



March 2019

EACH DAY THIS MONTH

ABM Prayer Theme: Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Central Africa, which covers Botswana, Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Pray for its Archbishop, the Most Rev Albert Chama, who is also the Bishop of Northern Zambia. Along with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants which support missional activities led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, ABM's Lent Appeal this year seeks to raise funds for St John's Seminary in Kitwe in northern Zambia and for the Gender and Governance Program run by ZACOP, the social services arm of the Church in Zambia. Pray that people open their hearts to help these projects.

Friday I March – David, Bishop of Menevia, Wales († 601)

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for ABM's partners in PNG and Kenya who raise awareness about HIV-AIDS and advocate for fairer treatment of those who are living with HIV-AIDS.
- ✤ Australian Cycle of Prayer (ACP): The Anglican Church of Australia; The Primate Archbishop Philip Freier; the General Secretary – Anne Hywood; the General Synod and the Standing Committee
- ↔ United Nations (UN): Zero Discrimination Day UNAIDS

Saturday 2 March – Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, missionary († 672)

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for all who leave the comforts of home to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to others, and remember especially today St Chad, his legacy, the Diocese of Lichfield, and his successor, the Rt Revd Dr Michael Ipgrave.
- ✤ ACP: The Diocese of Adelaide Archbishop Geoffrey Smith, his assistant bishops, clergy and people

Sunday 3 March – The Last Sunday after the Epiphany Or – Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for the work going on in Kayin State, Myanmar, overseen by the Diocese of Hpa-An. The project provides agricultural and farming skills to 155 families who have been 'internally displaced' (living as refugees within their own country). Although farming is their main source of income, these families do not own land, and also lack strong knowledge about agriculture. The project's longer-term goal is to help people to lift themselves out of poverty and improve their quality of life. With increased incomes from sustainable farming, farmers are more assured of meeting their basic needs, such as sending their children to school, paying health care costs, and providing themselves with reasonable shelter.
- ↔ ACP: The Diocese of Armidale Bishop Rick Lewers, the clergy and people
- ✤ UN: World Wildlife Day

Monday 4 March

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for the work and witness of Refuge Egypt, the arm of the Diocese of Egypt, North Africa and the Horn of Africa which provides social services to refugees in Cairo. Give thanks for the generous heart with which the diocese serves those seeking refuge in Egypt. Pray for all those who will be helped this year by Refuge Egypt.
- ↔ ACP: The Diocese of Ballarat Bishop Garry Weatherill, the clergy and people

Tuesday 5 March

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for the work undertaken in the Solomon Islands by MU under the Positive Parenting program. The program is aimed at equipping fathers, mothers and other carers with enhanced skills for raising healthy, happy children. In the process, it also helps participants to understand their own parenting style, and family relationships more broadly. Men have found the course particularly helpful and many have begun to see fatherhood as something much broader and richer than simply meting out punishments.
- ↔ ACP: The Diocese of Bathurst Bishop Ian Palmer, the clergy and people

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Wednesday 6 March – Ash Wednesday

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Pray that the Lenten journey of all those who are part of the ABM family – Overseas and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partners, Board and committee members, staff and volunteers, Associates and Auxiliary members, donors and supporters – be marked not only by true repentance, but by a hunger for justice, a hope in the Resurrection, and a heart-felt desire to love those whom God has sent into their lives.
- ↔ ACP: The Diocese of Bendigo Bishop Matt Brain, the clergy and people

Thursday 7 March – Perpetua and her companions, martyrs at Carthage († 203)

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for the General Community Development Fund, and for those who support it. The fund allows ABM to continue to measure and evaluate our effectiveness in the aid projects we deliver, enabling us to learn from and improve the work we do. It means we can support the Anglican Communion to amplify the voices of smaller churches around the world, especially in the Pacific region, in advocacy on climate change, prevention of violence against women, and ending human trafficking and slavery. It allows us to support the ecumenical work of the Church Agencies Network which works to prevent, mitigate or effectively respond to disasters in our region, and to support the ecumenical work of Action by Churches Together in responding to disasters across the world.
- ✤ ACP: The Diocese of Brisbane Archbishop Phillip Aspinall, the regional bishops, clergy and people

Friday 8 March – John of God, worker among the sick and poor, Spain († 1550)

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: We give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church in Zambia, which partners with ABM to raise awareness about gender-based violence and to advocate for the reduction of child marriages and the keeping of girls in school.
- ↔ ACP: The Diocese of Bunbury Bishop Ian Coutts, the clergy and people
- ✤ UN: International Women's Day

Saturday 9 March – Sister Emma SSA, Superior of the Society of the Sacred Advent, Queenland († 1939)

