

PARTNERS IN PRAYER

The 2018 Prayer Diary



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Cover Image: People are being helped to grow food in the Diocese of Machakos, Kenya, through ABM's Sustainable Livelihoods Program.
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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





Introduction

Welcome to the 2018 edition of *Partners in Prayer*, ABM's prayer diary.

The purpose of this prayer diary is to encourage our supporters to pray for our partners, as well as for the projects that ABM helps to run in conjunction with some of them. It also contains the Anglican Church of Australia's monthly prayer cycle.

ABM's partnerships are often long-standing with the length of many of these relationships measured in decades. ABM relates to partners in a number of different ways:

Activity Partnerships are those where ABM and a partner work together on an activity. We have such arrangements with some of our Church Partners and all of our Development Partners. Activity Partnerships involve funding arrangements. Much of ABM's daily work revolves around Activity Partnerships. Our Development Partners are usually the development arm of particular Church Partners. Depending on their size, they can be a development desk or department within the Church, or a separately incorporated entity (in the same way that church

agencies are separately incorporated from the church itself in Australia).

Some of ABM's Activity Partnerships are guided by an accord called a Partnership Agreement. This is the highest level of Activity Partnership framework. Other ABM Activity Partnerships are guided by a framework involving memorandums of understanding.

Relational Partnerships are those where ABM and a partner are bound together by mutual ties of affection, but there are no current joint activities. We have such arrangements with some of our Church Partners. We strive to inform the Church in Australia about these Church Partners, encourage prayer for them and host visits when such Church Partners travel to Australia.

Networking Partnerships have formed between ABM and other Anglican mission agencies, pan-Anglican organisations and ecumenical development agencies. Such partnerships can be those where ABM shares and gains knowledge from other partners (such as between ABM and other mission agencies). There can also be those where ABM and a partner share a mutual interest. For example, if ABM and another agency both work with the same Development Partner, it makes sense to work together to ensure that the engagement with the Development Partner is coordinated – so that time, effort and funds are neither duplicated nor wasted.

In addition, each year *Partners in Prayer* seeks to stimulate the Church in Australia to pray for global concerns such as Internally Displaced people, Asylum Seekers and Refugees.

We trust that you will find *Partners in Prayer* helpful as you pray for God's mission and the Church across the world.

Robert McLean

Partnerships Coordinator

Day 1



The Compass Rose is the symbol for the Anglican Communion. At the centre is the Cross of St George, which reminds us of the Communion's English heritage. The text that surrounds this is the motto of the Anglican Communion: The Truth will set you free (John 8.32). It is in Greek, the language of the New Testament. The points of the Compass represent that we are a global communion, and we reach out to all the world with the message of salvation. The mitre at the top reminds us that we are episcopally governed, embracing the historic and catholic three-fold structure of ordained ministry: bishops, priests and deacons. The emblem was designed by the late Canon Edward West of the Cathedral of St John the Divine in New York.

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

Hebrews 4.14

The Anglican Communion

Today we pray for the Anglican Communion and its members throughout the world. We remember especially –

- The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rt Hon and Most Rev Justin Welby
- The staff of Lambeth Palace
- The Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, the Most Rev Dr Josiah Atkins Idowu-Fearon
- The staff of the Anglican Communion Office
- Members of the Primates' Meeting
- Members of the Anglican Consultative Council

Lord Jesus Christ, Great High Priest, we praise you for our Anglican sisters and brothers throughout the world, and pray that you would draw us all closer to you and to each other. May we ever be thankful for the gifts and insights that our family throughout the world can give us, and make us ever ready to help them should they be in need. This we ask through you, who with the Father and the Spirit reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Anglicanism is one of the main branches of Christianity. The word, Anglican, comes from the Latin phrase, Ecclesia Anglicana, which means the 'English Church'. Since the 1700s it has been used in places outside of England where Anglican missionaries took the Good News of Jesus with them. Now 85 million members are part of national or regional Churches that call themselves Anglican (or Episcopal in some countries) which collectively are known as the Anglican Communion.

Anglicans and Episcopalians throughout the world share aspects of their history, traditions and ways of worshipping. But none of the thirty-nine provinces are exactly alike. Indeed each of the 800 dioceses has its own flavour. This unity in diversity is one of the hallmarks that make the Anglican Communion unique.

Australian Cycle of Prayer

The Anglican Church of Australia

The Primate – Archbishop Philip Freier

The General Secretary – Anne Hywood

The General Synod and the Standing Committee

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC)

Today we pray for the members of NATSIAC, remembering especially their local ministries and their work for the national Anglican Church –

- Bishop Chris McLeod (National Aboriginal Bishop)
- the Rev Gloria Shipp (Chair of NATSIAC)
- Clerical members: the Rev Phyllis Andy, the Rev Victor Blanco, the Rev Bruce Boase, the Rev Brian Claudie, the Rev Val Connelly, the Rev Wayne Connelly, the Rev Dalton Cowley, the Rev Robyn Davis, the Ven Karen Kime, the Ven Brian Kirk, the Rev Di Langham, the Rev Glenn Loughrey, Bishop Arthur Malcolm, the Rev Colleen Mamarika, the Rev Daryl McCullough, the Rev John Noah, the Rev Yulki Nunggumajbarr, the Rev Lenore Parker, the Rev Shannon Smith
- Lay Members: Monica Amey, Salu Blanco, Rose Elu, Aimee Harris, Jojo Huddleston, Carol Innes, Edith Joyce, Saintry Kaigy, Edward King, Michael Paduch-Duckett, Mandy Sammy, Eddie Shipp, Loryanna Smith

Lord Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, Word that spoke creation into being, We give you thanks for the First Peoples of Australia and we pray for the work of NATSIAC. Empower and encourage the members of NATSIAC in their ministry within their communities and the wider church. Open the ears of the Church to hear what NATSIAC is saying, and open our eyes that we may perceive the prophets in our midst. Amen.

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council is an official body established by General Synod to be a voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within the Anglican Church of Australia.

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 we may walk together with God and the wider church.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have lost so much and we pray that the wider church will join with us in hoping that we can walk together as one body of Christ into the future. We pray that the wider church would look to us for a voice so that you can listen, so that you can hear us, and that we can then work together for a solid, better future." The Rev Daryl McCullough, Diocese of Bathurst.



NATSIAC Chairperson, the Rev Gloria Shipp at the 2017 Gathering in Melbourne.
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Jesus said: I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Revelation 22.13

Australian Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Adelaide

Archbishop Geoffrey Smith, his assistant bishops, clergy and people

Day 3



Fisher Young Dinh, the Disaster Management Coordinator for the Anglican Church of Melanesia in Vanuatu. © ABM/Vivienne For, 2017.

If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

John 8.36

Australian Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Armidale
Bishop Rick Lewers, his clergy and people

Anglican Church of Melanesia

Today we pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM). We remember especially –

- Archbishop George Takeli, all the bishops, priests and deacons of the Church and the people they serve in God's name
- the General Secretary, Dr Abraham Hauriasi, and the diocesan secretaries
- the Melanesian Board of Mission, Fr Nigel Kalaepa (Mission Secretary) and Fr James Tama (Deputy Mission Secretary)
- all those involved in the Language, Literacy and Numeracy program and the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene program in Vanuatu
- all those involved in the Disaster Risk Reduction program, the Positive Parenting program and Capacity Building in the Solomon Islands

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the one who sets us free, even from the sting of death. We give you thanks for our partner, the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM), praying that you will call all those who call themselves Anglicans in that province to new life. May the Church proclaim your victory over death to all who live in the Solomon Islands, in Vanuatu and in New Caledonia. This we ask through you who reign with the Father and the Spirit in glory everlasting. Amen.

ABM's Anglicans in Development (AID) Unit works with the Anglican Church of Melanesia in Vanuatu in a program designed to bring literacy and numeracy to teenagers and adults, and in bringing water, sanitation and hygiene education and infrastructure to communities. In the Solomon Islands we work with the Church to help build up strong families via a positive parenting program. We're also working with ACOM to build up its capacity to manage development projects. In all of this work, we seek to help our Partner to bring fullness of life in Christ's name to the communities in which they operate.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Today we pray for all those working to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. We remember especially –

- the United Nations, and the sustainable development work it coordinates
- the governments around the world who are giving 0.7% of their Gross National Income towards the achievement of the SDGs
- those dioceses who are supporting the achievement of the SDGs through prayer, action and donations

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the great I AM, and your Spirit sustains the whole universe. May that same Spirit be with us all as we work towards the Sustainable Development Goals, that our work may be a reflection of the abundance of life which you promise for all people. This we ask through you, who with the Father and the Spirit reign in the highest heavens. Amen.

