

Partners Praying Together

October 2020 – Covid-19 Special



BECAUSE OF THE RAPID CHANGES brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic across the globe much of ABM's normal project work has been disrupted. Because of that, we have asked our Overseas Partners to supply us with prayer points that reflect the situation in their country. Included in this edition of *Partners Praying Together* are the prayer points that we have received. We have included these so that you can show prayerful concern for them as they, who like us are 'wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world' (as the prayer from Compline puts it), adjust to living in a time of global pandemic. You'll also find the usual things we would normally have: the feasts and commemorations from the lectionary, the Australian Cycle of Prayer, and commemorations from the United Nations calendar. All the material is designed to inform your prayers for our Overseas Partners, the bishops and dioceses of our Church and for wider global concerns. With the Psalmist let us pray, 'Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, Lord, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice' (141.2).

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Who are ABM's Overseas Partners?

THIS MONTH WE ARE ASKING YOU not only to remember our each of our Australian dioceses as they grapple with the Covid-19 pandemic, but also each of our each of our Overseas Partners as they deal with it too. Our Overseas Partners consist of Activity Partners (with whom we currently have joint activities), Relational Partners (with whom we have historical relationships) and Networking Partners (with whom we work overseas, or with whom we share information). We have, as the well-used Anglican phrase describes it, strong *bonds of affection* for all of them. Because our overseas work involves both the Church, through our Church-to-Church Unit, and communities, through our Anglicans in Development Unit, we often relate to our partners both through the Church itself and through a particular Church's community development arm. So, as you pray, we ask you to remember each of our Partners (and their community development arms) some of whom are more able to weather through the coronavirus storm than others:

Activity Partners

1. The Anglican Church of Kenya (*ADS-Eastern, a branch of the Anglican Church of Kenya's Anglican Development Services*)
2. The Anglican Church of Melanesia (*The Anglican Church of Melanesia's Board of Mission*)
3. The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (*Anglicare-PNG, a community development organization of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea*)
4. The Church of the Province of Central Africa (*the Zambia Anglican Council's Outreach Program*)
5. The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) (*the CPM's Development Desk, and the diocesan Development Desks*)
6. The Episcopal Church in the Philippines (*E-CARE, a community development organization of the ECP*)
7. The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East (*the Diocese of Jerusalem's Development Desk*)
8. The Philippine Independent Church – *Iglesia Filipina Independiente, IFI* (*VIMROD – the Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development of the IFI*)

Relational Partners

9. The Amity Foundation – an expression of the National Committee of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Churches in China
10. The Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia (*Anglican Missions Board, AMB*)
11. The Anglican Church of Hong Kong, the *Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui* 香港聖公會
12. The Anglican Church of Japan, the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai* 日本聖公会
13. The Anglican Church of Korea, the *Daehan Song Gong Hoe* 대한성공회 (*TOPIK – the Towards Peace in Korea Initiative of the Anglican Church of Korea*)
14. The Church of Bangladesh
15. The Church of Ceylon

16. The Church of North India
17. The Church of Pakistan
18. The Church of South India
19. The Church of the Province of South East Asia (covers Malaysia and Singapore)
20. The Episcopal Church of South Sudan (*the Church's Health Commission, the Education Commission, and the Development and Relief Agency, SUDRA*)
21. The Episcopal Church of Sudan

Networking Partners

22. Episcopal Relief and Development (USA)
23. The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (Canada)
24. USPG (UK and Ireland)
25. Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy
26. Anglican Discipleship – Jesus-Shaped Life
27. CAPA, the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa
28. The Mothers' Union

Please remember all our partners in your prayers. Whether they are in Port Moresby, London or Seoul, they need our prayers.

Information from our Partners regarding Covid-19 will be put up on our website as it comes to hand.

