you, our Father, for our brothers and sisters in the Philippines Independent Church, struggling to make a difference for you in a country plagued by natural disasters and poverty. Sustain them, we pray, in their attempts to make a difference to the lives of the poor in their land through their commitment to community development and social justice. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayers

People from the Pandong Bato community in Cebu, the Philippines, making herbal tea bags. This assets-based community development project has helped them to increase their incomes.
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Day 24



I asked, "What am I to do, Lord?" The Lord said to me,
"Get up and go to Damascus; there you will be told
everything that has been assigned to you to do."

– Acts of the Apostles 22.10

Missionaries and Overseas Volunteers

Through the commitment and devotion of missionaries and overseas volunteers, people's lives in communities around the world have been positively changed and enriched. As a result of their strong conviction and by following Christ's example, our past missionaries and current volunteers continue to make a sustained difference to people who live in partner countries or support ABM's work locally.

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*
- *those who give of their time to volunteer overseas*
- *those whose lives are transformed by the Spirit of God*

Disturbing Spirit, who inspires us to hear the command to make disciples, we give you thanks for all who have left home, comfort and security to take your Word into the world. Use their skills and enthusiasm, we pray, to transform your world into a place where your Name is glorified and all people live in harmony and shalom. Use us too, good Lord, to play our part in your great commission. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Rowena Clark-Hansen, the Diocese of Tasmania's ABM Ambassador, visited Papua New Guinea on ABM's annual pilgrimage in 2013. She is now volunteering her time to share the work of ABM with others in the diocese after her trip. © ABM/Jill Savage, 2013.

Day 25

So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

– 1 Thessalonians 2.8



An impromptu hairdressing session at the second annual Derby Girls' Camp, WA. © Anglicare Australia.

Mission Agencies and Caring Agencies in Australia

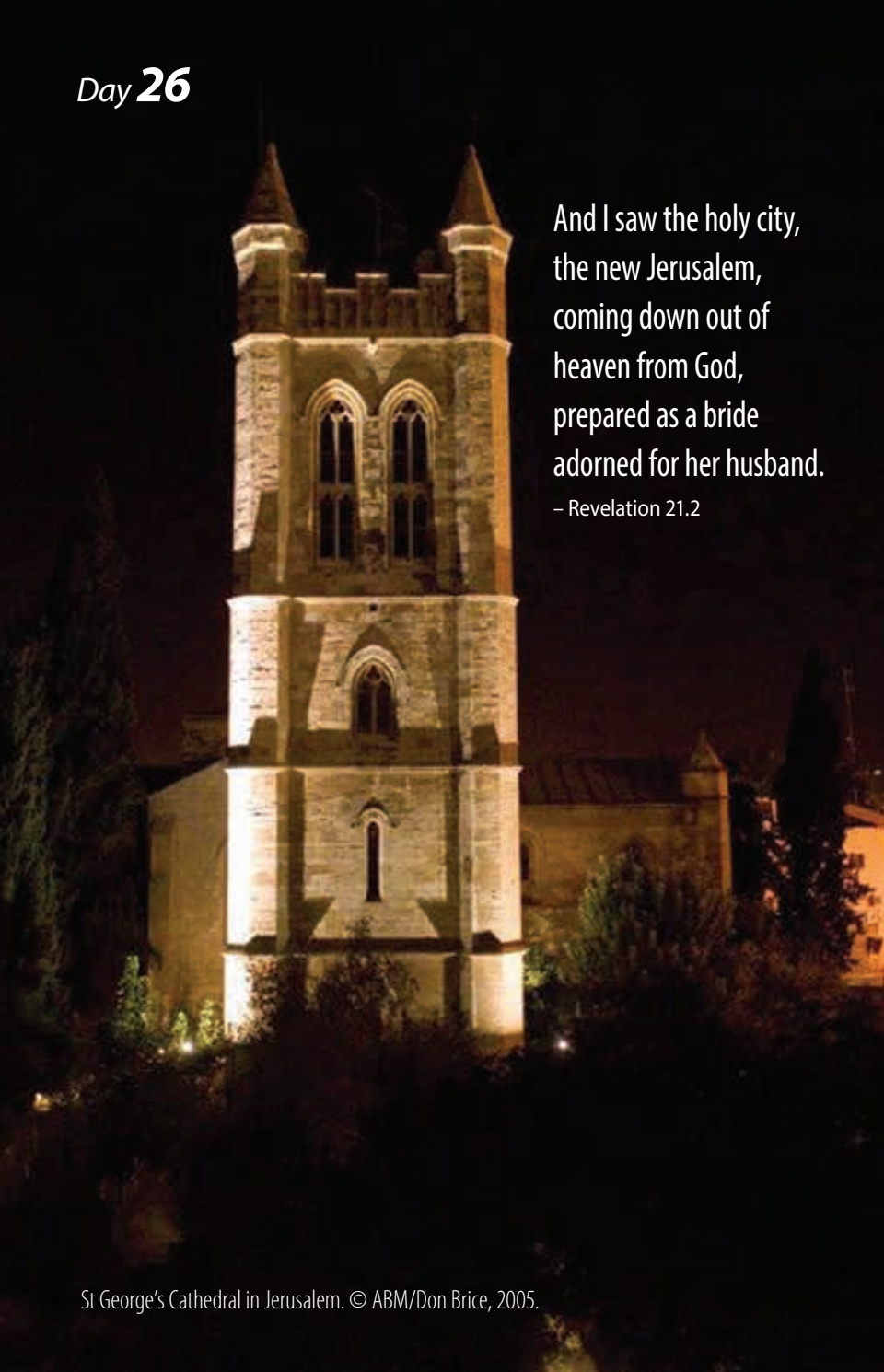
Numerous organisations across our country work to ensure that the successful progression of God's mission continues into the future. The mission agencies aspire to spread the gospel in word and deed throughout Australia and beyond. The caring agencies meet the needs of many Australians by enriching their lives spiritually, physically and socially.