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for the work of Nungalinya College in Darwin, remembering especially the great work being done to help students bridge the language gap between their own tongues and English. Give thanks for the college's new Diploma of Translating which now sits alongside their other certificates such as the Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology.
- ✤ ACP: The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn the Rev Dr Mark Short, Bishop-Elect, the clergy and people (Consecration and installation: 6 April 2019 at 11.00am at St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn)

Sunday 10 March – First Sunday in Lent

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for ABM's assets-based community development (ABCD) work with two Anglican Church partners in the Philippines: the Episcopal Church in the Philippines and IFI-VIMROD, a development arm of the Philippine Independent Church (the Iglesia Filipina Independiente). With both partners, ABM is working to help reduce poverty in rural areas in the Philippines through building up the strengths of communities, leading to economic empowerment of families.
- ✤ ACP: Ministry to the forces Bishop Ian Lambert, chaplains and members of the Armed Forces

Monday II March

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for Newton Theological College in Papua New Guinea, for the College Council, for its Acting Principal (Bishop Jeff Driver), its Deputy Principal (Fr Giles Motisi), the Head Student (Francis Hangiri) and for all other staff, students and their families. The college exists to train future generations of leaders for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. Remember particularly the final year students as they prepare this year for ordination and to serve the Church throughout the country.
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- ↔ ACP: The Diocese of Gippsland Bishop Richard Treloar, the clergy and people

Tuesday 12 March

✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for ABM's Reconciliation Program. Your support for this project enables ABM to create resources and events which help the Anglican Church and the wider community to hear the voices of First Nations peoples. This includes resources for National Reconciliation Week and support for liturgies developed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Give thanks for A Voice in the Wilderness, prepared by ABM's Reconciliation Coordinator Celia Kemp, which can be used as a Lenten study – or at any other time of the year.

↔ *ACP*: The Diocese of Grafton – Bishop Murray Harvey, the clergy and people

Wednesday 13 March

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for the generosity of those who have left a legacy by remembering ABM through a bequest in their wills. This allows ABM to carry on helping our partners, both here and overseas, into the future.
- ✤ ACP: Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia Bishop Chris McLeod, Aboriginal clergy and people

Thursday 14 March

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for St John's Seminary, in Kitwe, Zambia, its staff and students. The seminary is the national ordination training college of the Anglican Church in Zambia, training students from all five Anglican dioceses in the country. Their training prepares them to minister in fast-growing urban and rural congregations of the Church. The college, which receives a small monthly grant from the National Church, does not charge tuition fees, in order to enable students from poor dioceses to attend. However, this operating grant is not enough to cover the seminary's expenses. St John's is one of the projects being supported through this year's Lent Appeal.
- ✤ ACP: Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander People of Australia Torres Strait clergy and people

Friday 15 March

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for the National Council of Churches in Australia, remembering especially its President, Bishop Phillip Huggins. Give thanks, too, for the state- and territory-based ecumenical organisations in Australia (Council of Churches in Western Australia, NSW Ecumenical Council, Northern Territory Council of Churches, Queensland Churches Together, Tasmanian Council of Churches, South Australian Council of Churches, Victorian Council of Churches). May we all be one so that the world may believe.
- ✤ ACP: The Diocese of Melbourne Archbishop Philip Freier, the regional bishops, clergy and people

Saturday 16 March

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for Gawura, the 'school within a school' at St Andrew's Cathedral School in Sydney. Founded in 2007, Gawura is a unique, coeducational Kindergarten to Year 6 day school for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who live at home with their families or carers. As students 'graduate' from the Gawura primary program, they are offered scholarships at the Cathedral School for their secondary education. Gawura is a highly-acclaimed, well-regarded 'lighthouse' model for Indigenous education.
- ✤ ACP: The Diocese of Newcastle Bishop Peter Stuart, the regional bishops, clergy and people

Sunday 17 March – Second Sunday in Lent

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for the Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change project in the Solomon Islands. This year ABM will use funding to support the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM) to work with selected communities which are highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and disasters, including local Anglican secondary school, Selwyn College. At Selwyn, ACOM will improve drainage around the school, which is located in a narrow low-lying strip between the sea and hillsides. Improved drainage will reduce the impact of flash flooding during heavy rains. In Addition, ACOM will work with selected vulnerable coastal communities to demonstrate and train women in doing Backyard Gardening which increases crop yields and thus reduces vulnerability to climate change. To do this ACOM will be supported by technical expertise from local organisation, Kastom Gaden. The women will also receive training in nutrition. These 'lead gardeners' will then train others in their communities.
- ✤ ACP: The Diocese of North Queensland the Very Rev Dr Keith Joseph, Bishop-Elect, the clergy and people (Consecration and installation: 31 March 2019 at 6.00pm at St James' Cathedral, Townsville)

