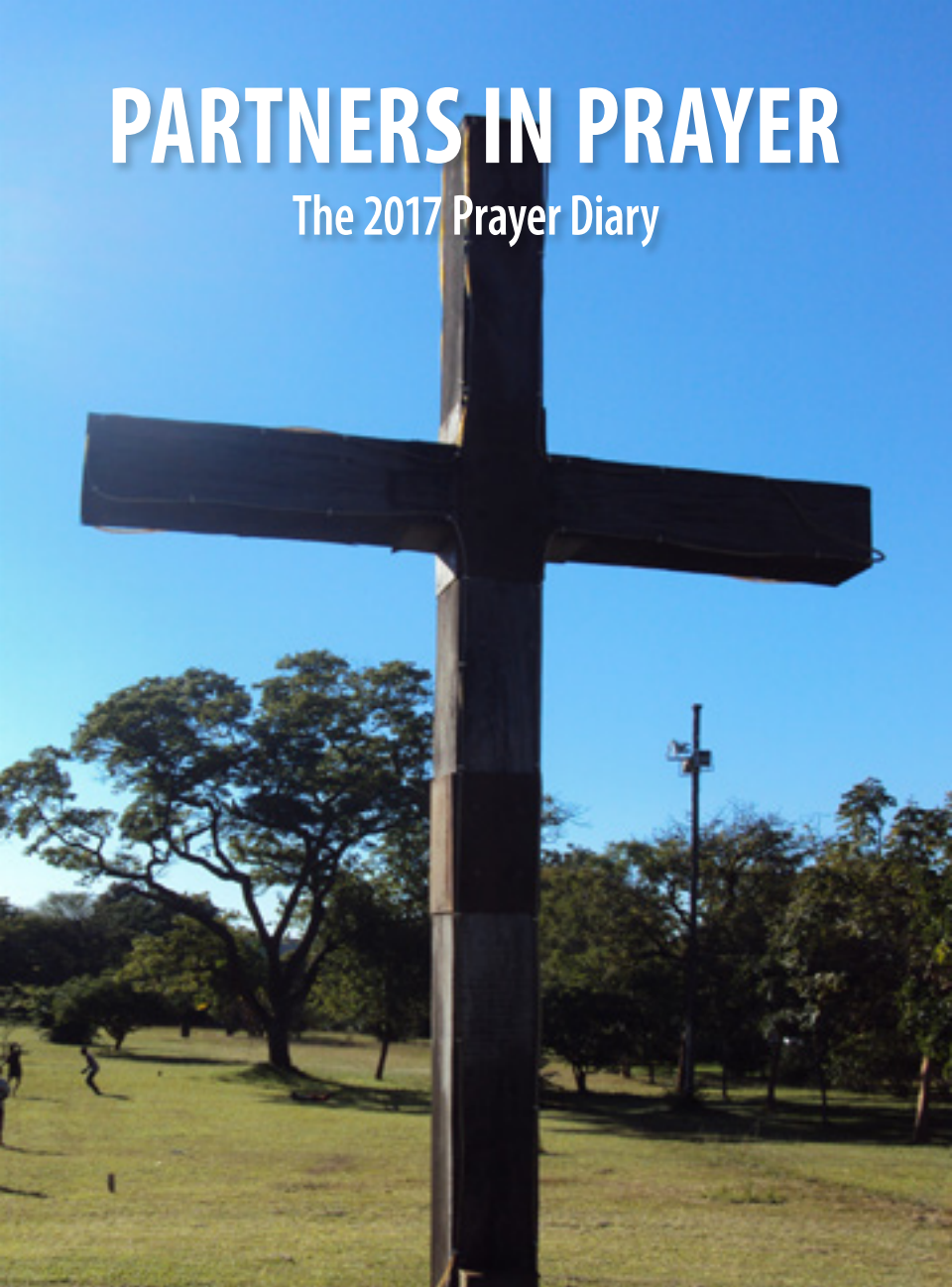


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Front cover: The cross outside Holy Cross Cathedral in Lusaka, Zambia.

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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



Day 1



O Lord my God, great are the wonderful things which you have done, and your thoughts which are towards us; there is none to be compared with you.

Psalm 40.6

The Bishop of Wangaratta, the Rt Rev John Parkes, right, speaking with the Archbishop of Canterbury.

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The Anglican Communion

The word Anglican means 'English'. The worldwide Anglican Communion is made up of those Churches that developed out of the Church of England and that view the Archbishop of Canterbury as the spiritual leader and most senior bishop - a first among equals (primus inter pares) - among fellow bishops throughout the Anglican world. There are around 85 million members, spread across 38 Provinces, in more than 165 countries.

On this day we call to mind our sisters and brothers throughout the Anglican/Episcopal world; and so we pray for –

- *the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev and Rt Hon Justin Welby and the Lambeth Palace staff*
- *the Most Rev Dr Josiah Atkins Idowu-Fearon, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion and the Anglican Communion Office staff*
- *the Primates' meetings and the Anglican Consultative Council*
- *the companion links between dioceses and parishes around the Communion*
- *the Networks of the Anglican Communion*

Eternal and Loving God, enable us to be united in a fractured world. We pray that we may rejoice in our Communion and put aside our human divisions. Unite us in the truth of your deep love for your bride, the Church. Amen.

Personal Prayers

The Anglican Church of Australia

From its beginnings as a single diocese covering a continent, the Anglican Church of Australia is now comprised of twenty-three dioceses each with their own distinctive ethos. Yet, all the dioceses are united by Jesus Christ, and each seeks to make him known to the people of their locality: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

On this day we call to mind our sisters and brothers within the twenty-three dioceses of our own Church; and so we pray for –

- *Adelaide (the Rt Rev Geoffrey Smith, Archbishop-elect)*
- *Armidale (the Rt Rev Richard Lewers)*
- *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)*
- *Bunbury (the Rt Rev Allan Ewing)*
- *Canberra and Goulburn (the Rt Rev Stuart Robinson)*
- *Gippsland (the Rt Rev Kay Goldsworthy)*
- *Grafton (the Rt Rev Dr Sarah Macneil)*
- *Melbourne (the Most Rev Dr Philip Freier, Primate)*
- *Newcastle (the Rt Rev Gregory Thompson)*
- *North Queensland (the Rt Rev William Ray)*
- *North West Australia (the Rt Rev Gary Nelson)*
- *Perth (the Most Rev Roger Herft)*
- *Riverina (the Rt Rev Rob Gillion)*
- *Rockhampton (the Rt Rev David Robinson)*
- *Sydney (the Most Rev Dr Glenn Davies)*
- *Tasmania (the Rt Rev Richard Condie)*
- *The Murray (the Rt Rev John Ford)*
- *The Northern Territory (the Rt Rev Gregory Anderson)*
- *Wangaratta (the Rt Rev John Parkes)*
- *Willochra (the Rt Rev John Stead)*
- *Australian Defence Force Chaplaincy (the Rt Rev Ian Lambert)*
- *General Synod Office (Anne Hywood, General Secretary)*

Loving God of the nations, give strength and courage to all Australian Anglicans as they seek to speak out against racism, intolerance, prejudice and violence. Bring to the whole country your righteousness and peace, and to the church, a thirst for mission and justice. Amen.

Personal Prayers



**Let the peoples praise you, O God,
let all the peoples praise you.**

Psalm 67.3

The community gathers to hear the Good News of the Incarnation at a community carols celebration.

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Day 3

**Gracious and righteous is the Lord,
full of compassion is our God.**

Psalm 116.5

NATSIAC members at the 2016 Gathering in the Diocese of North Queensland.
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The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council

NATSIAC's vision is to be the primary voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans, promoting Gospel mission, encouraging ministry and generating resources so that they may walk together with God and the wider church.