Loving God, we give you thanks for your mission in the world, and for the comfort and care you bring. We pray for:

- *Caring Agencies:* **Australia-wide:** Anglicare; **Adelaide:** St John's Youth Services; The Archway. **Brisbane:** Anglican Community Services Commission. **Grafton:** CASPA Child and Adolescent Specialist Programs and Accommodation; The Buttery. **Melbourne:** Benetas; Brotherhood of St Laurence; Echo; LifeWorks; St Mark's Community Centre. **Newcastle:** Anglican Care; The Samaritans Foundation; Storm Retirement Villages. **North Queensland:** Good Shepherd Lodge; Good Shepherd Nursing Home; St James' Retirement Village. **North West Australia:** Anglican Homes for the Aged. **Perth:** Amana Living; Parkerville Children and Youth Care; St Bartholomew's House. **Rockhampton:** St Mary's Senior Citizens Village; St Matthew's Cottages. **Sydney:** All Saints' Community Care; Anglican Retirement Villages; Anglican Youthworks; St John's Community Services; WorkVentures Limited. **Tasmania:** Clarendon Children and Family Services; Glenview Community Services. **The Murray:** ac-care. **Wangaratta:** Kellock Lodge Alexandra; LifeWorks; St John's Village. **Willochra:** The Willochra Home
- *Mission Agencies:* Anglican Aid, Anglican Aid Abroad, Bible Society Australia, Brotherhood of the Good Shepherd, Bush Church Aid Society of Australia, Church Army Australia, Church Missionary Society, Mission to Seafarers, MU Australia, National Home Mission Fund, Sharing of Ministries Abroad, Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge – Australia

Loving Shepherd, we pray for all who gather your sheep into your embrace. May their efforts bring your shalom and your love into the lives of those who crave the peace that only you can give. May their efforts bring light where there is darkness, hope where there is despair and joy where there is sadness. In the name of Jesus Christ, who gave his life for love of the lost sheep, we pray. Amen.

Day **26**



And I saw the holy city,
the new Jerusalem,
coming down out of
heaven from God,
prepared as a bride
adorned for her husband.