EACH DAY THIS MONTH

✝ *ABM Prayer Theme: Pray for all those affected by the Coronavirus disease (Covid-19) whether here in Australia, within ABM's Overseas Partners, or beyond – for the souls of all who have died; for the families and friends they have left behind; for the sick; for those so overwhelmed by anxiety that they have resorted to panic buying and hoarding; for children who are now scared of dying; for those in self-isolation or in quarantine; for those unable to work from home; for those whose businesses have been negatively affected; for those whose income is now reduced or who have been laid off; for those more susceptible to the disease – whether by age or underlying medical condition; for those who are unable, for any reason, to worship in their churches or synagogues, mosques or temples. Give thanks for all the doctors, nurses, and other medical staff who are tending to the sick; for the epidemiologists and other scientists who are working towards a vaccine; for those who show kindness to others through 'social distancing', through buying groceries for the elderly, or through phone calls to the isolated; for all those businesses who are able to let their staff work from home; for those who have been buying responsibly in the supermarkets; for those churches who are finding creative ways to engage in worship and prayer online or outside; for all who minister to others in Christ's name in this season of anxiety*

Prayer Points

from our

Overseas Partners

The Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia

- ✦ Give thanks for all who work to support those at risk, or in need, in our communities and we especially recognise the Diocese of Polynesia as it rolls out an innovative project in support of church communities as they respond to the impacts of the pandemic.
- ✦ Pray for all those who are anxious, or have tested positive, or are awaiting test results, or are in isolation or quarantine, and that they may have a sense of your peace.
- ✦ Give thanks for communities of faith that are finding and using new ways to worship and to serve within new contexts and various restrictions and we pray these new ways continue to grow and flourish.
- ✦ Pray for those whose lives or livelihoods are adversely affected by factors beyond their control, that they may find support, hope and reassurance.
- ✦ Pray for the New Zealand elections and for the candidates putting themselves forward. We pray for information and for policies that are true, balanced and fair, and that as Christians we seek your guidance as we vote.
- ✦ We are grateful and thankful for the ongoing generosity of parishes across the province that continue to give and support those in need – in our own countries, and also in developing countries where the needs following the pandemic are significant and growing.

The Anglican Church of Melanesia

- ✦ For the retired bishops Alfred Karibongi and Nathan Tome who left their roles in the last couple of months having reached the official retirement ages. We ask God's blessings upon them and their spouses as they enter into retirement and to thank God for their many years of service in the episcopal ministry in the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

- ✚ Pray for the Dioceses of Hanuato'o and Guadalcanal as they prepare to elect their new diocesan bishops in the next coming months. We pray for discernment of God's will in the election process.
- ✚ Pray for the national leaders and those who serve on the frontline in Solomon islands as the country prepares to bring hundreds of students from the Philippines, a high risk COVID 19 country. We continue to pray for God's protection on both Vanuatu and Solomon Islands from the pandemic.
- ✚ We also pray for the Evangelism and Intentional Discipleship programme of the Church as it is being rolled out in all dioceses and institutions of the Church. Pray for greater commitment to this programme and that it will result in greater harvest into God's Kingdom.

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

- ✚ Heavenly Father, our life's sustainer, comforter and healer, through your love and grace may you bless and give life eternal to those who have died and those who are going to die due to the Covid-19 pandemic situation in Victoria, Australia. May your healing power shower upon those who have tested positive and restore them back to full health. In Jesus Christ's mighty name we offer this prayer. Amen.
- ✚ Lord Jesus Christ, giver of knowledge and wisdom, You have blessed and given the fruits of the Holy Spirit to individual people to use and serve humanity in life's adversities, trials and tribulations. We especially pray for virologists in developed countries in their efforts to find a vaccine to cure the Covid-19 pandemic that is affecting humanity globally. Protect, bless and guide them in their work, engagement and cooperation with each other to find quality and long-lasting vaccines for the treatment of the Covid-19 virus. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.
- ✚ Our heavenly Father, our life's sustainer and giver of abundant life through your creation and providence, we pray in humbleness that you would mercifully restore our lives that the Covid-19 pandemic has brought disorder into and has negatively impacted our normal livelihoods whether we are self-employed, working for another or working as a subsistence farmer. We pray for your love and divine power to bring restoration and normalcy to our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.
- ✚ Lord we pray for your whole Church in this trying and challenging time due to the Covid-19 pandemic affecting and infecting people in the world. We turn to you for your mercy and saving grace to resolve it, as the Church intentionally tries to build up disciples through effective evangelism, teaching, healing and prayer. May a vaccine be found to cure and treat Covid-19 affected people and restore them back to health and life. Amen.