On this day we call to mind the members of NATSIAC remembering especially their local ministries and their work for the national Anglican Church; and so we pray for –

Bishop Chris McLeod, the Rev Gloria Shipp, Eddie Shipp, the Rev John Noah, the Rev Daryl McCollough, Bishop Arthur Malcolm, the Rev Lenore Parker, Rose Elu, the Rev Di Langham, the Ven Brian Kirk, the Rev Robyn Davis, Edward King, the Ven Karen Kime, the Rev Phyllis Andy, the Rev Helen Dwyer, Salu Blanco, the Rev Victor Blanco, the Rev Dalton Cowley, the Rev Val Connelly, the Rev Wayne Connelly, Jojo Huddleston, Mandy Sammy, the Rev Colleen Mamarika, the Rev Yulki Nungumajbarr, Carol Innes, Edith Joyce, Michael Paduch-Duckett, Sainty Kaigy, Aimee Harris, the Rev Bruce Boase, Monica Amey, and the Rev Shannon Smith.

Spirit of God, we give thanks for the ancient cultures of these lands and waters. Inspire the members of NATSIAC so that they may encourage one another and speak as prophets to the wider church. Grant them perseverance, wisdom, and boldness in all they undertake in the name of Jesus who reconciles and heals. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministry

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make an immensely important contribution to the Anglican Church of Australia as lay people, deacons, priests and bishops. As you pray for their work in the wider church, please also consider and pray for the role of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in your local faith community.

On this day we give thanks for the vital contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to the Australian Church; and so we pray for –

- *Wontulp-Bi-Buya Theological College in Cairns, remembering especially the Rev Victor Joseph (Principal), students, teachers and members of the management committee.*
- *Nungalinya Theological College in Darwin, remembering especially Dr Jude Long (Principal), students, staff and directors.*
- *all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clergy and lay people who minister in the Australian church.*
- *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, that they may find welcome in our churches and that their voices may be heard.*

God of holy dreaming, Great Creator Spirit, from the dawn of creation you have given your children the good things of Mother Earth. You spoke and the gum tree grew. In vast deserts and dense forest, and in cities at the water's edge, creation sings your praise. Your presence endures as the rock at the heart of our Land. When Jesus hung on the tree you heard the cries of your people and became one with your wounded ones: the convicts, the hunted, and the dispossessed. The sunrise of your Son coloured the earth anew and bathed it in glorious hope. In Jesus we have been reconciled to you, to each other and to your whole creation. Lead us on, Great Spirit, as we gather from the four corners of the earth; enable us to walk together in trust from the hurt and shame of the past into the full day which has dawned in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Personal Prayers



**I will thank the Lord for his justice,
I will sing praises to the Lord Most High.**

Psalm 7:18

The Rev Yulki Nunggumajbarr leading a baptism service at Numbulwar.
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Day **5**



**I love you, O Lord my strength, O Lord my crag,
my fortress and my deliverer, my God, the rock
to which I come for refuge, my shield, my mighty
saviour, and my high defence.**

Psalm 18.1-2

Siale Aholahi aboard a processional canoe carrying in the gospel at the reopening of St Paul's, Nuku'alofa in Tonga, the largest Anglican Church in the kingdom.

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The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Christianity arrived in New Zealand on Christmas Day in 1814 when the Eucharist was celebrated at Rangihoua, in the Bay of Islands, by the Rev Samuel Marsden. The congregation included both Māori and Pākehā. Today the Church embraces not only the people of the land and settlers but also Polynesians, many of whom live in Auckland. The Church recognises these three cultural strands in its three-tikanga constitution.

On this day we call to mind our Anglican sisters and brothers across the Tasman Sea whose three-tikanga life makes their Church unique; and so we pray for –

- the Most Rev Brown Turei, Pīhopa o Aotearoa, and Primate and Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (retires March 2017)*
- the Most Rev Dr Winston Halapua, Bishop of Polynesia, and Primate and Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia*
- the Most Rev Philip Richardson, Bishop of the Taranaki Region of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki, and Primate and Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia*
- the Rev Michael Hughes, the Church's General Secretary*
- the Church's Decade of Mission, 2016-2025*
- the relationships which are being strengthened across Oceania as collaboration happens between the four Anglican Provinces in our region*

Stretch out your hands to bless the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia with all its diversity and multitude of voices. Give them energy, wisdom and a hunger to proclaim your Good News throughout the South Pacific. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Religious Orders

'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me' (Luke 9.23). The Church is blessed by the vocations that religious communities live out through their various charismata. Some are more contemplative, some more active in the world. By living lives marked by poverty, chastity and obedience, they show their willingness to follow our Lord.

On this day we call to mind our sisters and brothers who serve Jesus Christ through their vocations to the Religious life; and so we pray for –

- *the Benedictine Community of Christ the King (Wangaratta, Vic)*
- *the Community of Saints Barnabas and Cecilia (Gladstone, SA)*
- *the Community of the Holy Name (Melbourne, Vic)*
- *the Community of the Sisters of the Church (Kempsey and Sydney, NSW, and Melbourne, Vic)*
- *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*

In the name of Jesus, we ask your blessing on members of religious orders whose particular life of devotion reminds us to be calm in the middle of life's storms. Still their inner doubts and fears that they may always serve you with quiet minds and hearts. Amen.

Personal Prayers



**Come bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, you that
by night stand in the house of our God. Lift up your hands
toward the holy place and bless the Lord.**

Psalm 134.1-2a

Br Laurence SSF (left) and Br Josiah MBH outside St Athanasius' Chapel,
Newton Theological College, Popondetta, PNG. Both men are ordinands.

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Day 7



**Sing praises to the Lord, all you his faithful ones
and give thanks to his holy name.**

Psalm 30.4

Kate Winney, ABM's Pacific Programs Officer, in discussion with the
Melanesian Board of Mission's Project Finance Officer, Andrew Nunugu.

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The Anglican Church of Melanesia

ABM's beginnings were as a result of a call to provide funds for a boat for Bishop John Coleridge Patteson to evangelise throughout Melanesia. Today, ABM partners with the Anglican Church of Melanesia to deliver Positive Parenting, Climate Change, and Disaster Preparedness and Response programs in the Solomon Islands, together with Adult Literacy, Water, Sanitation and Health, and Disaster Preparedness and Response programs in Vanuatu.

On this day we call to mind our sisters and brothers within the Anglican Church of Melanesia; and so we pray for –

- *the Archbishop of Melanesia and Bishop of Central Melanesia, the Most Rev George Takeli, and the bishops of the Church – the Rt Revs Patteson Worek (Banks and Torres), Ben Seka (Central Solomons), Nathan Tome (Guadalcanal), Alfred Karibongi (Hanuato'o), Sam Sahu (Malaita), Leonard Dawea (Temotu), James Ligo (Vanuatu), and Ellison Quity (Ysabel) – and for their staff, clergy and people*
- *Dr Abraham Hauriasi, the Church's General Secretary*
- *Fr Geoge Elo, Mission Secretary*
- *Joses Togase, Deputy General Secretary (Vanuatu)*
- *Fr James Tama, Deputy Mission Secretary (Vanuatu)*
- *program staff and communities served by the Church*

Almighty God, watch over the Anglican Church of Melanesia. Give them grace to be faithful and diligent in fulfilling your commission to proclaim and demonstrate your good news to all the world. Amen.

Personal Prayers

The Church of the Province of Central Africa

ABM has supported the Anglican Church in Zambia (Zambia Anglican Council) for many years. Currently we support St John's Seminary, Kitwe and a Gender and Governance program that aims to improve the lives of women and men by eliminating gender inequalities, and particularly by addressing the causes and consequences of gender-based violence.

On this day we call to mind our sisters and brothers within the Church of the Province of Central Africa; and so we pray for –

- *the Most Rev Albert Chama, Archbishop of Central Africa and the Bishop of Northern Zambia, and for his staff, clergy and people*
- *the other Zambian bishops, the Rt Revs Derek Kamukwamba (Central Zambia), William Mchombo (Eastern Zambia), Robert Mumbi (Luapula), David Njovu (Lusaka) and for their staff, clergy and people*
- *the Zambia Anglican Council Outreach Program (ZACOP) which oversees Anglican social outreach work in the country*
- *Wilson Sumaili, the General Secretary of ZAC*
- *Outreach Program staff and the communities served by the church*
- *the Rev Francis Mwansa (Rector), staff and ordinands of St John's Seminary, Kitwe*

God bless the people of Central Africa that they may deepen their commitment to teaching and preaching your holy word. May they be strong in their faith and gentle in their care of each other and their lands. Amen.