– Revelation 21.2

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East

The Episcopal Church in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East is supported by ABM through the Province's various institutions including hospitals and schools in the region. The Good Friday Gift assists essential ministries such as medical care, grants for disadvantaged students and support for refugees, as well as spiritual outreach. ABM has recently injected funds into the building of an aged-care facility and a community centre in the north of Jerusalem, and supports a child nutrition program at the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza.

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

- *the Most Rev Dr Mouneer Hanna Anis, President Bishop of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East and Bishop of Egypt, North Africa and the Horn of Africa (which includes Ethiopia)*
- *the Rt Rev Suheil Dawani, Bishop of Jerusalem; Sawsan Aranki-Batato, Programs Development Officer, Diocese of Jerusalem*
- *the Rt Rev Grant Le Marquand, Regional Bishop in Ethiopia; the Rt Rev Bill Musk, Regional Bishop in North Africa; the Rev Drew Schmotzer, Chaplain to the President Bishop; and Rosie Fyfe, Diocese of Egypt's Partnership Officer*
- *the people of Israel/Palestine, Egypt, and the Middle East*
- *the growth and strengthening of the Anglican communities in the Gambela region of Ethiopia and across North Africa*
- *the Rev Roger Kay, St Matthew's Parish, and the after-school library in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*
- *EpiscoCare in Cairo, Egypt and its Executive Director, Mariam Ibrahim*
- *the Al Ahli Arab Hospital, Gaza and its Executive Director, Suhaila Tarazi*
- *St George's College, Jerusalem, the Very Rev Graham Smith, Dean, and the Rev Dr Rodney Aist, Course Director*

Lord Jesus, you wept over Jerusalem once and we pray today for the people of the whole Middle Eastern region, where your children are still suffering and divided. Sustain, we pray, those who promote peace and who reach out to the hurt and the vulnerable. We pray for those involved in education, medical care and support for refugees. Guide them, Lord and uphold them in their daily struggles, for the love of your only Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Church of the Province of South East Asia

Projects conducted by the Church of the Province of South East Asia help deliver grassroots, community development outcomes that address issues such as basic health and education, food security and livelihood support. Programs emphasise the place of children and young people in terms of developing their capacity to confront some of the spiritual and social issues that their communities face. The programs promote a partnership based on working for love, hope and justice.

Loving God, with the Church of the Province of South East Asia we pray:

Diocese of Kuching:

- *for the newly created Parishes of St Paul's, Roban, and St Stephen's, Pantu*
- *for the over four thousand confirmed every year throughout the 34 parishes*

Diocese of Sabah:

- *praising God for the continuous growth in evangelism and Sunday attendance*
- *for a deepening of worship and for obedience to the Lord*
- *for all their Sunday services to include children and youth effectively*

Diocese of Singapore:

- *for increasing self-support of local churches*
- *thanking God for the work towards the new Psychiatric Nursing Home*
- *for the Integrated Building for St Andrew's Community Hospital*
- *for the Diocese's new services for adults with autism*

Diocese of West Malaysia:

- *for the diocese's Discipleship Training, preparing all members to become disciples and disciple makers*
- *thanking God for the diocese's continued investment in its future through training, gathering and providing resources, identifying potential workers and challenging them, and sending them out into the mission fields*

We pray to you, Lord our God, for the Church of the Province of South East Asia. May their mission and ministry to the marginalised in their region prosper. Defend, we pray, your children among them who struggle for daily existence and those who endeavour to help them through various forms of social assistance and training. For the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The word of God continued to spread;
the number of the disciples increased
greatly in Jerusalem.

– Acts of the Apostles 6.7a

Day 27



Through baptism, this Malaysian Christian becomes
'a member with us of the body of Christ...
a child of the one heavenly Father...
an inheritor of the kingdom of God.' © Diocese of Kuching, 2013.



Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

– Philippians 2.8

Religious Orders

The Anglican Church worldwide has a number of Religious Orders whose members share a common life, keep a rule of life, and work together in areas of mission. In Australia and in many of ABM's partner countries there are Anglicans living in a variety of orders. The factor distinguishing members of Religious Orders from the rest of the laity and the clergy, is that they try to live as Jesus Christ by taking vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. They may additionally profess to obey certain guidelines for living.