Much of the work that our partners do in cooperation with ABM's Community Development Unit focusses on one or more of the seventeen SDGs, which have followed on from the successful Millennium Development Goals. For example, the Sustainable Livelihoods Program runs in conjunction with Anglican Development Services - Eastern in Machakos, Kenya, has reduced hunger and increased the incomes of the local farming communities, which contain many households that are headed by women. The Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Program in Vanuatu is helping new communities gain access to water tanks, ventilation improved pit (VIP) toilets, and refurbishment of an established gravity-fed water system. The communities are also getting training in hygiene awareness and safe practices. We can see in these examples Goals 3 - Good health and well-being, 6 - Clean water and sanitation, 10 - Reduced inequalities, and 11- Sustainable communities being worked towards. Here in our country Anglican organisations such as the Brotherhood of St Laurence and Anglicare work to help Australia reach its share of the SDGs. Examples include their work in education, support of women and children, research and practice around climate change, financial and social inclusion, and capacity building.



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Jesus said: Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.

John 8.58

Australian Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Ballarat
Bishop Garry Weatherill, his clergy and people

Day 5



The Ven Wilson Makele of New Guinea Islands Diocese at the enthronement of the new Archbishop of Papua New Guinea, the Most Rev Allan Migi.
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He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.

Luke 1.32

Australian Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Bathurst
Bishop Ian Palmer, his clergy and people

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Today we pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. We remember especially –

- Archbishop Allan Migi, all the bishops, priests and deacons of the Church and the people they serve in God's name
- Dennis Kabekabe, the General Secretary
- Anglicare PNG Inc.
- all those who work in and benefit from the Church Partnership Program
- all those involved in the Adult Literacy Program
- the staff and ordinands of Newton Theological College, Popondetta

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Most High God, we give you thanks for our partner, the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. May the Church prosper as it brings the good news to cities as well as to remote villages. May the citizens know you as their Saviour and Defender. This we ask through you who, with the Father and the Spirit, hear the prayers of the faithful for ever and ever. Amen.

ABM's work in Papua New Guinea involves us helping the Church to deliver Adult Literacy programs and to secure the future of the Church in PNG by strengthening Newton Theological College.

The Anglican Church of PNG's Adult Literacy Program has over 80 schools and 2,500 learners enrolled across eight provinces in PNG. ABM partners with Anglicare PNG Inc. which coordinates the program and oversees the syllabus. The syllabus incorporates literacy and numeracy as well as social issues, such as domestic violence, HIV, child protection, alcohol abuse, law and justice. The schools are often referral points to other services such as HIV/STI testing and treatment, and are also well suited for advocacy activities with students being encouraged to engage their families in discussions around topics they've covered in class. The work we do with Anglicare also includes gender equality, child protection and disability inclusion.

ABM's work with Newton Theological College is seeking to overcome barriers to effective learning and is being steered by Bishop Jeffrey Driver. This year we are focussing on water and electricity supply issues, redesigning the curriculum and building teaching capacity.

The Church of the Province of South East Asia

Today we pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia. We remember especially –

- Archbishop Ng Moon Hing, all the bishops, priests and deacons of the Church and the people they serve in God's name
- the Provincial Secretary, the Rev Kenneth Thien Su Yin
- the Youth and Children's ministries of the province
- the Orang Asli of West Malaysia and the indigenous peoples of Sarawak and Sabah, that their land rights be restored and that illegal logging and atrocities cease
- the work of St Andrew's Mission Hospital and of Anglican Community Services in Singapore

Lord Jesus Christ, Word of God, we remember before you today our partner, the Church of the Province of South East Asia. Bless the Church, we pray, as it proclaims your Holy Name throughout Malaysia and Singapore. May your love not only support and sustain the Church, but may it burn in the hearts of all who hear the good news. This we ask through you who lives and reigns with God the Father in the union of the Holy Spirit, one Lord, for all the ages. Amen.

Despite the challenges of working in predominantly non-Christian environments, the Church of the Province of South East Asia is a vibrant part of the Anglican Communion. Its origins spring from the first chaplaincy which was formed in West Malaysia in 1805, originally under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Calcutta, India. Reflecting the missionary zeal of its early pioneers, the Church has now sent out its own mission partners to various parts of the world.

The neo-Gothic spire of St Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, reaches towards the heavens – as if to say, 'Lift up your hearts' © Episcopal Church Global Partnerships Office/Bruce Woodcock, 2017.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1.1

Australian Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Bendigo

Bishop the very Rev John Roundhill (Administrator), clergy and people

Day 7



Martin (left), one of the first Anglicans in PNG, who met the pioneer missionary Albert Maclaren when he first landed. With him is the Rev Peter Rautamara, the first Papuan to be ordained. *From A New Deal for Papua* by GH Cranswick and IW Shevill (FW Cheshire, Melbourne, 1949)

Jesus said: You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

John 8.32

Australian Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Brisbane

Archbishop Phillip Aspinall, his regional bishops, clergy and people

Overseas Missionaries and Volunteers

Today we pray for Overseas Missionaries and Volunteers. We remember especially –

- those who leave the comforts of home in order to bring the fullness of life to all that Jesus promises
- those who are stationed in remote or dangerous areas
- those who volunteer their time and skills to serve others overseas
- all who support God's mission overseas by their interest, their prayers and their donations

Lord Jesus Christ, Truth of God, we give you thanks for the people who are stirred by your Spirit to go out into the world to proclaim your reign of love, hope and justice around the world and for those who use their talents to serve others. We pray that in the fullness of time you will draw all people to yourself, so that in the New Jerusalem people of every race and language will worship you and that same Spirit who, with you and the Father, reigns in eternal glory. Amen.

There's a Pentecost hymn by Michael Hewlett which asks us to tell of 'How a hundred men and women / Turned the known world upside down / To its dark and furthest corners / By the Wind of Whitsun blown'. It reminds us of the people who, impelled by that same Holy Wind in our own time, leave one place to proclaim God in another.

Though we remember 'traditional' missionaries today, we should not forget local mission work in Australia. While not everyone is called to overseas service, we can all play a part in the missional activities of our own parishes and dioceses. As the hymn goes on, 'Let thy flame break out within us / Fire our hearts and clear our sight / Till white-hot in thy possession / We, too, set the world alight'.

The Anglican Church of Kenya

Today we pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya. We remember especially –

- Archbishop Jackson Ole Sapit, all the bishops, priests and deacons of the Church and the people they serve in God's name
- the General Secretary, the Rev Canon Rosemary Mbogo
- Anglican Development Services – Eastern, Esther Musili, Executive Director, and John Mutua, Programs Director, and staff
- all involved in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- all involved in Revitalising Men's Ministry to the Community
- all involved in the Disability Inclusion project
- all involved in the Sustainable Livelihoods Program

Lord Jesus Christ, Image of God, we give you thanks for our partner, the Anglican Church of Kenya. We ask you to send your Spirit to guide it into the way of all truth and holiness so that the people of Kenya may hear your Word and praise your sacred Name. This we ask through you, who with the Father and that same Spirit are hymned by cherubim and seraphim for ever and ever. Amen.

The Anglican Church of Kenya is made up of 35 dioceses and is a vibrant province of the Anglican Communion. Along with the children's Christian education program, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, ABM's Partnerships Unit is supporting the Church to help men re-engage with the community through Christian service. ABM's Anglicans in Development Unit, in association with the Diocese of Perth, is supporting the Diocese of Eldoret's Disability Inclusion project, aiming to develop small sustainable businesses, providing income and independence for individuals with a disability. The Sustainable Livelihoods Program continues to help people: now, many can grow their own crops because of sand dams that trap water. One woman proudly tells ABM 'I live near the river where the sand dam was constructed in July 2015. I have used the water for livestock, domestic use, cooking and gardening. I now grow melons and French beans.'