- ✝ Our heavenly Father we give you thanks, praise and honour. We praise for giving us special healers and care givers – health workers who bringing healing, comfort and compassion to the sick and dying caused by the Covid-19 virus. Lord we ask for saving your grace, protection, and healing. Strengthen them with your divine power in the midst of fighting the Covid-19 spread affecting humankind. Amen.
- ✝ God of love, mercy and grace, shower upon us your heavenly blessing, protection, guidance and healing to restore us back to health and ordered life globally. Lord, we humbly thank you for everything you have done, everything you are now doing, and everything you are going to do. In the name of Jesus, we pray with much love and thanksgiving.

The Church of the Province of Myanmar

- ✝ Pray that God would reduce and overcome the COVID 19 pandemic in Myanmar especially in Yangon division.
- ✝ Pray for the Covid-19 fighting volunteer team of the Myanmar Council Churches in which many Christian youth are actively serving, including some Anglican young people.
- ✝ Pray for the Diocese of Sittwe where there has been fighting between government troops and an ethnic armed group. It has created thousands of displaced people, and necessitated many refugee camps. Some people have migrated away into other areas, mostly to the area of the Diocese of Yangon.
- ✝ Pray for the general election of the country in November as well as for reconciliation, peace and stability in the country.
- ✝ Thank God for protecting members of the Church of the Province of Myanmar, none of whom have lost their lives because of the threat of the pandemic.

The Church of the Province of South-East Asia

- ✝ We thank the Lord for His mercy and grace upon the nations in our Province and His Church. During this Covid-19 pandemic, we thank the Lord for the many encounters of His goodness and the nearness of His presence experienced by God's people.
- ✝ Pray for the restoration of hope and all that the enemy has stolen from the life of God's people as we are returning to some form of normalcy in our daily lives.
- ✝ Pray for the Church that we will continue to experience rebuilding and strengthening from the Lord, so that we might be agents of rebuilding ruined lives, ruined cities and desolations of many generations caused by sins and iniquity.

- ✦ Pray for the Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia as they nominate candidates for the appointment of the new Diocesan Bishop at an Extraordinary General Meeting on 27th September 2020.
- ✦ Pray for the political situation in the nations of the Province of South East Asia, that the Lord will bring stability, peace, righteous governance and justice to these nations.

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

- ✦ Pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines as it endeavours to become a Church of Scripture-rooted, Spirit-fired and disciplined parishes and communities; pray for its people that they may fully embrace and live out a Jesus-shaped life and become more loving of God, neighbour and of the environment and more welcoming and caring of the last, the last and the lost; pray for its leaders as they discern and share God's will and comforting message in these very challenging times; and pray for the Church institution as it strengthens and evolves its ministries under the limitations and opportunities offered by the new normal.
- ✦ For the ECP's social development arm, the E-CARE Foundation and the communities and households in the Philippines, whose livelihoods and sources of income have been lost or adversely affected as a result of the covid-19 pandemic, as they work together to create opportunities through which these communities and households can rise up from marginalization in ways that are sustainable and life-affirming; pray for those communities that have received and continue to receive assistance that they will be enabled to also assist others and thus sustain the spiral of sharing among communities as a concrete demonstration of the Jesus-shaped life.
- ✦ For the Philippines and the Filipino people as they continue to stem the rising tide of corona virus infections in the country, which has now affected almost 300,000 people; pray for divine comfort on the families of those who have succumbed to the deadly virus, and for the healing of those who have been infected as well as those suffering from any other ailments caused or worsened by the restrictions of the pandemic.
- ✦ Pray for a stop to the continuing authoritarian tendencies and actions displayed by those in power taking advantage of the peoples' weak positions at this time; for a stop to the continuing violations of human rights in the on-going bloody campaign against illegal drugs and as against those who express legitimate grievances; pray for the country's recovery and development beyond the current health, economic and political crisis.