Personal Prayers



**I shall go to the altar of God, to God my joy and my
delight, and to the harp I shall sing your praises,
O God, my God.**

Psalm 43.4

Crispin from the gender action group in Lui Mwemba, Zambia.

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Day 9



If I spread out my wings towards the morning or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me and your right hand shall hold me.

Psalm 139:8-9

A literacy class in Torba Province, Vanuatu. Literacy is a skill that is fundamental to SDG 4 – Quality Education and SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities.

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The Sustainable Development Goals

ABM's Anglicans In Development (AID) Unit works with partners to realise one or more of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, each of which is divided into a number of achievable targets. For example, ending poverty involves ensuring there are social protections for the world's poorest people, and includes addressing land rights, access to basic services and the empowerment of women. Thus many of the goals both reinforce and complement other goals. Several of the goals aim to make continued life on our planet sustainable, and therefore address the fifth Mark of Mission – Protect, care for and renew life on our planet.

On this day we call to mind the needs of our world; and so we pray for –

- *an end to poverty*
- *an end to hunger*
- *good health and well-being for all*
- *quality education for all*
- *gender equality across the globe*
- *clean water and sanitation for all*
- *affordable and clean energy for all*
- *decent work and economic growth for all*
- *industry, innovation and infrastructure*
- *reduced inequality*
- *sustainable cities and communities*
- *responsible consumption and production*
- *climate action*
- *life below water*
- *life on land*
- *peace, justice and strong institutions*
- *a revitalisation of the global partnership for sustainable development*

God of the nations, we give you thanks for the global conversation about our common aspirations for the future of the planet. Be with us as we strive to help people in need, work to make things fairer, and seek to look after the planet. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Daehan Seong Gong Hoe – The Anglican Church of Korea

The Anglican Church of Korea was begun by the English missionary John Corfe who was its first bishop. English bishops continued to be appointed until 1965. In 1993 the Archbishop of Canterbury installed the newly elected Primate and handed jurisdiction to him, making the Anglican Church of Korea a Province of the Anglican Communion. There are four religious communities in the country as well as an Anglican University.

On this day we call to mind our sisters and brothers within the Daehan Seong Gong Hoe – the Anglican Church of Korea; and so we pray for –

- the Most Rev Paul Geun-Sang Kim, Archbishop of Korea and Bishop of Seoul, and for his staff, clergy and people*
- the Rt Rev Onesimus Dong-Sin Park, Bishop of Busan, and for his staff, clergy and people*
- the Rt Rev Moses Nak-Jun Yoo, Bishop of Daejeon, and for his staff, clergy and people*
- the Rev Stephen Si-Kyung Yoo, the Church's Provincial Secretary*
- the Anglican religious orders in Korea: the Community of St Francis, the Order of St Benedict, the Society of the Holy Cross, and the Society of St Francis*
- the teachers and students of theology at the church-run Sungkunghoe University*

Loving and steadfast God, be with your servants in the Anglican Church of Korea. Give them grace to remain true to their faith and courage to demonstrate your love and grace in a world full of hostility and earthly pursuits. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Day **10**



**I will bless you as long as I live and in your
name will I lift my hands on high.**

Psalm 63.5

Walking in prayer up Peace Mountain with
volunteers from Towards Peace in Korea.

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Day 11



**O shout with joy to God, all the earth;
sing to the honour of his name, and give him
glory as his praise.**

Psalm 66.1

Anglican and Roman Catholic bishops worshipping together at Evensong in Canterbury Cathedral as part of the International Anglican – Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission meeting.
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Ecumenical Relationships

The movement for Christian unity in this country was, initially, an Anglican and Protestant affair. Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Churches came in, in strength, during the 1960s and 70s. For Catholics, the Second Vatican Council opened up fresh possibilities for relationships with other Churches. The transition to the National Council of Churches in Australia (1994) saw the Catholic Church become a full participant in Australia's national ecumenical body.

On this day we call to mind our sisters and brothers whose Churches belong to the National Council of Churches in Australia and its affiliated State bodies; and so we pray for –

- the Anglican Church of Australia, the Antiochian Orthodox Church, the Armenian Apostolic Church, the Assyrian Church of the East, the Chinese Methodist Church in Australia, the Churches of Christ in Australia, the Congregational Federation of Australia, the Coptic Orthodox Church, the Greek Orthodox Church, the Indian Orthodox Church, the Lutheran Church of Australia, the Mar Thoma Church, the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), the Roman Catholic Church, the Romanian Orthodox Church, the Salvation Army, the Serbian Orthodox Church, the Syrian Orthodox Church, and the Uniting Church in Australia*
- the NCCA's Executive and its President, the Rev Dr Mike Semmler, and for the General Secretary, Sr Elizabeth Delaney sgs*
- the work of the state and territory-based ecumenical bodies*
- ABM's ecumenical Development Partners in the Church Agencies' Network: Act for Peace, Adventist Relief and Development Agency, Australian Lutheran World Service, Caritas Australia, Churches of Christ Overseas Aid, Quaker Service Australia, Salvation Army International Development, Transform Aid International and UnitingWorld*
- the work of the ACT Alliance, of which ABM is a member*

Our Loving God, we pray that we may be open to other ways of thinking, not only our own; other ways of praying, other ways of seeing, other ways of faith. Be with us when we seek unity, common witness, and Christian service. Amen.

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea is one of ABM's oldest partners. Its five dioceses span coastal, lowland and some highland areas of this diverse country. ABM supports Church to Church work in all dioceses, Newton and Kerina Colleges, as well as the outreach work of Anglicare, the church's social outreach arm. This includes Adult Literacy, Women's Empowerment and Youth Leadership, as well as Disaster Response and Preparedness.

On this day we call to mind our sisters and brothers within the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; and so we pray for –

- *the Most Rev Clyde Igara, Archbishop of Papua New Guinea, and for his staff, clergy and people*
- *Margaret Poynton, Executive Assistant to the Archbishop*
- *the other bishops of the Church – the Rt Revs Nathan Ingen (Aipo-Rongo), Tennyson Bogar (Dogura), Allan Migi (Niugini Islands), Lindsley Ihove (Popondota), Denny Guka (Port Moresby), and for their staff, clergy and people*
- *the General Secretary, diocesan secretaries and all their staff*
- *Fr Peter Moi (Principal) and the ordinands of Newton Theological College, Popondetta*
- *Mrs Heni Meke, National Director of Anglicare PNG, and all her staff*
- *for the PNG Church Partnership Program and its seven member churches*

Holy Spirit, stir up in the hearts of every tribe and nation the gift of your saving grace. Give to the church in Papua New Guinea a clear vision of your message of salvation in Jesus Christ which you have given them to proclaim. Amen.

Personal Prayers

WELCOME TO MOSA
ADULT LITERACY
SCHOOL



**The eye of the Lord is on those that fear him, on those
that trust in his unfailing love.**

Psalm 33.17

Teachers at the opening of the Mosa Adult Literacy School in
New Guinea Islands Diocese in PNG.

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Day 13



**You are my shelter and my shield and in
your word is my hope.**

Psalm 119:114

Jackson, participating in the Bible teaching program that CMS missionary
Andy Bennett runs in Tanzanian secondary schools.

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Other Anglican Mission Agencies and for all Missionaries and Overseas Volunteers

ABM is not alone in its desire to see God's reign of love, hope and justice brought to the world. We give thanks for all the organisations and people who share this vision with us by proclaiming the fullness of life that our Lord Jesus Christ offers.