Horticulture projects supported by Australian Anglicans have helped to raise the standard of living in Kenya. © ABM/Ivy Wang, 2017.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

Colossians 1.15

Australian Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Bunbury

The Ven Julie Baker (Administrator), clergy and people

Day 9



An Iraqi boy waits in a queue at a camp for internally-displaced people. Due to conflict he and his family moved from their village to Mosul and then on to the camp. They have nothing to return to – their village and Mosul have been destroyed.
© Norwegian Refugee Council/Melany Markham, 2017.

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be considered an illegal action under normal circumstances (e.g. entering a country without a visa) should not, according to the Convention, be considered illegal if a person is seeking asylum.

Jesus said: ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.’

John 8.12

Australian Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn
Bishop Stuart Robinson, his assistant bishops, clergy and people

Internally-Displaced People, Asylum Seekers and Refugees

Today we pray for all Internally-Displaced people, Asylum Seekers and Refugees. We remember especially –

- all who have left their homes as a result of natural disasters or human-caused catastrophe
- all who have had to flee their homes and to travel to safety in other parts of their counties or abroad because of conflict or persecution
- the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) who have assisted Palestine refugees and their descendants since 1949
- the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) as they assess the claims of asylum seekers
- all refugee advocates in Australia and overseas
- all church-based refugee support, such as Refugee Egypt in Cairo
- all refugees as they make a new life in their countries of settlement
- all governments, that they may respond sympathetically to those who seek asylum

Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the World, we pray today for all those who, because of natural disasters and human-created conflicts, have been forced to leave home in search of a safe haven. May your light direct them out of danger and guide them towards people who will help and care for them. This we ask in your name, Refugee Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign in ineffable light, now and for ever. Amen.

Given that our Lord himself was a refugee himself, it seems appropriate that Christians should be aware of asylum seeker and refugees issues, and be prepared to bust the myths that surround them. 'Refugees don't contribute to Australian society' can be countered with names like Sir Gustav Nossal and Dr Karl Kruszelnicki (scientists), Anh Do (painter and comedian), Harry Seidler (architect), Caroline Tran (broadcaster), Deng Thiak Adut (Human Rights lawyer), Nick Greiner (politician), Judy Cassab (artist), Huy Truong (entrepreneur) and Atti Abonyi (footballer). The claim that 'asylum seekers who arrive by boat are illegals' isn't true. Asylum seekers do not break any Australian laws simply by arriving on boats or without authorisation. Article 31 of the Refugee Convention clearly states that refugees should not be penalised for arriving without valid travel documents. What may

Religious Orders Within ABM's Overseas Partners

Today we pray for the Religious Orders within ABM's overseas partners. We remember especially –

- Fiji: the Community of the Sacred Name
- India: the Brotherhood of the Ascended Christ and the Order of Women
- Japan: the Community of Nazareth
- Korea: the Community of St Francis, the Order of St Benedict, the Society of St Francis
- Malaysia: The Community of the Good Shepherd
- New Zealand: the Community of the Sacred Name, the Society of St Francis
- Papua New Guinea: the Congregation of the Sisters of the Visitation of our Lady, the Melanesian Brotherhood, the Society of St Francis
- The Philippines: the Community of St Mary, the Melanesian Brotherhood
- The Solomon Islands: the Community of the Sisters of Melanesia, the Community of the Sisters of the Church, the Melanesian Brotherhood, the Society of St Francis
- Sri Lanka: Devasevikaramaya (meaning 'ashram of the women servants of God'), the Society of St Margaret
- Tonga: the Community of the Sacred Name
- Vanuatu: the Melanesian Brotherhood
- Zambia: Chama cha Mariamu Mtakatifu (the Community of St Mary of Nazareth and Calvary)

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Way and the Truth and the Life. We praise you for the ministry of prayer and service that all those who are members of Religious Orders among ABM's overseas partners bring to their Churches and communities. May their examples inspire us to follow you more closely every day, both in our prayers and in everything we do. This we ask through you who, empowered by the Spirit, came to lead us to the Father. Amen.

Religious communities model for us both devotion to Christ and the service of God's people. They point us all to a way of life that is centred on God. The religious orders throughout the world show that, as the hymn writer puts it, 'the voice of prayer is never silent'.



The Minister General of the Society of St Francis, Br Christopher John (third from left), visits the PNG brothers – taken in the chapel of St Mary of the Angels Friary, Haruro, Popondetta. © Society of St Francis/Margaret Poynton, 2017.

Jesus said, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life'.

John 14.6

Australian Cycle of Prayer

Ministry to the Forces

Bishop Ian Lambert, chaplains and members of the Armed Forces

Day 11



A manager at the E-CARE store in Manila proudly shows some of the products for sale. © ABM/Ivy Wang, 2017.

**... You shall know that I, the Lord, am your Saviour
and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.**

Isaiah 60.16

Australian Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Gippsland
The Ven Philip Muston (Administrator), clergy and people

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Today we pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. We remember especially –

- Prime Bishop Joel Pachao, all the bishops, priests and deacons of the Church and the people they serve in God's name
- the Provincial Secretary, Atty. Floyd Lalwet
- the work of the Episcopal Community Action for Renewal and Empowerment (E-CARE), the Church's community development program, for Atty. Floyd Lalwet and the staff
- all those involved in the Community Capacity Building Program and all those involved in the Economic Empowerment Program, both being run by E-CARE in partnership with ABM
- all those involved in the work of the Episcopal Church's Integrated Mission Office (IMO)

Lord Jesus Christ, the Mighty One of Jacob, we give you thanks for our partner, the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. May the Church show to the people of the Philippines that you are their Saviour and their Redeemer because of their church and community work throughout the archipelago. This we ask through you who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, are the God of yesterday, today and tomorrow, till the end of the ages. Amen.

ABM's work in the Philippines sees the empowerment of communities through education and helps to foster a greater sense of community cohesion. Almost 12,000 people are benefitting. Once community members receive their training and have agreed on program guidelines, they are then able to access revolving funds that support various local livelihood initiatives. Once the initiatives are underway, groups experience a significant improvement in their financial and business skills. They display confidence in managing the income and expenses of projects, work through the details of administration and gain an awareness of the importance of marketing strategies to expand their potential profits.

The Anglican Church of Korea – 대한성공회 *Daehan Seong Gong Hoe*

Today we pray for the Anglican Church of Korea. We remember especially –

- Archbishop Onesimus Park, all the bishops, priests and deacons of the Church and the people they serve in God's name
- the General Secretary, the Rev Stephen Yoo
- the work being done by Fr Lawrence Ku at the St Brendan's Mission Institute in Seoul concerning Fresh Expressions of the Church
- the work of the Mothers' Union and of the Girls' Friendly Society
- the significant work being done by the Church throughout the country with young people at risk
- the work of Mission to Seafarers in Busan Diocese

Lord Jesus Christ, Manna from heaven, we give you thanks for our partner, the Anglican Church of Korea. We ask you to be with the Church, especially as it proclaims you by word and deed to young people in Korea who are at risk. May you be their food both in this life and the next. This we ask through you who, with the Father and the Spirit, feast with the saints at the heavenly banquet forever. Amen.

The Anglican Church in Korea is made up by three dioceses, Seoul, Daejeon and Busan. The Church works to integrate defectors from the North into South Korean society by giving them support and job training, for example at Grace Café in the grounds of Seoul Cathedral. The Church's ministry among young people at risk is significant. For example, through the House of Sharing in Daejeon there are schools, drop-in centres, accommodation and psychological help for at-risk youth. In Busan, once the seat of the Japanese Imperial presence in Korea, there are moves to build a church with the Anglican Church of Japan as a symbol of reconciliation between the two countries.



The Bishop of Seoul, Peter Kyongho Lee, with Fr Lawrence Kyunha Ku on the day of Bishop Peter's consecration. © Anglican Church of Korea, 2017.

He rained down on them manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven.