Loving God, hear our prayers for the Religious Communities in Australia:

- *The Benedictine Community of Christ the King (Wangaratta, Vic)*
- *The Brotherhood of St Barnabas (Charters Towers, Qld)*
- *The Community of Saints Barnabas and Cecilia (Gladstone, SA)*
- *The Community of the Celebration of Christ (Queanbeyan, NSW)*
- *The Community of the Holy Name (Melbourne, Vic)*
- *The Community of the Sisters of the Church (Kempsey and Sydney, NSW, and Melbourne, Vic)*
- *The Company of the Good Shepherd (Bathurst Diocese)*
- *The Little Brothers of Francis (Tabulam, NSW)*
- *The Oratory of the Good Shepherd (around Australia)*
- *The Order of St Benedict (Camperdown, Vic)*
- *The Sisters of the Incarnation (Dover Gardens, SA)*
- *The Society of St Francis (Brisbane, Qld, and Stroud, NSW)*
- *The Society of the Sacred Advent (Brisbane, Qld)*
- *The Society of the Sacred Mission (Adelaide, SA)*
- *The Advisory Council for Anglican Religious life in Australia*

We give you thanks, God of grace, for the men and women who have given their lives to serve you in religious orders, especially the Melanesian Brotherhood, the Franciscans, the Sisters of the Church and the Sisters of Melanesia, as well as Religious orders in Australia. Bless them in their vocations and encourage them as they seek to find ways to answer your call. May they bring your love into the situations into which you call them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sister Doreen of the Sisters of the Church locks up the Christian Care Centre in Honiara, protecting women from domestic violence. © ABM/Vivienne For, 2013.

The Amity Foundation, China

The Amity Foundation is ABM's partner in China and together we aim to provide support for the disempowered in society. ABM is supporting a new project this year focusing on health education and livelihood improvement for people living with HIV (PLWHIV) in the country's south-west. As a result of ABM's previously supported project, many women have gained access to greater health resources as well as possess knowledge and awareness that ultimately creates positive indirect outcomes for the broader community.

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, Helen Zhao, He Wen, Tan Hua, Du Ying, and the rest of the Amity staff*
- *the continuing empowerment of the women in remote rural China who were supported through the Ethnic Women's Health project*
- *people living with HIV and AIDS who will be assisted by the new health education and livelihood improvement project*
- *Fengping Town, with whom Amity partners*
- *the education program that helps young people in rural areas*

God who champions the cause of the vulnerable, be with the Amity Foundation in its work among the people of China. May their efforts bear fruit as they work to raise awareness of the various needs of society and to promote the health and wellbeing of all people, especially women in rural areas. May they be encouraged in their efforts to bring people together in understanding and co-operation. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Xiang Bao of Nandeng Village shows off her new hygienic toilet that has been provided through support from Amity and ABM. © ABM/Isabel Robinson, 2013.

Day **29**

Brothers and sisters,
do not be weary in
doing what is right.

– 2 Thessalonians 3.13



Day **30**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

– Acts 2.42



Church Growth in Australia

Paul writes: 'I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.' (1 Cor 3:6). Throughout the Anglican Church of Australia there are a variety of mission initiatives that reflect the diversity found in each diocese. Although there are differing contexts, the goal is the same: to invite people to share in the fullness of life that God offers each one of us in abundance.

Loving God, Lord of the Church, we give you thanks for:

- *the places where the Church is growing*
- *those who seek to know more about God*
- *all the various courses (Alpha, Catechumenate, etc) that introduce people to a life of faith*
- *new ministries and fresh expressions of the Church, such as Messy Church*
- *all those who nurture others in their Christian journey*
- *everyone who is baptized or confirmed this year*

Spirit of God, disturbing and empowering, fill us with the longing to be your arms to embrace, your feet to go into your world, your eyes and ears to see and hear the needs of your children and your lips to bring the Good News into all corners of our land. May we be so passion-filled that our every word and action proclaims you. May our love for each other unite us, and draw to you your children who are confused, hurt, lonely and searching. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Communion with Christ in the Eucharist empowers the Church to be with Christ out in the community. © Thomas Barnes, 2013.