On this day we call to mind all those who seek to play a part in God's mission of love and reconciliation to the world; and so we pray for –

- *Anglican AID*
- *Anglican AID Abroad*
- *Anglican Overseas Aid*
- *Anglican Relief and Development Fund*
- *Anglicare*
- *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*
- *SparkLit*
- *United Society Partners in the Gospel (UK and Ireland), Episcopal Relief and Development (USA), Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (Canada) and Hope Africa (South Africa)*
- *all who are missionaries or volunteers for Christ's sake throughout the world, and for those who support them through their interest, prayers and donations*

Almighty God, we give you thanks and praise for the agencies and individuals whom you have equipped to serve in mission fields throughout the world. Guard and guide them, keep them from self-service, and grant them the grace to live and work, committed to your holy purposes. Amen.

The Church of the Province of South-East Asia

The Anglican presence in South-East Asia is located primarily in Malaysia and Singapore, with smaller-scale work in other countries such as Thailand. Like many other Churches around the Communion they operate in predominantly non-Christian contexts. The Archbishop's position within the province is time limited and goes to each diocese in turn. In February 2016 the Bishop of West Malaysia, Ng Moon Hing, became the Archbishop of the province.

On this day we call to mind our sisters and brothers within the Church of the Province of South-East Asia; and so we pray for –

- the Most Rev Ng Moon Hing, Archbishop of South East Asia and Bishop of West Malaysia, for his assistant bishops, the Rt Rev Jason Selvaraj and the Rt Rev Charles Samuel, and for their staff, clergy and people*
- the Rt Rev Bolly Lapok, Bishop of Kuching, for his assistant bishop, the Rt Rev Solomon Voon, and for their staff, clergy and people*
- the Rt Rev Melter Thais, Bishop of Sabah, for his assistant bishop, the Rt Rev John Yeo, and for their staff, clergy and people*
- the Rt Rev Rennis Ponniah, Bishop of Singapore, and for his staff, clergy and people*
- the Rev Kenneth Yin, the Church's Provincial Secretary*
- the work of the four dioceses as they seek to proclaim God's love to the people of Malaysia and Singapore*

We give you thanks, O God, for the Church in South-East Asia, its clergy and people. Guide and lead them as they reflect your divine splendour in their countries of many faiths and cultures. Amen.

Personal Prayers



**I will look to you, O my strength,
for God is my strong tower.**

Psalm 59.10

Left to right: Bishop Bolly Lapok (Kuching), Archbishop Ng Moon Hing (West Malaysia),
Bishop Melter Thais (Sabah) and Bishop Rennis Ponniah (Singapore).

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**At a time when I called to you, you gave me
answer and put new strength within my soul.**

Psalm 138.3

AMB-NZ's Rev Canon Robert Kereopa (a member of the Alliance's Pacific Regional Committee, second from left) with Engineer Alfred Williams (l), Fr Tukwon Ahkee, and Village Chief Vilomone Veilawa (r) during a visit to learn about the Diocese of Polynesia's response to Cyclone Winston.

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The Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy

The Anglican Alliance is a world-wide network of Anglican Churches formed to better coordinate, share resources and publicise the development, relief and advocacy work of the Anglican Communion. ABM is particularly active in the Pacific Region, where the Alliance meets twice a year. A current strong focus of the Alliance in the Pacific is Climate Change and Climate Justice.

On this day we call to mind the Anglican Alliance for development, relief and advocacy; and so we pray for –

- the depth and variety of the development, relief and advocacy work of all the churches in the Anglican Alliance around the world*
- the Rev Rachel Carnegie and the Rev Andy Bowerman, Co-Directors of the Anglican Alliance*
- all staff and regional coordinators of the Anglican Alliance*
- all communities and individuals served by the work of the world-wide Anglican Alliance*

Bless, we pray, the worldwide presence of the Anglican Alliance that they may continue to be a symbol of unity, agents of change, and transformers of a broken world. Amen.

Personal Prayers

The Council of Anglican Provinces in Africa (CAPA)

ABM is proud to have been supporting capacity development work of the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa (CAPA) for the last few years. Most recently, 30 bishops from five Anglican Provinces in Africa have been equipped with skills of providing leadership in changing and challenging contexts. Skills include: planning for holistic mission; the use of asset-based approaches; strategic planning; engaging with centres of influence, including political leaders and the media; and how to work ecumenically and with other faith institutions.

On this day we call to mind the work of the Council of Anglican Provinces in Africa; and so we pray for –

- *CAPA's General Secretary, the Rev Canon Grace Kaiso, and for Elizabeth Gichovi and all the staff*
- *CAPA's work to build the capacity of the Anglican Churches in Africa to understanding better the issues of mission and development within and outside the Anglican Communion*
- *CAPA's work to provide a forum for the Church in Africa to share experiences, consult and support each other as well as establish opportunity for collaboration, learning and joint initiatives*
- *CAPA's work to identify and sustain internal and external development and partnership within and outside Africa and the Anglican Communion*
- *CAPA's work to enable the Anglican Church to act as a catalyst for spiritual, social, economic, political transformation on the continent*
- *all those who will benefit from CAPA's training and initiatives in 2017*

Loving God, we pray for the Anglican Provinces in Africa that they may rejoice and give thanks for the gifts you bestow on them. May you be with them in the midst of their joys and sorrows. Amen.

Personal Prayers



May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Psalm 19.14

The Rev Canon Grace Kaiso on a visit to ABM's offices in Sydney.

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Day 17



**I will declare the mighty acts of the Lord; I will
call to mind your wonders of old. I will think on
all that you have done and meditate
upon your works.**

Psalm 77:11-12

Fundraising event for the 80th Anniversary of St Christopher's Home, a residential child care service and after school care service to over 500 children each year.

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Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui – The Anglican Church of Hong Kong

The Anglican Church of Hong Kong became autonomous in 1993 but the Anglican presence there dates from 1843. The first Chinese church – St Stephen’s – was founded in 1865. Today the Church in Hong Kong has three dioceses and a missionary area. It works on a number of fronts: along with the parishes, the Church runs over 30 secondary schools, more than 50 primary schools, 50 plus kindergartens and nurseries, and one special education school. They train their ordinands at Ming Hua Theological College and operate a Religious Education Resource Centre and the House of Prayer – a spirituality centre. The Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council and other social service agencies provide various social services.

On this day we call to mind our sisters and brothers within the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui – the Anglican Church of Hong Kong; and so we pray for –

- the Most Rev Dr Paul Kwong, Archbishop of Hong Kong, also Bishop of Hong Kong Island and of the missionary district of Macau, and for his staff, clergy and people*
- the Rt Rev Timothy Kwok, Bishop of Eastern Kowloon, the Rt Rev Dr Andrew Chan, Bishop of Western Kowloon, and for their staff, clergy and people*
- the Rev Peter Koon, the Church’s Provincial Secretary General, and the Rev Kenneth Lau, Assistant Provincial Secretary General*
- the work of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council and for its member agencies*
- the training of theological students and lay people at the Ming Hua Theological College*
- the work of Sheng Kung Hui Education Services, which operates two tertiary institutions, over 80 schools, more than 50 kindergartens and nurseries, and one special education school*

Watch over, Lord, the Anglican Church of Hong Kong. Open wide the doors to let the Spirit move into places of care, education and growth. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Internally-Displaced People, Asylum Seekers and Refugees

The last year has seen a significant rise in the movement of displaced people, seeking safety either within their own countries or abroad. Countries like Lebanon, Jordan, Kenya, Ethiopia and Egypt have already been shouldering heavy burdens in caring for refugees and now countries in Europe have seen an influx of people fleeing from war.