The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East

- ✠ For the people of the Lebanon as they suffer both acute political crisis and extreme and devastating destruction.
- ✠ In particular for Canon Imad and his people at All Saints', Beirut, where the building has been damaged in the huge explosion at the Port of Beirut very close by, though miraculously not destroyed.
- ✠ In particular also for the Near East School of Theology and its staff and students, clearing up after the multi-storey premises suffered severe effects from the blast.
- ✠ For the many countries of our Province to and from which travel is very hard or impossible, and in which life and flourishing are still curtailed.
- ✠ For churches that have started to gather for worship again, though much restricted and diminished.
- ✠ For churches that still cannot meet physically, that they may be of good heart and trust in God's purposes of love.

The Episcopal Church of South Sudan

- ✠ Pray for relatives of victims who had been killed during the inter-communal fighting in South Sudan, pray for forgiveness between these warring communities.
- ✠ Pray for flood victims in the Upper Nile region, that has caused displacement and suffering, as such many people are in dire need of food and shelter.
- ✠ Pray for wisdom and guidance as the Church in South Sudan prepares for the re-opening of worship services as we adapt this new culture.
- ✠ We also ask you to pray for protection to both Church and health workers as they always push themselves to counsel and encourage people for safety.
- ✠ Pray for our economic situation, as the burden is too much due to the pandemic. Prices are never friendly and many people could not afford to buy the daily ratios.

香港聖公會

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

- ✠ Pray for special protection be upon all the students and teachers as schools will resume this week.
- ✠ Pray for all those who have lost their jobs and those who have been adversely affected economically that they will receive sufficient help.
- ✠ Pray that church worship services will resume soon.

- ✦ Give thanks to God for all the medical personnel who set aside their own safety for the care of the infected.
- ✦ Give thanks to God for the peace of Christ which sustains us through the pandemic.

The *Iglesia Filipina Independiente* The Philippine Independent Church

- ✦ Let us pray for the Philippines where cases of the corona virus continue to rise; may the government be enlightened that the situation is a medical and health crisis and does not need a militaristic response, but rather a proactive health security plan.
- ✦ Let us pray for the medical and health practitioners, may the Holy Spirit strengthen them as they continue to selflessly offer themselves that the health of the community may be restored.
- ✦ Let us pray for the end of the killings, persecution, culture of impunity and injustice that is happening the Philippines; may God touch the hearts of those that continue to inflict fear and death against God's people, and may God's justice and peace reign in the land.
- ✦ Let us pray for strength, courage and hope of those who were orphaned, widowed and those parents who lost their child or children caused by the government's waging of selective war against drugs, who most of the victims were of those coming from the poorest of the poor communities.
- ✦ Let us pray for those who work and advocate for a just and lasting peace, even as they continue to face threats, harassments, and many have already shed their blood; may God bless them as they continue to pray and work for the dignity and rights of God's people and creation.
- ✦ Let us pray for the Church in the Philippines: that they may continue to joyfully persevere in faithful discipleship and bold witness amidst persecution.
- ✦ Let us pray for the poor and oppressed working class, as they tirelessly struggle for a just and living wage and dignified working condition in the midst of the on-going problem of unemployment and underemployment worsened by the pandemic, collapsing economy and rising tyranny.
- ✦ Let us pray for the impoverished and oppressed peasant farmers and farmworkers, confronted with exploitation, may strength abound as they continue to fight for equal land distribution of big haciendas, and in their struggle for just living wage, regularization and the right to unionize.
- ✦ Let us pray for the Indigenous communities and Moro people in the Philippines; may justice prevail, as history of violence and extrajudicial killings of Lumads at the hands of military, paramilitary, and private security forces by the hundreds, with arrests and

tortures of Lumad activists in the thousands continue to happen, the Lord strengthen them as they courageously fight for their ancestral land, and self-determination.