Psalm 78.24

Australian Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Grafton
Bishop Sarah Macneil, her clergy and people

Day 13



Eight-year old Adieu Anai cooks over a fire in a camp for more than 5,000 internally displaced persons in an Episcopal Church compound in Wau, South Sudan.
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In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4.10

Australian Cycle of Prayer

Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia
Bishop Chris McLeod, Aboriginal clergy and people

The Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Today we pray for the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. We remember especially –

- Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul Yak, all the bishops, priests and deacons of the Church and the people they serve in God's name
- John Augustino Lumori, the Church's General Secretary
- all those in the country caught up in conflict and those affected by food shortages
- all who have been made refugees, or who are internally displaced
- all who work for peace in South Sudan

Lord Jesus Christ, Sacrifice for our Sins, we give you thanks for our partner, the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, and pray that it may be a beacon of stability in a country devastated by civil war and tribal rivalry. Hear South Sudan's cry for peace, and may reconciliation and friendship come to be known as bywords for that country. This we ask in your name who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, live in peace and unity now and for ever more. Amen.

Missionary work began in 1899 in Omdurman in the north but Christianity spread most rapidly among black Africans of the south. The autonomous province, consisting of four dioceses, was established in 1976. In 2017 the Church separated into two provinces – the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (35 dioceses) and the Episcopal Church of Sudan (5 dioceses). Tribal conflict has riven the Church in the south since South Sudan gained its independence in 2011. The archbishop of the internal province of Bahr el Ghazel, Moses Deng Bol, said that the peace would come when Christians acted out Jesus' teaching on the greatest commandment in Luke Chapter 10. "According to Jesus, my neighbour is anyone who is near me at any time regardless of their tribe, race or colour, gender, age, height or size," he said. "In Matthew 7.12 Jesus gave the answer to the question of how do I love my neighbour as myself in what is now known as the golden rule: 'So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.'"

ABM's Partner Agencies Overseas

Today we pray for ABM's Networking Partnerships. We remember especially –

- Canada: the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, Will Postma (Executive Director) and staff
- New Zealand: Anglican Missions Board, the Rev Canon Robert Kereopa (Executive Officer) and staff
- South Africa: Hope Africa, Delene Mark (Chief Executive Officer) and staff
- UK and Ireland: United Society Partners in the Gospel, the Rev Duncan Dormor (Chief Executive Officer) and staff
- USA: Episcopal Relief and Development, Robert Radtke (President) and staff

Lord Jesus Christ, the One whose origin is from of old, from ancient days, we give you thanks for those whose work goes alongside ours in today's world. May each agency always focus on you, O Lord, as we work to help Churches and communities across the globe. This we ask through you who, with the Father and the Spirit, live and reign in eternal glory. Amen.

ABM works collaboratively with partners around the world. ABM's Networking Partnerships are formed with other Anglican mission agencies, pan-Anglican organisations and ecumenical development agencies. Such partnerships can be those where ABM shares and gains knowledge from other partners (such as between ABM and other mission agencies). They can also be those where ABM and a partner share a mutual interest. For example, if ABM and another agency both work with the same Development Partner, it makes sense to work together to ensure that the engagement with the Development Partner is coordinated – making sure time, effort and funds are neither duplicated nor wasted.



Members of a church sewing group, with their sewing machines at St Boniface, Mavedzenge, Masvingo. USPG is supporting sustainable income generation projects in Zimbabwe. © USPG/Leah Gordon.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Micah 5.2

Australian Cycle of Prayer

Ministry with the Torres Strait Island People of Australia
Torres Strait clergy and people

Day 15



Water project at Myi Ni Gone Village - a lady fetches water from the well.
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**To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the
only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever.
Amen.**

1 Timothy 1.17

Australian Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Melbourne
Archbishop Philip Freier, his regional bishops, clergy and people

The Church of the Province of Myanmar

Today we pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar. We remember especially –

- Archbishop Stephen Than Myint Oo, all the bishops, priests and deacons of the Church and the people they serve in God's name
- the General Secretary, the Rev Dr Paul Myint Htet Htin Ya
- all those involved in the Church Capacity Building for Development Program, the Sustainable Agriculture in Hpa-an Villages Program, and the WASH Program
- all those involved in the establishment of the Language and Training Centre at St Peter's Bible School, and in the Motorbikes for Mission Program

Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Ages, we give you thanks for our partner, the Church of the Province of Myanmar. We ask you to look with favour on it as it trains its clergy and lay people to be effective disciples for you in that country. May they draw people to glorify you and your Father who is in heaven, who with the Holy Spirit are the One true God for ever and ever. Amen.

ABM is working in cooperation with the Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM) through its Partnerships Unit and its Anglicans in Development Unit. The Water and Sanitation Program sees clean water being piped into villages, saving time and back-breaking labour to fetch it twice a day. The Sustainable Agriculture in Hpa-an Villages Program seeks to lift people out of poverty and improve their quality of life. It is specifically focussed on internally displaced peoples in the border of Myanmar and Thailand, providing them with opportunities to improve their livelihoods through sustainable agriculture. With increased incomes from sustainable agricultural practices, farmers are more assured of meeting their basic needs: sending their children to primary and high school, having available funds to cover their basic health needs and providing themselves with reasonable shelter. ABM's Partnerships Unit is working with CPM to offer English language, computer and musical training at St Peter's Bible School in Toungoo. In Sittwe Diocese we are working together to purchase motorbikes so that pastoral care can be provided to 26 remote parishes (19,400 church members). It will also allow for the gospel to be proclaimed and new churches to be planted in other isolated areas.

Anglican Witness

Today we pray for Anglican Witness, the Communion's evangelism and Church growth initiative. We remember especially –

- Archbishop Ng Moon Hing, Chair of the Core Group
- the Rev Canon John Kafwanka, Director of the Mission Department at the Anglican Communion Office in London
- all those whose proclamation of God's kingdom is characterised by one of the Five Marks of Mission
- all those who will come to know Christ this year and be received into his Church by baptism

Lord Jesus Christ, Messenger of the Covenant, we thank you for the work of Anglican Witness as it seeks to empower your Church to announce your kingdom of love and justice to a world which longs for both. Bless its members and all who preach the gospel of peace, that their glad tidings of good things may be heard and believed by those whom you came to save. This we ask in your great name who, with the Father and in the bond of the Spirit, live and reign for all eternity. Amen.

Anglican Witness brings together Anglicans from across the world who are committed to strengthening evangelism within communities, seeing churches grow spiritually and numerically in capacity to engage the whole of God's creation with Christ's love, and seeing God's name glorified in everyday life experience. Anglican Witness recognises that a lot is already happening in the Communion with regard to evangelism and church growth work. Therefore it is a forum for sharing ideas, experiences, skills, and mutual support among those involved and interested in evangelism and church growth in parishes, dioceses and provinces of the Anglican Communion, in order to bring people to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and become lifelong disciples within the community of God's people. Anglican Witness's work is coordinated through the Mission Department at the Anglican Communion Office. Its Director, the Rev Canon John Kafwanka, is a Zambian national who studied in Melbourne prior to his ordination.



The Rev Canon John Kafwanka addresses the Anglican Consultative Council on the theme of Intentional Discipleship. © Anglican Communion Office, 2016.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

Malachi 3:1

Australian Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Newcastle
Bishop Peter Stuart, his clergy and people

Day 17



Allein Yelo, IFI-VIMROD program staff member with the Rev Canon Marciano Carabio in Santa Fe. The Takakura composting method is being demonstrated by Fr Carabio.
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**For you who reverence my name the sun of
righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.**

Malachai 4.2

Australian Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of North Queensland
Bishop Bill Ray, his clergy and people

La Iglesia Filipina Independiente – The Philippine Independent Church

Today we pray for the Philippine Independent Church. We remember especially –

- The *Obispo Maximo*, Archbishop Rhee Millena Timbang and all the bishops, priests and deacons of the Church as well as the people they serve in God's name
- The Board of the Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development (VIMROD) and its Chair, Bishop Felixberto Calang
- VIMROD's Executive Director, Clagel Nava-Nellas and staff
- VIMROD's strategic planning process as they look forward to the next three-year phase
- all those involved in the Community Capacity Building Program and all those involved in the Economic Empowerment Program, both being run by VIMROD in partnership with ABM

Lord Jesus Christ, Sun of Righteousness, we praise you for our partner, the Philippine Independent Church. We ask you to look on it with favour, and we give you thanks especially for VIMROD and the community development work they do in your name. This we ask through you who, with the Father and the Paraclete, live and reign for all eternity. Amen.