On this day we call to mind our sisters and brothers who have had to flee their homes, searching for safety and peace; and so we pray for –

- *all who have been forced from their homes by natural catastrophes or human-caused disasters in their countries*
- *all who flee from persecution or conflict to another country, or to a safer part of their own country*
- *the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) as it assesses asylum seekers' claims*
- *refugees as they adjust to their new lives here or in other countries*
- *all refugee advocates in Australia and beyond*
- *all Church-based refugee support, for example Refuge Egypt in Cairo*
- *governments around the world, that they may respond sympathetically to asylum seekers who arrive at their borders.*

Gracious Lord, be with all who seek shelter and peace, who flee persecution and terror as your family once did. Unloose the chains of bureaucracy, liberate the minds and hearts of those who fear the different and the foreign, and pour your perfect peace into our divided world. Amen.

Personal Prayers



You, Lord, are a God gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, full of goodness and truth.

Psalm 86.15

Providing vital support and mentoring to refugees, asylum seekers and migrants as they settle into Australian communities, is the focus of Anglican welfare agencies throughout the country.
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Day 19



Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly nor followed the way of sinners, nor taken their seat amongst the scornful. But their delight is in the law of the Lord and on that law will they ponder day and night.

Psalm 1.1-2

Health workers Wang Han Ying (l) and Pa Yang Guo Bao (r) hold up an HIV training card, Mangshi District Hospital, Yunnan, China. © Isabel Robinson/ABM, 2015.

Amity Foundation, China

The Amity Foundation is the social service arm of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Churches in China and was founded in 1985 with the help of Bishop K H Ting. He was the Bishop of Zhejiang from 1955 until 1958 when the Anglican Church joined with Protestant Christians for worship, leading to the end of separate denominations. Today Amity runs a large printing operation, and is involved in many areas such as Community Development, Environmental Protection, Public Health, HIV Prevention, Disaster Management, NGO Development, and Church-related programs.

On this day we call to mind those involved with the Amity Foundation in China and the work that they do; and so we pray for –

- *Mr Qiu Zhonghui, General Secretary*
- *Ms She Hongyu, Assistant General Secretary, Director of the Research and Development Centre*
- *Mr He Wen, Assistant General Secretary and Director of the Project Management Centre*
- *Mrs Helen Zhao, Director of Educational Exchange Programs*
- *Ms Tan Hua, Vice Director of Integrated Rural Development, Disaster Management and HIV/Aids programs*
- *Ms Du Ying, Program Coordinator at the Project Management Centre*
- *Ms Liu Chang, Project Officer*

We thank you, Lord, for the people and work of the Amity Foundation and pray that they may be strengthened for its mission and guided by your love made manifest. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Caring Agencies in Australia

The writer of the Epistle of James tells us that ‘... faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.’ Anglican caring agencies throughout Australia put their faith into action by meeting the needs of people in a hands-on way. This happens in many ways – community centres, aged care facilities and youth support services among them. Where there is a need, the Church tries to meet it.

On this day we call to mind all those who serve others through Anglican caring agencies in our country, as well as those who receive that service; and so we pray for –

- *Australia-wide: Anglicare*
- *Adelaide: St John’s Youth Services*
- *Bendigo: Benetas*
- *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;*
- *North Queensland: Good Shepherd Lodge; Good Shepherd Nursing Home*
- *North West Australia: Anglican Homes for the Aged*
- *Perth: Amana Living; Meath Care; 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*

Compassionate God, we give you thanks and praise for the working of caring agencies throughout the nation. May their love, care, protection, and advocacy for the vulnerable reflect your eternal care for all your children. Amen.



**O clap your hands, all you peoples and cry aloud to God
with shouts of joy.**

Psalm 47.1

All of us aspire to a life that includes the opportunity to connect and communicate with others. Social inclusion programs with older people in residential care, such as using iPads, provide opportunities for connection to family and friends. © Brotherhood of St Laurence Melbourne - photo collection 2016. Used with permission.

Day **21**



**We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks.
We call upon your name and tell of all the
wonders you have done.**

Psalm 75.1

Charles Ogeno, Manager of the Ofrika Clinic in the Diocese of Torit, South Sudan.
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The Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan

Since gaining its independence from the north in 2011, South Sudan has experienced much conflict, including civil war and the Church has had to minister in a very fragile context. The Church regularly responds to needs for relief for people affected by the ongoing political instability and ABM supports such relief efforts in South Sudan.

In July last year, a group was received at the Archbishop's invitation to examine whether the Sudanese dioceses (based in the Muslim-dominated north) should split to form a separate province.

On this day we call to mind our sisters and brothers within the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan; and so we pray for –

- *the Most Rev Daniel Deng Bul Yak, Archbishop of South Sudan and Sudan, and Bishop of Juba, his staff, clergy and people.*
- *the bishops, staff, clergy and people of the other dioceses, especially those where conflict occurs*
- *John Augustino Lumori, the Church's Provincial Secretary*
- *the bishops, clergy and people of the dioceses in Sudan, as they await a decision on whether they will become a separate ecclesiastical province*
- *the Sudan Development and Relief Agency (SUDRA) and its manager, the Rev Joseph El Haj, who is coordinating relief efforts*

God our refuge and our strength, be with the members of the Sudanese Church on their journey towards you. May their Church be a place of freedom and joy, as they move forward to a future of healing and grace. Amen.

Personal Prayers

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East

Christ prayed for the peace of Jerusalem and so do many Christians to this day. Though the Middle East can be seen at this distance as a byword for war and instability, the dioceses of the province seek to bless the communities in which they operate. In Egypt, for example, the EpiscoCare centres offer a variety of support (medical, educational, trade education, microfinance etc) to Egyptian families. In Gaza, the Church runs the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital. As part of the many services it delivers, Al-Ahli provides a Child Nutrition program for underweight babies. In Northern Cyprus, the Church runs a chaplaincy for Christian students who come from many countries for tertiary study.

On this day we call to mind our sisters and brothers within the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East; and so we pray for –

- *the Most Rev Dr Mouneer Annis, President Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East and Bishop of Egypt, North Africa and the Horn of Africa; for his assistant bishop, the Rt Rev Dr Grant LeMarquand, and for their staff, clergy and people*
- *the Most Rev Suheil Dawani, Archbishop in Jerusalem, and for his staff, clergy and people*
- *the Rt Rev Michael Lewis, Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf, and for his staff, clergy and people*
- *Georgia Katsantonis, the Church's Provincial Secretary*
- *Sawsan Aranki-Batato, Programs Development Officer, Diocese of Jerusalem*
- *the work of Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza, remembering especially its director Ms Suhaila Tarazi and its medical director, Dr Maher Ayyad*
- *the work of EpiscoCare in Egypt and Dr Maged Moussa Yanni, its director*
- *Daniel Watson, Head of Partnerships, Diocese of Egypt*
- *the tertiary chaplaincy in Famagusta, Cyprus, and the Rev Harry Ching*

Lord Jesus Christ, be with your Church where it suffers especially in your beloved Jerusalem and the Middle East. Keep them in safety and security, dwell among them, and encircle them with your peace so that they be freed from all fear. Amen.



**God is to us a God who saves –
by God the Lord do we escape death.**

Psalm 68.20

Mother and daughter in Gaza waiting for a check-up at Al-Ahli Arab Hospital's child nutrition clinic.
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Day **23**



**O God, you have taught me from my
youth upward and to this day,
I proclaim your marvellous works.**

Psalm 71.17

Dolores (left) and the women's group in Nayon produce taro chips to generate income.

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The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP) has recently added evangelism and outreach in the Visayas to its more traditional bases in Mountain Province, Central Philippines and Mindanao. ABM supports a church youth education program as well as a community development program through the church's Episcopal Community Action for Renewal and Empowerment (CARE) Foundation. This innovative program provides revolving loans and training to communities in livelihood development, using an approach which seeks to help communities and individuals appreciate and build on their own strengths.