- ✦ Let us pray for the restoration of democracy and for the deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation; let us pray for the end of this rising tyranny which has brought only death and violence to the Filipino people.

日本聖公会

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai **The Anglican Communion in Japan**

- ✦ Pray for Japan's new Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga and his cabinet as they try their best to run the country amidst the continuing COVID-19 pandemic
- ✦ Give thanks for all recently-ordained clergy in the NSKK, and pray for encouragement as they start their ministries in a very unusual setting
- ✦ Pray for all first-year university students who have yet to set foot on campus or physically meet their tutors/classmates; and for the lacking sense of community and the problems and loneliness this creates (the Japanese academic year starts in April and almost all universities are still offering only online education)
- ✦ Give thanks for all doctors, nurses, medical technicians and hospital staff who devote their lives to caring for those suffering with COVID-19
- ✦ Pray for the NSKK as it continues to prepare for synod in October and for all churches as they explore new forms of online ministry
- ✦ Give thanks for the ministry of Primate Nathaniel Uematsu as he approaches retirement, and pray for wisdom and inspiration as the House of Bishops considers and elects his successor

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Oct	Lectionary and ABM Commemorations and the Australian Cycle of Prayer	Overseas Partner + development arm – where appropriate	UN Days
Thu 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Australia; The Primate – Archbishop Geoffrey Smith; the General Secretary – Anne Hywood; the General Synod and the Standing Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Kenya <i>ADS-Eastern, a branch of the Anglican Church of Kenya's Anglican Development Services</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Older Persons
Fri 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Adelaide – Archbishop Geoffrey Smith, his assistant bishops, clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Melanesia <i>The ACOM Board of Mission</i> <p>See p. 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Non-Violence
Sat 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Armidale – Bishop Rick Lewers, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea <i>Anglicare-PNG, a community development organization of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea</i> <p>See p. 5</p>	
Sun 4	<p>Pentecost 18 [Ordinary Sunday 27]</p> <p><i>Rogation Day¹</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Ballarat – Bishop Garry Weatherill, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of the Province of Central Africa <i>The Zambia Anglican Council's Outreach Program</i> 	

¹ Prayers of thanksgiving for the whole created order and intercessions for the right use of the earth, its conservation, and for the abundance of its fruits are appropriate for this day and those near it (see Rogation Days, APBA pp 451 and 634-5). It is also appropriate that thanksgiving and intercession be offered at this time for all human wisdom, imagination, skill and labour.

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Mon 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Bathurst – Bishop Mark Calder, the clergy and people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of the Province of Myanmar <i>CPM’s Development Desk, and the diocesan Development Desks</i> <p>See p. 6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Teachers’ Day World Habitat Day
Tue 6	<p>William Tyndale, biblical scholar († 1536)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Bendigo – Bishop Matt Brain, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Episcopal Church in the Philippines <i>E-CARE, a community development organization of the ECP</i> <p>See p. 7</p>	
Wed 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Brisbane – Archbishop Phillip Aspinall, the regional bishops, clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East <i>The Diocese of Jerusalem’s Development Desk</i> <p>See p. 8</p>	

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Thu 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Bunbury – Bishop Ian Coutts, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Philippine Independent Church – (<i>Iglesia Filipina Independiente</i>, IFI) <i>VIMROD – the Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development of the IFI</i>) <p>See p. 9</p>	
Fri 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn – Bishop Mark Short, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Amity Foundation – an expression of the National Committee of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Churches in China 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Post Day
Sat 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry to the Forces – Bishop Grant Dibden, chaplains and members of the Armed Forces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia <i>Anglican Missions Board, AMB</i> <p>See p. 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Mental Health Day World Migratory Bird Day
Sun 11	<p>Pentecost 19 [Ordinary Sunday 28] [Establishment of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, 1901]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Gippsland – Bishop Richard Treloar, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Hong Kong (<i>Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui</i> 香港聖公會) <p>See p. 8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of the Girl Child