The Philippine Independent Church, the Iglesia Filipina Independiente, is the second largest Christian denomination in the Philippines after the Roman Catholic Church, with an estimated membership of 10 million. ABM works with its social development arm, VIMROD, to provide seed funding to community groups to enhance the livelihoods of their members in sustainable ways, and to be trained in gender equality, disability inclusion and disaster preparedness.

The Anglican Church of Japan –

日本聖公 *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*

Today we pray for the Anglican Church of Japan. We remember especially –

- Archbishop Nathaniel Uematsu, all the bishops, priests and deacons of the Church and the people they serve in God's name
- the Provincial Secretary, the Rev Jesse Shin-Ichi Yahagi
- the Rev Paul Tolhurst, the Church's Partners-in-Mission Secretary
- the Church's ministry and Christian witness in Japan through church congregational life, hospitals, schools, and social advocacy
- the Church's advocacy, at both a national and local level, for disadvantaged, marginalized, or discriminated against communities in Japan
- the Church's work in Tohoku because of the 2011 Great East Japan earthquake, tsunami and subsequent crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.

Lord Jesus Christ, Bright Star of the Morning, we praise you for our partner, the Anglican Church of Japan. Bless the Church as it uses its small pacifist voice to advocate an end to warmongering and senseless killing. May its voice be heard throughout Japan and to the ends of the earth. We ask through you, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God for ever and ever. Amen.

In 1859, the American Episcopal Church sent two missionaries to Japan, followed some years later by representatives of the Church of England and the Church of Canada. The first Anglican Synod occurred in 1887. The Rev John Toshimichi Imai was the first Japanese to become an ordained Anglican priest, in 1889. The first Japanese Bishops were consecrated in 1923. The Church remained underground during World War II and assumed all Church leadership after the war, renewing its life and mission to proclaim the Gospel in Japan.



St Cyprian's Chapel, Tokyo. © Paul Trafford/flickr.com

Jesus said: I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.

Revelation 22.16

Australian Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of North West Australia
Bishop Gary Nelson, his clergy and people

Day 19



The Bishop of Auckland, the Rt Rev Ross Bay, holds up the consecration deed for Holy Trinity Cathedral. The service was in three languages, Maori, Tongan and English. © Holy Trinity Cathedral, Auckland, 2017.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Psalm 118.22

Australian Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Perth
Bishop Kate Wilmot, (Administrator), clergy and people

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Today we pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. We remember especially –

- the Most Rev 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 Taranaki Primate and Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- the Rev Michael Hughes, General Secretary, and the diocesan secretaries
- the Diocese of Christchurch as it continues to recover after the earthquakes
- the Diocese of Polynesia as its communities deal with climate change

Lord Jesus Christ, the headstone in the corner, we give you thanks for our partner, the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. May the Church proclaim your mercy and love for all in the 'Land of the Long White Cloud' and around the Pacific Islands. This we ask through you who, with the Father and the Spirit, reign One God in Three persons for ever and ever. Amen.

Church life in New Zealand and Polynesia is marked by the three-Tikanga constitution, which recognizes the three cultural strands in the Church, namely the Maori, Polynesian and settler cultures. Recently, the Church has played an important role in raising asylum-seeker issues, and the resettling of refugees into communities. On 28 October 2017 Holy Trinity Cathedral, Auckland, was finally consecrated. The cathedral is built on the Parnell site purchased by Bishop George Augustus Selwyn in 1843, one hundred and seventy-five years ago, and it signifies completion of the work begun when the foundation stone was laid sixty-one years earlier in 1957.

The Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy

Today we pray for the Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy. We remember especially –

- The Rev Rachael Carnegie and the Rev Andy Bowerman, Co-Executive Directors
- Tagolyn Kabekabe, Facilitator for the Pacific
- the Anglican Alliance's Agents of Change distance learning programme which equips global Anglicans on the frontline of community development with skills and knowledge to facilitate development activities in their local community
- all those communities helped by the Anglican Alliance this year

Lord Jesus Christ, Indescribable Gift to us from the Father, we praise you for the work of the Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy. We pray especially for their work in helping the Church to make preparations for disasters, so that when difficult times come, people can be helped quickly. May the Alliance's trust in you shine out so that you may be glorified in good times and in bad. This we ask through you who, with the Father and the Spirit, are with us now and for ever. Amen.

A shared Christian faith underpins the unity of the Churches and agencies that come together in the Anglican Alliance to work for a world free of poverty, inequality, conflict and injustice. The Alliance's vision is grounded in and shaped by our common understanding of God's holistic mission and special concern for the poor. Those involved, including ABM, believe that we are all part of one global community, one creation in God's image. We believe that the destruction of human dignity through poverty and powerlessness is damaging to the whole of creation. Rooted in this belief is our long tradition of giving and service.



Co-Executive Director of the Anglican Alliance, the Rev Andy Bowerman at the Anglican Consultative Council meeting in Lusaka, Zambia. © Anglican Communion Office, 2016.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9.5

Australian Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Riverina
Bishop Rob Gillion, his clergy and people

Day 21



Detail of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, in the West Bank, Palestine. The church was founded by the Emperor Constantine in AD 327. © Alf Finch, 2014.

... Christ Jesus our hope ...

1 Timothy 1.1

Australian Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Rockhampton
Bishop David Robinson, his clergy and people

The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East

Today we pray for the Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East. We remember especially –

- Archbishop Suheil Dawani, all the bishops, priests and deacons of the Church and the people they serve in God's name
- the Provincial Secretary, Georgia Katsantonis
- Suheila Tarazi and the work of the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza
- the work of the Princess Basma Centre in Jerusalem, which ensures children with disabilities have access to quality health services and inclusive education
- the work of EpiscoCare, the social services agency of the Diocese of Egypt
- the province's healthcare centres and its educational institutions
- the work of St George's College in Jerusalem, a place for short-term pilgrimages, study, interfaith conversation and reconciliation
- the many migrant workers and students, especially from Africa, the Philippines and the Indian subcontinent, who live in the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf

Lord Jesus Christ, Hope of all those who call on your name, we give you thanks for our partner, the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Bless its ministry not only to the people of Palestine and Israel and the twelve other countries that make up the province, but to all the pilgrims who visit the holy places following in your earthly footsteps. Prosper and defend the provincial parishes, healthcare centres, and educational institutions, especially St George's College in Jerusalem. This we ask in your name who, with the Father and the Spirit live and reign in praise and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East is one of the most diverse provinces of the Anglican Communion. Jerusalem Diocese covers Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan. Egypt Diocese covers Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Djibouti and Somalia. Cyprus and the Gulf Diocese covers Cyprus, Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the UAE, Oman and Yemen. The fourth Diocese covers Iran. The province is thus multi-lingual and worship can be found in English, Arabic, Farsi, Aramaic, Hebrew, Urdu and more besides.

Ecumenical Relationships

Today we pray for ABM's Ecumenical Relationships and for our sisters and brothers whose Churches belong to the National Council of Churches in Australia. We remember especially –

- ABM's fellow members in the Church Agencies Network (CAN): ACT for Peace, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, Anglican Overseas Aid, Australian Lutheran World Service, Baptist World Aid Australia, Caritas Australia, Global Mission Partners, Quaker Service Australia, the Salvation Army, and UnitingWorld, and the co-operative work in preparing for and responding to disasters that eight of its members are engaged in via CAN-DO
- the work of the Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance, of which ABM is a member
- 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 Rt Rev Philip Huggins, and for the General Secretary, Sr Elizabeth Delaney sgs
- the work of the state-based ecumenical bodies

Lord Jesus Christ, Head of the Church, we give you thanks for all who follow you, playing their part in God's mission. Today we pray especially for the ecumenical partners who work with ABM around the world, and for the National Council of Churches in Australia as it brings together Christians from many traditions. May we all be one, as you and your Father are one, for you live and reign with the Holy Spirit ever One God, world without end. Amen.

Christ calls the Church to be one, and working together with other denominations show anyone that, despite our doctrinal differences and our diverse circumstances, when it comes to the practical matter of helping others we can all work together. As the Psalmist says: 'How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!' May we be one family, so that the world may believe.