Day **31**

You also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted to us through the prayers of many.

– 2 Corinthians 1.11



ABM Staff member, Meagan Morrison with Amanda Iorere during the Modawa Pilgrimage to Papua New Guinea in 2013. © ABM/ Meagan Morrison, 2013.

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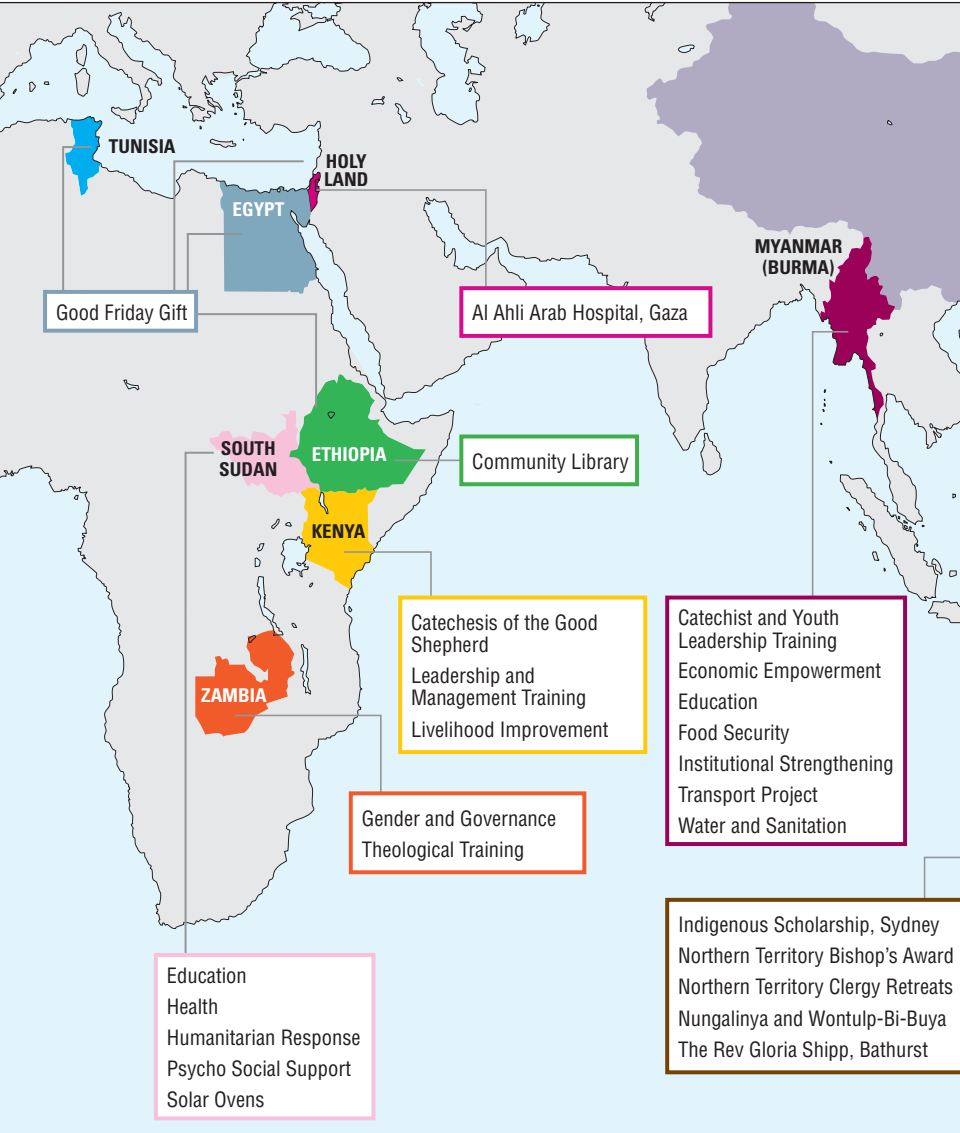
All of ABM's work is embedded in the Five Marks of Mission. There is evidence of people's lives being enriched throughout the world due to the support provided by many of ABM's partners and projects. The commitment to serve others by following the example of Christ's love and compassion for others resonates in all ABM's programs and projects. ABM believes in a world where all people enjoy God's promise of love, hope and justice and the efforts of all who are contributing to a future where this belief is being realised.