Monday 18 March – Cyril, of Jerusalem, bishop and teacher († 386)

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for the work of Anglicare-PNG that focusses on adult literacy classes, remembering especially today the literacy teachers. In Papua New Guinea more than one third of adults are illiterate. Education can be disrupted by tribal warfare, family issues, or lack of money for school fees. Anglicare's adult literacy classes are vital for helping people make up for lost opportunities and to become contributing members of PNG society, either through further education or employment.
- ACP: The Diocese of North West Australia Bishop Garry Nelson, the clergy and people

Tuesday 19 March – Joseph, Husband of the BVM

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for ABM's networking partner, the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF, Anglican Church of Canada). PWRDF has been connecting Anglicans in Canada to people in need in Canada and around the world since 1958. As an instrument of faith, PWRDF connects Anglicans in Canada to communities around the world in dynamic partnerships to advance sustainable development, to respond to emergencies, to assist refugees, and to act for positive change.
- ↔ *ACP*: The Diocese of Perth Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy, the clergy and people

Wednesday 20 March – Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, bishop and missionary († 687)

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for the work of the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza. As a part of its work, the hospital has a nutrition program which helps children under the age of three to thrive. Many families in Gaza struggle to afford nutritious food and children can suffer as a consequence. ABM helps to fund this important work.
- ✤ ACP: The Diocese of the Riverina the Ven Donald Kirk, Bishop-Elect, the clergy and people (consecration and installation: 15 June 2019 at St Alban's Cathedral, Griffith)
- ✤ UN: International Day of Happiness; French Language Day

Thursday 21 March – Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, martyr and liturgist († 1556)

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for the work of the Liturgy Commission of the Anglican Church of Australia, remembering especially its chair, Bishop Garry Weatherill (Ballarat) and its secretary, the Rev'd Dr Elizabeth Smith (Perth). Give thanks for the liturgies offered to God by our congregations and their clergy day by day, week by week.
- ↔ ACP: The Diocese of Rockhampton Bishop David Robinson, the clergy and people
- UN: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; World Poetry Day; International Day of Nowruz (i.e. Persian New Year); World Down Syndrome Day; International Day of Forests; beginning of the Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination

Friday 22 March – Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, teacher († 1711)

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for ABM partners' work in Kenya, Myanmar and Vanuatu to provide water infrastructure in disadvantaged communities. Give thanks, too for the education about hygiene and sanitation that ABM partners teach communities.
- ✤ ACP: The Diocese of Sydney Archbishop Glenn Davies, the regional bishops, clergy and people
- ✤ UN: World Water Day

Saturday 23 March

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for all the overseas dioceses who have companion links with dioceses in Australia. May the relationships bring life to all those involved in reaching out across the Anglican Communion. Today we remember especially – Gahini (Rwanda) and Gippsland; Guadalcanal (Solomon Islands) and Newcastle; Kapsabet (Kenya) and Bunbury; and Karamoja (Uganda) and North West Australia.
- ✤ ACP: The Diocese of Tasmania –Bishop Richard Conde, the Assistant Bishop, clergy and people
- ✤ UN: World Meteorological Day

Sunday 24 March – Third Sunday in Lent

- ★ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for the Gender and Governance project which is helping to end the practice of child marriage in Zambia. The land-locked Central African nation has one of the highest rates of child marriage in the world, with 6% of girls married by the time they have turned 15 and 31% by the age of 18. This is in spite of 21 being the legal age for marriage. Girls are 10 times more likely to marry before the age of 18 as boys. Child marriage usually means an end to a girl's education and her hopes for a better life. It can impact on her health, and many child brides experience domestic violence. Child marriage is often a result of poverty, as it relieves parents of daughters from the financial burden of feeding and educating them into young adulthood. The project is being supported through this year's Lent Appeal.
- ↔ ACP: The Diocese of The Murray Bishop John Ford, the clergy and people
- UN: World Tuberculosis Day; International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims

Monday 25 March – The Annunciation to the BVM

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for all evangelists who bring Jesus to birth in our own generation and spread his Good News to others. Remember especially Kerina Evangelists' College at Tsendiap in Papua New Guinea, and St Peter's Bible School at Toungoo in Myanmar.
- ✤ ACP: The Diocese of the Northern Territory Bishop Greg Anderson, the clergy and people
- UN: International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade; International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing UN Staff Members

Tuesday 26 March

- ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for ABM's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants. The purpose of them is to support mission activities that benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. ABM affirms the United Nations' Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, particularly recognising the importance of culture and self-determination. Priority is given to projects which are initiated and led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Grant applications which meet the funding guidelines are appraised and prioritised by NATSIAC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council.
- ↔ ACP: The Diocese of Wangaratta Bishop John Parkes, the clergy and people