The Very Rev Fr Shenouda Mansour and Wies Schuiringa, General Secretary and President of the NSW Ecumenical Council respectively. Fr Shenouda is a Coptic Orthodox priest, and Wies is a representative of the Quakers, the Religious Society of Friends. © ABM/Robert McLean, 2017.

God has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church.

Ephesians 1.22

Australian Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Sydney
Archbishop Glenn Davies, his assistant bishops, clergy and people

Day 23



Amity Bakery staff are raising awareness about people living with disability with the help of the Asian TV star Xie Ting Feng. © Amity Foundation, China, 2017.

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.

Job 19.25

Australian Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Tasmania
Bishop Richard Condie, his assistant bishops, clergy and people

The Amity Foundation

Today we pray for the Amity Foundation. We remember especially –

- Qiu Zhonghui, the General Secretary, and all his staff in Nanjing and Hong Kong as well as the people they serve in God's name
- Amity's disaster management program, which deals with up to four major disasters a year
- Amity's HIV/Aids prevention and control program, which deals with health and discrimination issues for people living with HIV/Aids
- the work of Amity Printing, which produces Bibles and liturgical books for use around the world
- the work of the Amity Bakery, which creates vocational training opportunities for young adults who live with disabilities

Lord Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the World, we pray today for our partner, the Amity Foundation, giving you thanks for all that they do to improve people's lives. Inspire and encourage them to continue their multi-faceted work in your name, serving the people of China and beyond. This we ask through you who showed us the path to the Father and sent us your Spirit to encourage us on the way. Amen.

Amity was created in 1985 by Christians in China with the late Bishop K H Ting as its head. Prior to the establishment of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement (the 'Protestant' Church in China), Ting was the Anglican Bishop of Zhejiang. Nowadays, Amity's work is multi-faceted: they involve themselves in everything from support of poverty-stricken preachers, ethnic minorities and disadvantaged urban populations, to environmental protection, social organization incubation and advocacy for children's rights. Along with this goes a service learning program, sponsorship of orphans, and the provision of aged-care centres.

The Theological Colleges and Bible Schools of ABM's Overseas Partners

Today we pray for the Theological Colleges within ABM's Overseas Partners. We remember especially –

- Egypt: The Alexandria School of Theology
- Hong Kong: Ming Hua Theological College
- Japan: Bishop Williams Theological Seminary
- Kenya: St Paul's University
- Korea: Sungkonghoe University
- Lebanon: The Near East School of Theology
- Myanmar: Holy Cross Theological College; St Peter's Bible School
- New Zealand: Bishopdale Theological College, Laidlaw College, St John's College, Theology House
- Pakistan: Gujranwala Theological Seminary, St Thomas' Theological College
- Papua New Guinea: Newton Theological College
- The Philippines: St Andrew's Theological Seminary
- Singapore: Trinity Theological College
- The Solomon Islands: Bishop Patteson Theological College
- Sri Lanka: Theological College of Lanka
- Zambia: St John's Seminary

Lord Jesus Christ, the Teacher from above, we give you thanks for the Theological Colleges and Bible Schools of ABM's Overseas Partners, remembering especially today Holy Cross College in Myanmar, Newton Theological College in Papua New Guinea and St John's Seminary in Zambia. Pour out your blessing upon them, that they may show your light and your truth to every generation. This we ask in your name who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign One God for ever And ever. Amen.

Theological education and ministry training is at the heart of what makes a Church vibrant and strong. Without well-formed clergy and laity leadership a Church can be hamstrung, not having the capacity to evangelise effectively, let alone to nurture Christians in their faith. Other symptoms include an

Ordinands at the Eucharist in St Athanasius' Chapel, Newton Theological College.
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inability to engage with the wider community, failure to advocate for the marginalized and an incapability of running parishes that are financially secure. This year ABM is supporting Nant Hnin Hnin Aye from the Church of the Province of Myanmar to study for her PhD in Biblical Studies at Trinity College, Melbourne. We are also supporting St John's Seminary at Kitwe in Zambia. Our major focus is on supporting Newton Theological College in PNG to overcome barriers to effective learning.

Jesus said: You call me Teacher and Lord – and you are right, for that is what I am.

John 13.13

Australian Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of The Murray
Bishop John Ford, his clergy and people

Day 25



Mufuka Mukumbi, a volunteer from one of the Lui River villages comes to meet and talk with others about community issues such as gender-based violence.
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We have found the Messiah (which is translated Anointed)

John 1.41

Australian Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of the Northern Territory
Bishop Gregory Anderson, his clergy and people

The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Today we pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa, and ABM's work with it in Zambia. We remember especially –

- Archbishop Albert Chama, all the bishops, priests and deacons of the Church and the people they serve in God's name
- Secretary General of the Zambia Anglican Council, the Rev Rogers Banda, and the diocesan secretaries
- the Zambia Anglican Council Outreach Program, its National Director, Felicia Sakala, and staff
- the staff and students of St John's Seminary, Kitwe, and their families
- Fr Christopher Koloko as he studies in Australia
- all those who are involved in the Integrated Gender project, giving thanks for the successes of it so far

Lord Jesus, the longed-for Christ, we give you thanks for our partner, the Church of the Province of Central Africa. May the Church continue in its fidelity to you, and may your saving name be proclaimed afresh each day throughout its parishes and institutions. This we ask through you who reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. Amen.

ABM's work in Zambia is centred on an integrated gender project and on theological education and training. The Community Development Unit's Integrated Gender project has already seen success. Livelihoods for women have been improved and sustained. Harmful cultural practices against women and girls are being eliminated by addressing attitudes and behaviours at the root of gender-based violence. There has been increased participation of women in governance structures at family, community and national levels. Gender imbalance and inequality at national and local levels have been reduced. ABM's Church to Church Unit supports St John's Anglican Seminary in Kitwe which trains people for ordained ministry in the Church. In 2018 we expect that Fr Christopher Koloko, who trained at St John's, will come to Australia to study for a higher degree in Christian Ethics.

Reconciliation and Peace

Today we pray for reconciliation and peace. We remember especially –

- those who find their lives overtaken by war or other conflict, asking for your Holy Spirit to guide and support them
- those whose lives are blighted by domestic abuse, whether as victims or perpetrators, asking for your Holy Spirit to bring victims to safety and perpetrators to the realisation of the wickedness of their behaviour
- those who are estranged from family or friends, asking for your Holy Spirit to bring them together in love once again
- our country's continuing journey towards healing and reconciliation, asking for your Holy Spirit to open the hearts and minds of those who come from settler backgrounds to acknowledge the past and to help them listen to and learn from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians
- the on-going implementation of ABM's Reconciliation Action Plan
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, asking for your Holy Spirit to be with us as we walk together

Lord Jesus Christ, you who are our peace, we give you thanks for all those who yearn for reconciliation and for all those whose hearts are filled with peace. May we eschew all that unhelpfully or unnecessarily divides us one from another, remembering that we are all your children, made in your image. May that knowledge lead us to work for the time when swords shall be beaten into ploughshares, and spears into pruning-hooks, so that your rule of peace and justice may be established here on earth. This we ask through you who reigns as Prince of Peace with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God for eternity. Amen.

Edmund Sears, the writer of the well-known carol, "It came upon the midnight clear", saw a world where '... Beneath the angel-strain have rolled / Two thousand years of wrong / And man, at war with man, hears not / The love-song which they bring ...'

The Psalmist (34.14) enjoins us to 'Turn from evil and do good: seek peace and pursue it'. May we do that, becoming an example to our generation to 'hush the noise' and listen to the angels' love-song: 'Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth'.

The Chapel of Reconciliation in Berlin stands on the site where its predecessor, the Church of Reconciliation, stood. The church was surrounded in 1961 by the Berlin Wall, preventing access to everyone except border guards. The church was destroyed in 1985 in order 'to increase the security, order and cleanliness on the state border with West Berlin'. Four years later the wall fell. The Chapel of Reconciliation was consecrated on the site on 9 November 2000. It is the first clay-built church in Germany. © Tim Gage/flickr.com, 2014.

Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.