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

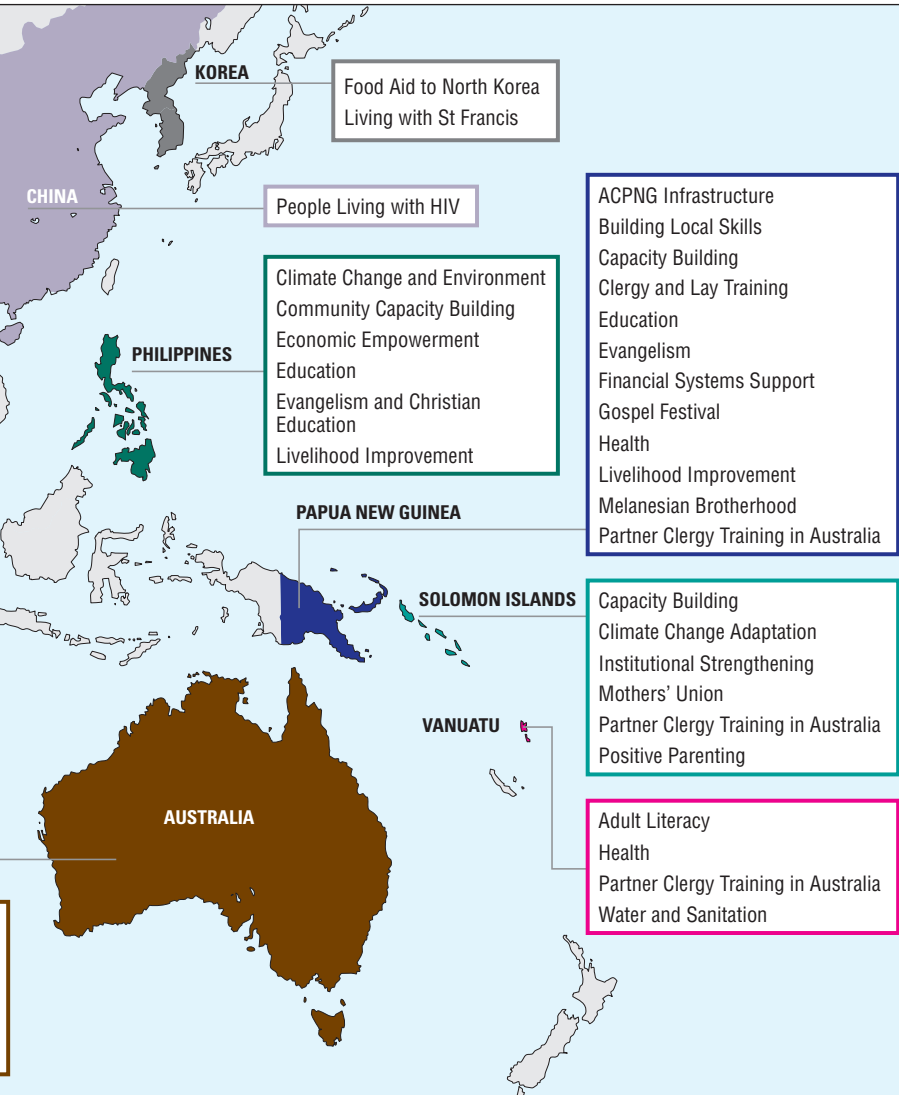
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- *all who volunteer their time to ABM's work*

We give you thanks, merciful Father, for all who contribute to the work of the Anglican Board of Mission: for board, staff and volunteers. Prosper their work, we pray, and may they be encouraged and inspired to continue to support and encourage others through mission initiatives. We pray too for all who support them through prayer and financial giving. May we share in bringing your light into the world, good Lord, we pray. Amen.

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