Wednesday 27 March

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for the Church Capacity Building for Development program in the Solomon Islands, which, among other things, seeks to support fifteen development workers from the Anglican Church of Melanesia to complete the Anglican Alliance's Agents of Change study program. Pray that those who undertake the course may become true Agents of Change in their own communities.
- ↔ *ACP*: The Diocese of Willochra Bishop John Stead, the clergy and people

Thursday 28 March

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of South East Asia. The province is comprised of four dioceses – West Malaysia, Kuching and Sabah (all in Malaysia) and Singapore. May the love of God be known throughout Malaysia and Singapore.
- ACP: Anglicare Australia Chair: Bishop Chris Jones, Executive Director: Kasy Chambers

Friday 29 March – John Keble, priest († 1866)

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for ABM's Encounter Program, remembering especially our current Encounter Visitor, Nant Hnin Hnin Aye (Snow), a lecturer from Holy Cross Seminary, Yangon, Myanmar. She is studying for a PhD in New Testament Studies at Trinity College, Melbourne. Give thanks for the mutual learning and understanding that occur when Australian Anglicans are able to encounter fellow Anglicans from another part of our world-wide Communion.
- ✤ ACP: Theological Colleges and Church Schools

Saturday 30 March – Charles, King of England († 1649)

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for Wontulp-Bi-Buya College in Cairns. The college supports the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church and community leaders through study programs leading to awards in theology, suicide prevention, addictions management and community development. Pray for the Rev Victor Joseph, the college's Principal, and for the staff and students.
- ✤ ACP: Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia

Sunday 31 March – Fourth Sunday in Lent

- ✤ ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for the bishops of the Church, remembering especially the Very Rev Dr Keith Joseph who today will become the eleventh Bishop of North Queensland (Consecration and installation: 6.00pm at St James' Cathedral, Townsville)
- ✤ ACP: Religious Orders serving within the Anglican Church of Australia

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1 	Project Book, p 46	anglican.org.au + anglicanprimate.org.au
2	lichfield.anglican.org	adelaideanglicans.com
3	Project Book, pp 25-26	armidaleanglicandiocese.com
4	refuge-egypt.org	ballaratanglican.org.au
5	Project Book, pp 37-38	bathurstanglican.org.au
6	anglican.org.au/lent-holy-week-and-easter	bendigoanglican.org.au
7	Project Book, p 19	anglicanchurchsq.org.au
8	Project Book, pp 45-46	bunburyanglican.org
9	Project Book, p 5	anglicancg.org.au
10	Project Book, p 33	defenceanglicans.org.au
11	Project Book, pp 31-32 abmission.org/pages/newton-college-update.html	gippsanglican.org.au
12	Project Book, p 10 + abmission.org/lent	graftondiocese.org.au
13	abmission.org/pages/leave-a-bequest.html + abmission.org/GiftsInWillsOfficer	anglican.org.au/indigenous-ministry
14	Project Book, pp 47-48	natsiac.com
15	ncca.org.au	melbourneanglican.org.au
16	Project Book, p 8	newcastleanglican.org.au
17	Project Book, pp 35-36	anglicannq.org
18	Project Book, pp 29-30	anglicandnwa.org
19	pwrdf.org	perth.anglican.org
20	Project Book, pp 17-18	anglicanriverina.com
21	anglican.org.au/liturgy-worship	anglicanchurchcq.org.au
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23	abmission.org/PartnershipsGuidelines	anglicantas.org.au
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25	facebook.com/pages/category/School/St-Peters- Bible-school-212029232620435/	ntanglican.org.au
26	Project Book, p 13	wangaratta-anglican.org.au
27	Project Book, pp 39-40	diowillochra.org.au
28	anglicancommunion.org/structures/member- churches/member-church.aspx?church=south- east-asia	anglicare.asn.au
29	Project Book, pp 15-16	anglican.org.au/theological-education + anglican.org.au/anglican-schools
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Partner Profile

The Church of the Province of Central Africa



The Archbishop of Central Africa, the Most Rev Albert Chama

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Unlike the Anglican Church of Australia which covers a single country, the Church of the Province of Central Africa covers four – Botswana, Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Its Primate is the Most Rev Albert Chama, who is also the Bishop of Northern Zambia. Archbishop Albert visited ABM and spoke at our September Board Dinner in 2013.

ABM works in Zambia to help fund St John's Seminary in Kitwe. The seminary was founded by an Australian priest, Fr Charles Helms, who incidentally also worked at Newton College in PNG. We also work with the Church's community development arm in Zambia, ZACOP, the Zambia Anglican Council Outreach Program. ABM has been working with ZACOP on a Gender and Governance Program which seeks to reduce gender-based violence and child marriage.

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Praise God for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Central Africa, particularly in Zambia.