On this day we call to mind our sisters and brothers within the Episcopal Church in the Philippines; and so we pray for –

- *the Most Rev Renato Abibico, Prime Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, and for his staff, clergy and people*
- *the other bishops of the Church – the Rt Revs Dixie Taclobao (Central Philippines), Jonathan Casimina (Davao), Joel Pachao (North Central Philippines), Esteban Sabawil (Northern Luzon), Brent Alawas (Northern Philippines), Alexander Wandag (Santiago), Danilo Bustamante (Southern Philippines), and for their staff, clergy and people*
- *Attorney Floyd Lalwet, the Church's Provincial Secretary and National Development Officer*
- *Bridget Lacdao, National Finance Officer*
- *Elizabeth Reodica, Administrative Secretary, ECP National Office*
- *the Rev Denver Marrero, National Integrated Program Officer*
- *Farida Pasiwen-Cawatig, Episcopal CARE – ABM Development Liaison Officer, and Luke Bagano, Episcopal CARE Program Officer, and all the staff of the Episcopal CARE Foundation*
- *all communities served by the church throughout the Philippines*

Merciful God, we pray that you will direct and rule the hearts of your Church in the Philippines. Make them faithful disciples of your truth, protect them from the lies of the world around them, uphold them to serve you with integrity, and give them the courage to do your will. Amen.

Nippon Sei Ko Kai – **The Anglican Church of Japan**

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai began in 1859 when the Episcopal Church sent two missionaries from America to Japan. Within time, they were joined by English and Canadian Anglican missionaries. Today, the Church has approximately 60,000 members organised into eleven dioceses. It is known for its pacifist stance.

On this day we call to mind our sisters and brothers within the Nippon Sei Ko Kai – the Anglican Church of Japan; and so we pray for –

- *the Most Rev Nathaniel Uematsu, Archbishop of Japan, also Bishop of Hokkaido, and for his staff, clergy and people*
- *the Rt Revs Peter Shibusawa (Chubu), Zerubbabel Hirota (Kita Kanto), Andrew Nakamura (Kobe), Stephen Kochi (Kyoto), Luke Muto (Kyushu), David Uehara (Okinawa), Andrew Iso (Osaka), John Kato (Tohoku), Andrew Ohata (Tokyo), Laurence Minabe (Yokohama) and for their staff, clergy and people*
- *the Rev Jesse Yahagi, the Church's Provincial Secretary*
- *Japanese efforts towards justice, reconciliation and peace, as the country works for the abolition of nuclear weapons around the world*
- *the increased cooperation with the Anglican Church of Korea*
- *those who are recovering from and living with the legacy of the 2016 twin earthquakes in Kumamoto prefecture on Kyushu, the southern island of Japan, killing over 65 people and injuring nearly 1,600.*
- *the church's involvement in initiatives tackling issues of human rights and discrimination including hate speech.*

Lord our God, we pray for the Anglican Church of Japan. Give them a clear vision of the truth, faith in your power, and confident assurance of your love so that the words of your gospel may live. Amen.

Personal Prayers



**Open me the gates of righteousness and
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

Psalm 118.19

Recovery after the earthquakes in Kumamoto.
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Day **25**



**I will hear what the Lord God will speak, for he will speak
peace to his people, to his faithful ones, whose hearts are
turned to him.**

Psalm 85.8

Bishop Arthur Malcolm. Australia's first
National Aboriginal Bishop.
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Reconciliation and Peace

St Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians that we are reconciled to God through Christ, who has given us the ministry of reconciliation. We recognise that peace in our world begins with peace in our own hearts in order that we might become ambassadors of reconciliation.

On this day we call to mind our broken and fevered world; and so we pray for –

- *those who, through no fault of their own, are surrounded by war or conflict*
- *your Spirit to guide all who find themselves in intolerable combat situations*
- *your protection on those whose lives are devastated by domestic violence in Australia and throughout the world*
- *Australia's on-going journey of healing and reconciliation as we acknowledge our past and listen to the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians*
- *the continuing implementation of ABM's Reconciliation Action Plan with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people*

Lord God, bring us together as one, reconciled with you and reconciled with each other. You have made us in your likeness, you gave us your son, Jesus Christ. He has given us forgiveness from sin. Lord God, bring us together as one, different in culture, but given new life in Jesus Christ, together as your body, your Church, your people. Lord God, bring us together as one, reconciled, healed, forgiven, sharing you with others as you have called us to do. In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Iglesia Filipina Independiente – The Philippine Independent Church

ABM partners with the church's social outreach arm, the Visayas and Mindanao Regional Office for Development (VIMROD), which serves the needs of people in those two regions of the Philippines. VIMROD envisions a Philippine society where the marginalized sectors have access to resources and participate in building a nation where abundance, joy, justice, peace and freedom reign.

On this day we call to mind our sisters and brothers within the Iglesia Filipina Independiente – the Philippine Independent Church; and so we pray for –

- *the Most Rev Ephraim Fajutagana, Obispo Maximo, and for his staff, clergy and people*
- *the Rt Rev Joselito Cruz, the Church's General Secretary*
- *the bishops of the dioceses where ABM partners with VIMROD: the Rt Revs Felixberto L. Calang (Cagayan de Oro) (Chair of the Regional Management Board of VIMROD), Leon Estrella (Antique), Vic Esclamado (Biliran, Leyte and Samar), Alger Loyao (Cebu), Rudy N. Juliada (Libertad), Ephraim Fajutagana (Negros Oriental and Siquijor) and Pablo Jarantilla (Ozamis)*
- *the development staff, particularly Clagel Nellas, Executive Director, and Analie Tandog, Accountant*

Holy God, maker of earth and heaven, we give you thanks for the life and ministries of the Philippine Independent Church. Give them your inner peace that they may be united in mission to spread your gospel of redemption and salvation. Amen.

Personal Prayers



**The Lord God is a light and a shield, the Lord
gives favour and honour and no good thing
will he withhold from those
who walk in innocence.**

Psalm 84.11

The community of Barangay Inawangan in Leyte Province, Philippines was badly affected by Typhoon Haiyan in November 2013. ABM's project funding has allowed people in the community to work together to engage in income-generating activities, in this case raising and selling livestock.

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Day **27**



**My tongue shall speak of your righteousness and of
your praise all the day long.**

Psalm 35.29

The installation of Archbishop Moon Hing as Archbishop and Primate of the Church of the Province of South East Asia. Witness is for the whole Body of Christ (women and men, lay and ordained).

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Anglican Witness

In the past two years, the Anglican Witness group of Anglican leaders and mission practitioners has been advancing the centrality in the life and mission of the Church of equipping all God's people for intentional discipleship, so that Anglicans everywhere become intentional in considering how their faith bears on their everyday experience.

Anglican Witness gathers a variety of resources to help churches equip their members to be Christ's credible witnesses in every sphere of their lives. It aims to promote good practice from dioceses and parishes where an emphasis on discipleship is already being implemented.

On this day we call to mind our duty to proclaim the joy of the Resurrection to the whole world and to make disciples; and so we pray for –

- *the Most Rev Ng Moon Hing, Convenor*
- *the members of the Anglican Witness Core Group*
- *the Rev John Kafwanka, Director for Mission, Anglican Communion Office*
- *all those who seek to make Christ known to others, particularly those who work in difficult or dangerous contexts*
- *all those who work intentionally to disciple others*

Gracious Lord, we give you thanks for the uniting presence of Anglican Witness. May their work in evangelism and Church growth enable and encourage all the workers in your vineyard to be bold and fresh in vision for the mission of your Church. Amen.