Ephesians 2.13-14

Australian Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Wangaratta
Bishop John Parkes, his clergy and people



Bishop Allan Ewing, Bishop Paul Korir and ABM's Executive Director, the Rev John Deane. Bishop Paul's diocese – Kapsabet in Kenya – is in a Companion Relationship with the Diocese of Bunbury. © Diocese of Bunbury, 2017.

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6.35

Australian Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Willochra
Bishop John Stead, his clergy and people

Companion Diocese Relationships

Today we pray for the Companion Diocese Relationships of the Anglican Church of Australia. We remember especially the links between these dioceses –

- Aipo Rongo (PNG) and Ballarat
- the Arctic (Canada) and North Queensland
- Bor (South Sudan) and Adelaide
- Eldoret (Kenya) and Perth
- Gahini (Rwanda) and Gippsland
- Guadalcanal (Solomon Islands) and Newcastle
- Kapsabet (Kenya) and Bunbury
- Karamoja (Uganda) and North West Australia
- Llandaff (Wales) and Rockhampton
- Mandalay (Myanmar) and Willochra
- North Kigezi (Uganda) and Armidale
- Popondota (PNG) and Rockhampton, and the Murray

Lord Jesus Christ, Bread of Life, we give you thanks for the Companion Diocese partnerships which enrich the lives of Anglicans in Australia and overseas. Bless the dioceses who have entered into formal partnerships together for mutual prayer, learning and joint activities. May they see your face in the people they meet and may your love bind them together. This we ask in your name, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, live and reign till the end of the ages. Amen.

The word, companion, literally means somebody with whom we share bread, a friend who sits at the table with us. The metaphor of sharing a good meal with stimulating conversation is apt for the companion relationships that stretch across the Anglican Communion because, like a good dinner party, we can learn from the discussion, be entertained by it and find ourselves motivated or transformed in some way by it. And the meal we share, whether we are in Grafton or Glasgow, Bathurst or Bermuda, or even Hokkaido or Hereford, is Jesus Christ himself, the Bread of Life.

The Council of the Anglican Provinces of Africa (CAPA)

Today we pray for the Council of the Anglican Provinces of Africa. We remember especially –

- the Most Rev Albert Chama, Archbishop of Central Africa, Chair of the Council
- the Most Rev Stanley Ntagali, Archbishop of Uganda, Vice-Chair of the Council
- the Rev Canon Grace Kaiso, General Secretary, and his staff at the CAPA Secretariat in Nairobi, Kenya
- the Formation of Compassionate and Accountable Leadership program
- the Community Health, HIV and AIDS program
- the Healing, Forgiveness and Renewal of Just and Peaceful Society program
- the Stewardship of Resources for Social-Economic Emancipation program
- the Advancement of Critical Theological Reflection and Action program
- the New Frontiers of Advocacy and Discernment program

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Victorious One who triumphs over death and destruction. Hear us as we pray for our partner, the Council of the Anglican Provinces of Africa. May the Council's work bring together the Churches on that continent in a way that is beneficial for all. Prosper their work of economic empowerment, the strengthening of church life and interfaith relations, the promotion of environmental stewardship and food security, and the building up of peace among the African nations. This we ask in your name, who reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God. Amen.

CAPA is a regional faith-based organization that was established in 1979 in Chilema, Malawi, by the Anglican primates of Africa. It operates in 12 Anglican provinces: Burundi, Central Africa (Botswana, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe), Congo, and the Indian Ocean (Madagascar, Seychelles and Mauritius); Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Southern Africa (Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland), Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, West Africa (Ghana, Cameroon, Togo, Sierra Leone and Liberia), and the Diocese of Egypt. CAPA is committed to "deepening of the values of dignity and integrity, healing and social transformation and to enable the people of God to grow in the faith and live life in its fullness."



(L-R) Canon Grace Kaiso, general secretary of the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa (CAPA); the Rev Laurette Glasgow, special advisor for Government Relations for the Anglican Church of Canada; Canon Isaac Kawuki-Mukasa, Africa relations co-ordinator for the Anglican Church of Canada; and Elizabeth Wanjiku Gichovi, of CAPA Communications and Finance, before their meeting with Global Affairs Canada, the Government of Canada's lead agency for foreign affairs in Ottawa. © 2017 Anglican Journal/Art Babych

To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.

Revelation 3.21

Australian Cycle of Prayer

Anglicare Australia

Chair – Bishop Chris Jones, Executive Director – Kasy Chambers



Archbishop Paul Kwong is Chair of the Anglican Consultative Council.
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Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.

Revelation 5.5

Australian Cycle of Prayer

Theological Colleges and Church Schools

The Anglican Church of Hong Kong – 香港聖公會 *Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui*

Today we pray for the Anglican Church of Hong Kong. We remember especially –

- Archbishop Paul Kwong, all the bishops, priests and deacons of the Church and the people they serve in God's name
- the Rev Peter Koon, General Secretary, and his deputy, the Rev Kenneth Lau
- the work of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited
- the work of St James' Settlement, St Christopher's Home, the Lady MacLehose Centre, the Holy Carpenter Church Social Services and the Kindly Light Church Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
- the Task Force for the Ministry of Environmental Conservation
- the two tertiary institutions, over thirty secondary schools, more than fifty primary schools, fifty plus kindergartens and nurseries, and one special education school run by the Church

Lord Jesus Christ, Lion of the tribe of Judah, we give you thanks for our partner, the Anglican Church of Hong Kong. Bless the Church's work as it serves your people through its parishes, schools and social service agencies. May the Church always proclaim your truth, love and justice to the world. This we ask in your holy Name to whom, with the Father and the Spirit, be all honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The first presence of the Anglican Church in Hong Kong began with the appointment of a colonial chaplain in 1843. In 1849, the Diocese of Victoria was created. The Rt Rev George Smith was appointed the first bishop in Hong Kong. He had a clear vision of the ministry of the local Chinese under his jurisdiction. St Stephen's Church, the first Chinese Anglican Church in Hong Kong, was founded in 1865. Because of the growth of the Chinese congregations, the Chinese Anglican Church in Hong Kong became part of the Diocese of South China (Chinese), which held its first Synod in 1913, under the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui (i.e. 'The Holy Catholic Church of China'), and at the same time continued to be under the Diocese of Victoria (English). Owing to the subsequent political changes on the Mainland, the Diocese of Hong Kong and Macao (both Chinese and English) was established in 1951 to continue the ministry of the Kingdom of God in these two regions.

The Churches of South Asia

Today we pray for the Churches of South Asia. We remember especially –

- the Most Rev Paul Sarker, Moderator of the Church of Bangladesh, and his staff, clergy, and the people they serve in Christ's name
- the Rt Rev Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey, Bishop of Columbo, and his staff, clergy, and the people they serve in Christ's name; and the Diocese of Kurunagala (vacant) and its staff, clergy, and the people they serve in Christ's name
- the Most Rev Dr Prem Chand Singh, Moderator of the Church of North India, and his staff, clergy, and the people they serve in Christ's name
- the Most Rev Humphrey Peters, Moderator of the Church of Pakistan, and his staff, clergy, and the people they serve in Christ's name
- the Most Rev Thomas Kanjirappally Oommen, Moderator of the Church of South India, and his staff, clergy, and the people they serve in Christ's name

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of Man, son of Mary, we offer you our thanks for our partners, the Churches of South Asia. May all who call themselves Christians in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka be numbered among your faithful disciples, and may we find inspiration and encouragement in the example of their steadfastness. This we ask in your name who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit are without beginning or end, One Trinity of love and power for ever. Amen.

Apart from the Church of Ceylon which covers most of Sri Lanka, the Churches of South Asia are United Churches, made up of Anglicans and Protestants. Despite each one having its own flavour, all of them minister in predominantly non-Christian contexts. Their minority status means that their ministry takes place among many challenges and difficulties. Yet, they remain faithful to Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, son of Mary, Son of God.



Worshippers in a chapel of the Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour, Colombo, Sri Lanka. © Episcopal Church Global Partnerships Office/Bruce Woodcock, 2017.

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

Luke 19.10

Australian Cycle of Prayer

Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia



The Rev Canon Bruce Woodcock, the Episcopal Church's partnership officer for Asia and the Pacific, presents an Icon of Christ to ABM's Executive Director, the Rev John Deane. © ABM/Vivienne For, 2017.