Personal Prayers

The Church of the Province of Myanmar

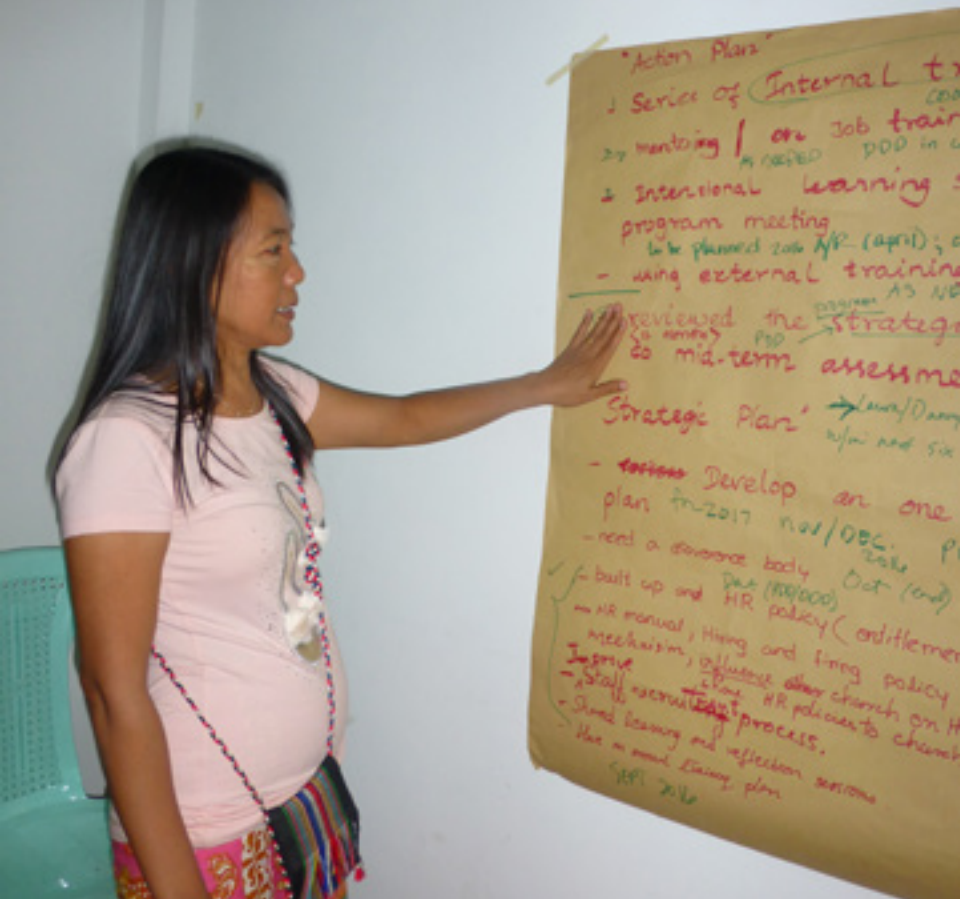
The Church in the Province of Myanmar (CPM) comprises six dioceses that span most regions of the country. Its members are strong and resilient and keen to build up the church in this predominantly Buddhist country. ABM supports many projects of church strengthening, as well as localised development projects that seek to alleviate poverty, especially in the areas of education, agricultural livelihoods and water and sanitation.

On this day we call to mind our sisters and brothers within the Church of the Province of Myanmar; and so we pray for –

- *the Most Rev Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon, for his assistant bishop, Rt Rev Samuel Htan Oak and for their staff, clergy and people*
- *the other bishops of the Church – the Rt Revs Saw Stylo (Hpa-an), David Nyi Nyi Naing (Mandalay), John Zau Li (Myitkyina), Dr James Min Dein (Sittwe), Dr Saw John Wilme (Toungoo) – and for their staff, clergy and people*
- *the Rev Dr Paul Myint Htet Htin Ya, the Church's Provincial Secretary*
- *the Rev Alan Kyaw Myo Naing (Evangelism and Mission Coordinator)*
- *Dr Khin Thida Nyunt (Religious Education and Religious Music Department)*
- *Peter San Lin, Joy Hla Gyaw, Stella Zin Zin War and the staff of the CPM Provincial Development office*
- *staff of all the diocesan offices working in education, health and community development*
- *water and sanitation, food security, education and church support programs, funded by ABM in 2017*

Gracious Lord, be with the Church in Myanmar as it continues to face the challenges of poverty, natural disaster and a rapidly changing society. Raise up holy men and women to proclaim your gospel and minister to your people. Amen.

Personal Prayers



I will trust in the goodness of God for ever and ever.

Psalms 52.8b

Stella Zin Zin War discusses the Church's priorities during a community development capacity assessment workshop.

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Day 29



**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens and let
your glory be over all the earth.**

Psalm 57.6

Attendees at the International Anglican Women's Network Conference in
Hyderabad, Pakistan.

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The Churches of South Asia

With the exception of the Anglican Church of Ceylon (which covers all of Sri Lanka except for the Diocese of Jaffna), the Churches of South Asia are 'united' Churches – that is, made up by Anglican Churches along with various Protestant denominations. Their contexts are differing but the common theme is that they operate in predominantly non-Christian cultures. Their minority status, along with persecution in some places, means that their ministry takes place among many challenges.

On this day we call to mind our sisters and brothers within the Churches of South Asia; and so we pray for –

- *the Most Rev Paul Sarker, Moderator of the Church of Bangladesh and Bishop of Dhaka, and for his staff, clergy and people*
- *the Rt Rev Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey, Bishop of Columbo, and the Diocese of Kurunagala (vacant) and for the staff, clergy and people of the Church of Ceylon*
- *the Most Rev Pradeep Samantaroy, Moderator of the Church of North India and Bishop of Amritsar, and for his staff, clergy and people*
- *the Most Rev Samuel Azariah, Moderator of the Church of Pakistan and Bishop of Raiwind, and for his staff, clergy and people*
- *the Most Rev Govada Dyvasirvadam, Moderator of the Church of South India and Bishop of Krishna-Godavari, and for his staff, clergy and people*

Loving God, be with Churches in places where freedom of worship and expression of faith are not tolerated. Uphold your people in the face of persecution and discouragement that the whole earth may join together to praise you. Amen.

Personal Prayers

The Anglican Church of Kenya

The Anglican Church of Kenya elected a new Archbishop in 2016 to lead its 33 dioceses. ABM financially supports three of these dioceses as they serve God's mission in both strengthening the church and in reaching out to poor communities to improve food security and address issues of land degradation caused by climate change.

On this day we call to mind our sisters and brothers within the Anglican Church of Kenya; and so we pray for –

- *the Most Rev Dr Jackson Ole Sapit, Archbishop of Kenya, his staff, clergy and people*
- *Mrs Esther Musili, Executive Director, and Mr John Mutua, Programs Director, of Anglican Development Services, Eastern (ADSE)*
- *the communities in Machakos and Makueni counties served by the Food Security and Climate Change work of ADSE*
- *the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program in various dioceses, remembering especially the Ven Kistos Khisa, Project Director, and Simon Okwako, Formation Leader*
- *the leadership program in Makueni and Machakos dioceses, which ABM funds through its Church to Church program, remembering especially Wilson Kiio and Lilliane Obat, project coordinators*

Almighty God, we pray for the church in Kenya, giving you thanks for the faith and steadfastness of those who live with challenges such as climate change. May they continue to find their hope in you, the God of all goodness. Amen.

Personal Prayers



**The Lord will give strength to his people. The Lord will
give to his people the blessing of peace.**

Psalm 29.10

Agnes Katunge Makau from Kyawango is part of the Makakya community-based organisation (CBO), assisted through ABM in the Diocese of Machakos.

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Day **31**



**The Lord is righteous and loves righteous acts.
The upright shall see his face.**

Psalm 11.7

Rucinta Vora (left) Vanuatu Church Partnership Program Coordinator from the Anglican Church of Melanesia, with Karin Schrooder, the Executive Assistant to ABM's Executive Director, the Rev John Deane.
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The Anglican Board of Mission

Since its inception in 1850, the Anglican Board of Mission has striven to bring God's love, hope and justice to a world which yearns for them. By helping our partners to offer God's blessings – for body, mind and spirit – to those in their communities, ABM seeks to show Anglicans in this country what mission looks like beyond the confines of our own Australian context and how that might affect the way in which we engage in mission here.

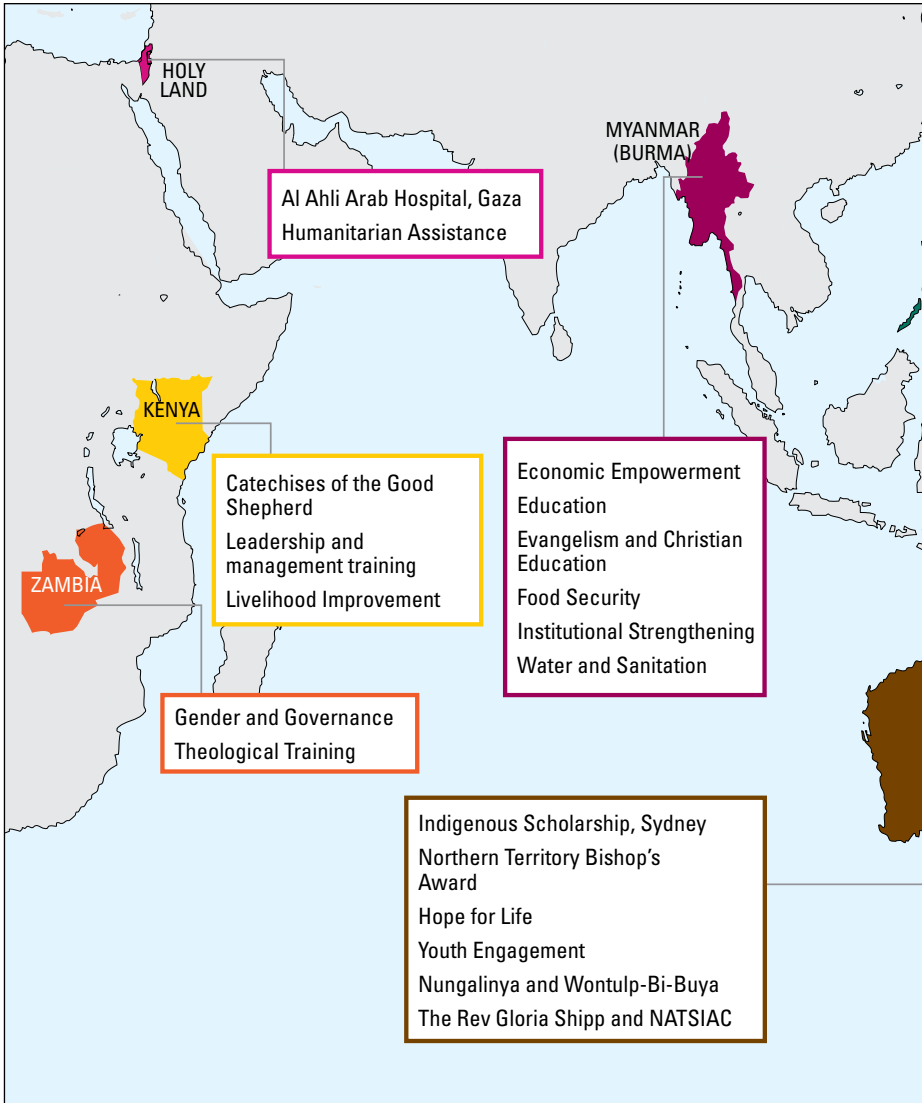
On this day we call to mind the great blessings ABM has received in the past, the strong relationships we have with our partners today, and our hopes for the future; and so we pray for –

- *ABM's Executive Director, the Rev John Deane*
- *ABM's Board: The Most Rev Dr Philip Freier (ABM President), the Rt Rev Garry Weatherill (Chair), Claire Duffy (Deputy Chair), Dr Colin Bannerman, the Ven Canon David Battrick, Martin Drevikovsky, Stephen Harrison, the Rt Rev Sarah Macneil, Ian Morgan, Emma Riggs, the Very Rev John Roundhill, Debra Saffrey-Collins, Greg Thompson, Danielle Wuttke*
- *the governance and advisory committees, including the Development, Finance, Marketing, and Partnerships Committees*
- *ABM's staff: Elizabeth Baker, Michael Begaud, Christopher Brooks, Brad Chapman, Paul Davenport, Ma Simolyn Delgado, the Rev Jasmine Dow, Wilnor Flores, Vivienne For, Sarah Gover, Greg Henderson, Celia Kemp, Trong Hieu Le, Divya Madhavan, Lina Magallanes, Robert McLean, Jess Melas, Ruth Moline, Merlina Nixon, Edwin Porter, Fiona Richardson, Michael Robinson, Terry Russell, Karin Schrooder, Julianne Stewart, Ivy Wang, Kate Winney and Bronwyn Wood*
- *all those who volunteer to help ABM – remembering especially diocesan representatives and committee members, the ABM Auxiliary, and mission secretaries throughout the Anglican Church of Australia*

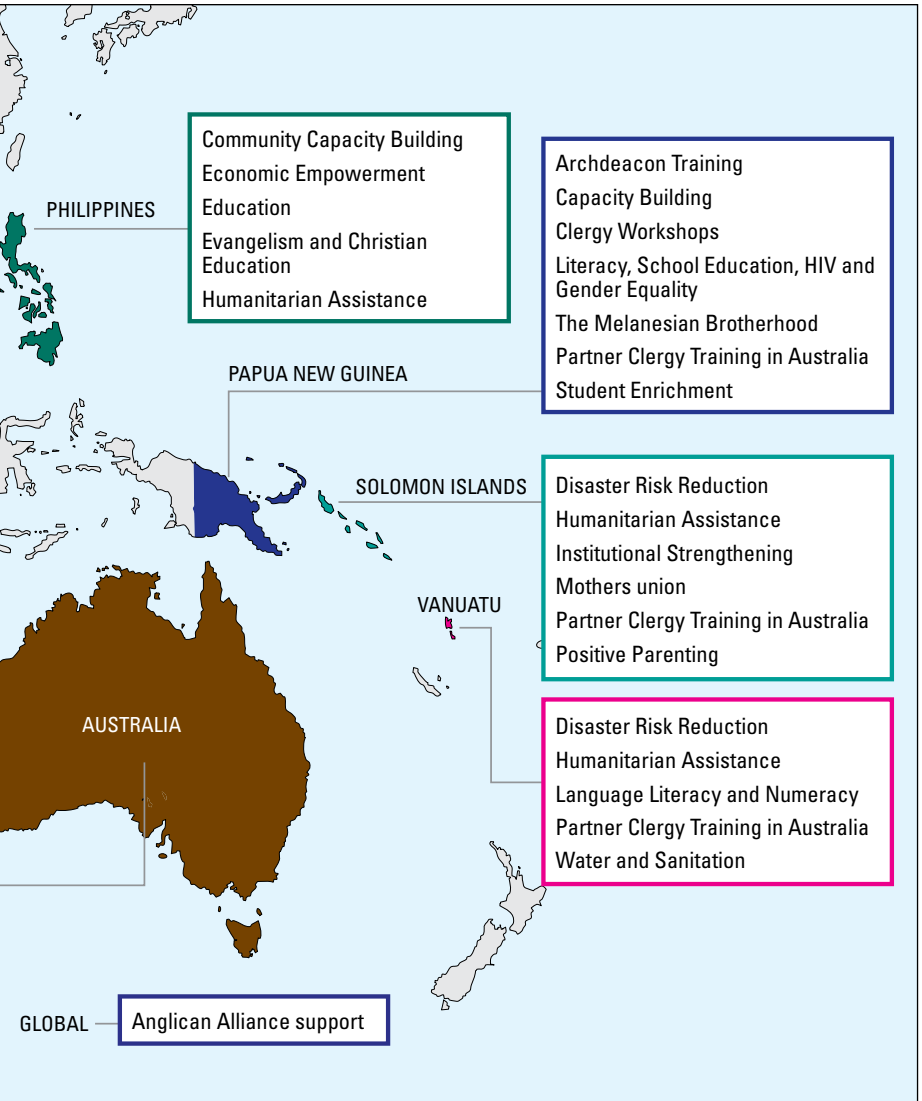
Almighty God, strengthen and uphold the Anglican Board of Mission in all its endeavours. May their work in the world reflect your mission of love, justice, compassion, reconciliation and peace. Amen.

Personal Prayers

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Worshippers at a church service in Pana,
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