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

John 15.1-2

Australian Cycle of Prayer

Religious Orders serving within the Anglican Church of Australia

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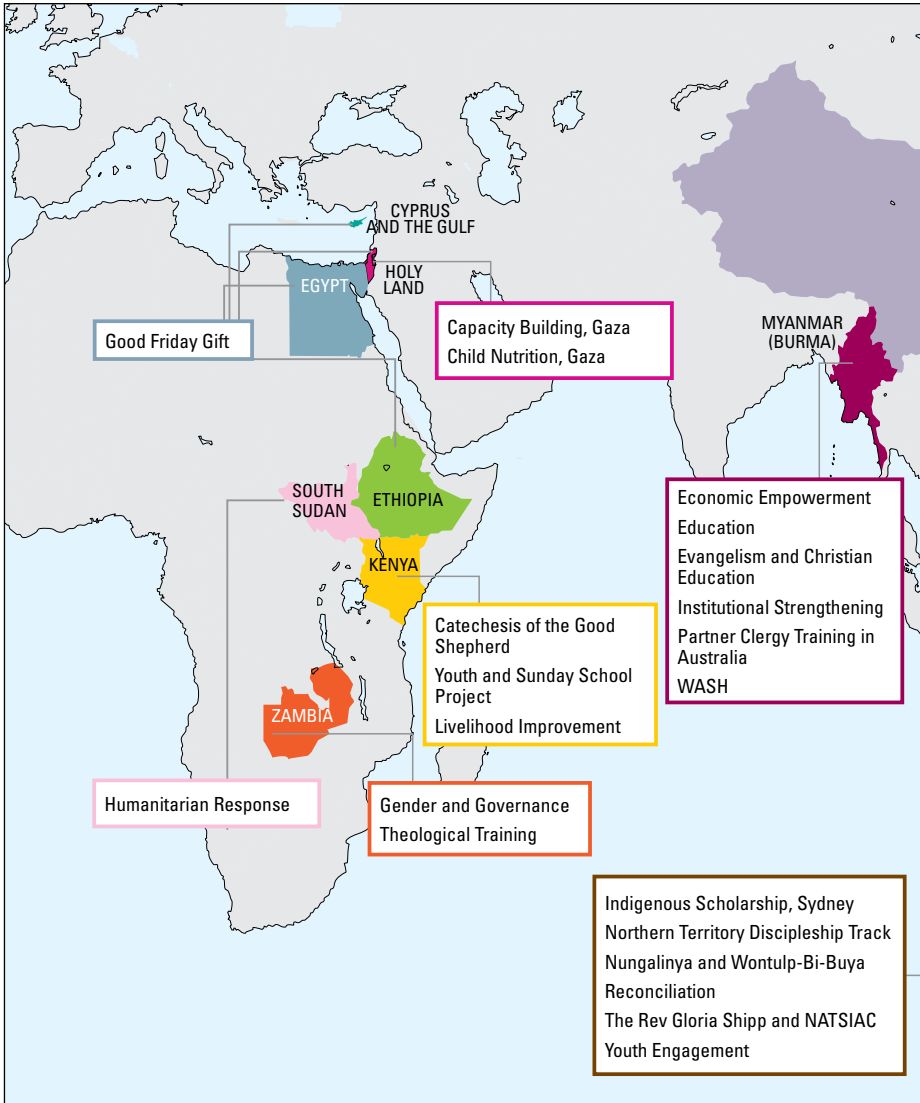
Today we pray for the Anglican Board of Mission. We remember especially –

- 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 Drevikovskiy, Stephen Harrison, the Rt Rev Dr 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: Michael Begaud, Brad Chapman, Simolyn Delgado, the Rev Jasmine Dow, Wilnor Flores, Vivienne For, Celia Kemp, Lina Magallanes, Robert McLean, Jessica Melas, Ruth Moline, Merlina Nixon, Robert Peck, Fiona Richardson, Dr Terry Russell, Karin Schrooder, Meagan Schwarz, Dr Julianne Stewart, Ivy Wang, Kate Winney and Bronwyn Wood
- all those who volunteer to help ABM – remembering especially diocesan representatives and committee members, mission secretaries throughout the Anglican Church of Australia, the ABM Auxiliary, and those who volunteer in the ABM office

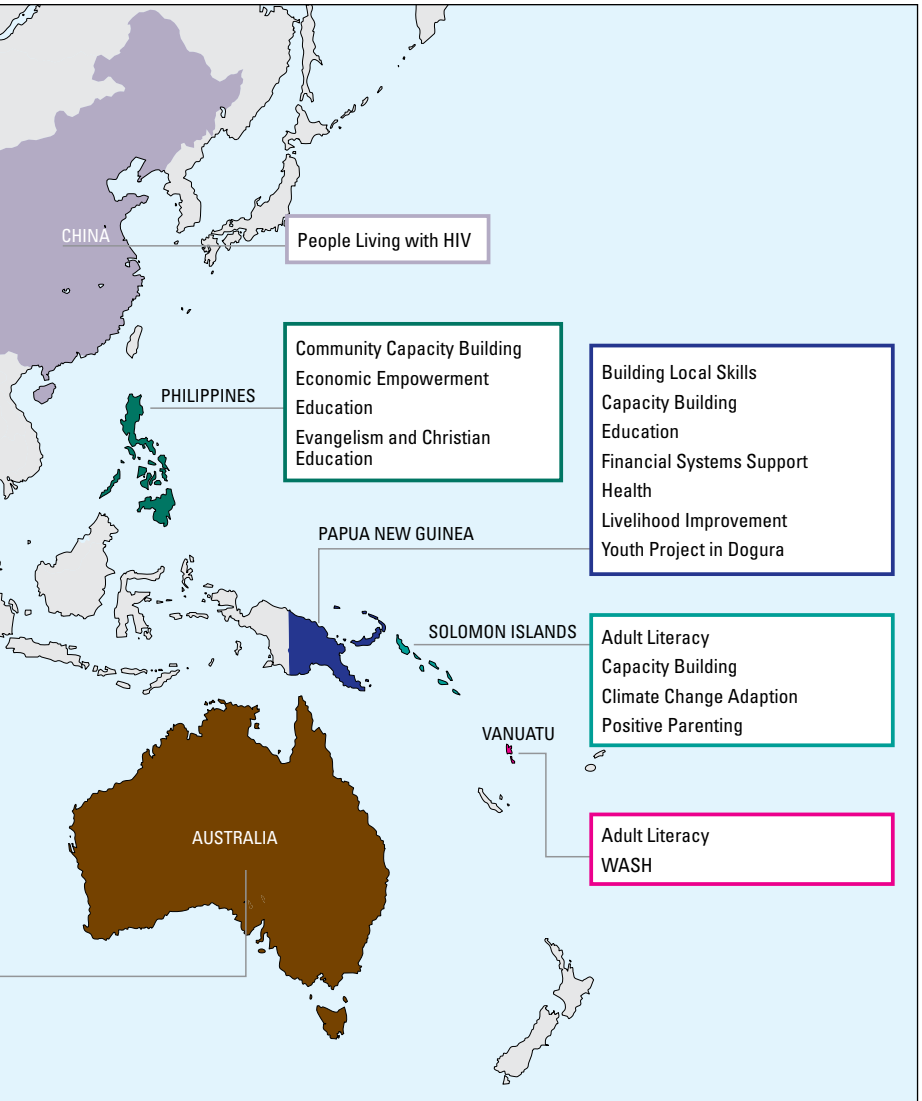
Lord Jesus Christ, True Vine, we pray for the Anglican Board of Mission as it works to serve partners both here in Australia and overseas. Guide and help its board and staff in their work, and encourage all those who love ABM to continue to offer their prayers, their time and their donations in the service of your Father's mission, so that together we can all grow closer to you, and bear more fruit. We ask this in your name who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, live and reign for all eternity. Amen.

ABM is lucky to be able to call upon the skills and energy of people throughout Australia who play various roles in the organization from board members and staff, to the myriad supporters and volunteers. The prayers and interest of supporters, along with the practical backing of donors, allow ABM to offer help to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican partners, as well as to our overseas partners. Let us give thanks to God for the great gift we have been given: a chance to play our part in bringing God's love, hope and justice to the world.

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