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Mon 12	<p>Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, England († 1845)</p> <p>[Consecration of the Rt Rev Arthur Malcolm - first Aboriginal bishop, 1985]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Grafton – Bishop Murray Harvey, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Japan (<i>Nippon Sei Ko Kai</i> 日本聖公会) <p>See p. 10</p>	
Tue 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia – Bishop Chris McLeod, Aboriginal clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Korea, (<i>Daehan Song Gong Hoe</i> 대한성공회) TOPIK – the Towards Peace in Korea Initiative of the Anglican Church of Korea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction
Wed 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander People of Australia – Torres Strait clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of Bangladesh 	
Thu 15	<p>Teresa of Ávila, teacher († 1592)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Melbourne – Archbishop Philip Freier, the regional bishops, clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of Ceylon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Rural Women

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Fri 16	<p>Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, bishops and martyrs († 1555)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Newcastle – Bishop Peter Stuart, the regional bishops, clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of North India 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Food Day
Sat 17	<p>Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr († ca. 115)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of North Queensland – Bishop Keith Joseph, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of Pakistan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
Sun 18	<p>Pentecost 20 [Ordinary Sunday 29] or Luke, evangelist and martyr [Ordination of the Rev Joseph Liu and the Rev Poey Passi - first Torres Strait Islander priests, 1926]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of North West Australia – Bishop Garry Nelson, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of South India 	

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Mon 19	<p>Henry Martyn, missionary and Bible translator in India and Persia († 1812)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of the Province of South-East Asia (covers Malaysia and Singapore, with missionary congregations in Nepal, Indonesia, Thailand and some parts of Indo-China) <p>See p. 6</p>	
Tue 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of the Riverina – Bishop Donald Kirk, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Episcopal Church of South Sudan <p><i>The Church's Health Commission, the Education Commission, and the Development and Relief Agency, SUDRA</i></p> <p>See p. 8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Statistics Day
Wed 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Rockhampton – The Very Rev Peter Grice (Bishop-Elect), the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Episcopal Church of Sudan 	
Thu 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Sydney – Archbishop Glenn Davies, the regional bishops, clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Episcopal Relief and Development (USA) 	

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Fri 23	James of Jerusalem, brother of our Lord, martyr († ca. 62) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Tasmania – Bishop Richard Conde, the Assistant Bishop, clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund (Canada) 	
Sat 24	United Nations inaugurated in 1945 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of the Murray – Bishop Keith Dalby, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USPG (UK and Ireland) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> United Nations Day World Development Information Day
Sun 25	Pentecost 21 [Ordinary Sunday 30] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of the Northern Territory – Bishop Greg Anderson, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy 	
Mon 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Wangaratta – Bishop Clarence Bester, the clergy and people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglican Discipleship – Jesus-Shaped Life 	
Tue 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Willochra – Bishop John Stead, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAPA, the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa 	
Wed 28	Simon and Jude, apostles and martyrs [Foundation of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1925] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglicare Australia: Chair, Bishop Chris Jones; Executive Director, Kasy Chambers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mothers’ Union 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day for Audiovisual Heritage

Oct	Lectionary and ABM Commemorations and the Australian Cycle of Prayer	Overseas Partner + development arm – where appropriate	UN Days
Thu 29	[Foundation of ABM, 1850] [Ordination of the Rev Patrick Brisbane - first Aboriginal priest, 1970] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theological Colleges and Church Schools of the Anglican Church of Australia 		
Fri 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia 		
Sat 31	Martin Luther († 1546) and other Continental reformers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Religious Orders of the Anglican Church of Australia 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Cities Day

Omissions and displacements in October this year –

4 October: Francis, friar and preacher († 1226)

Let our prayer come before you as incense ...

Almighty God, we call out to you as the world continues to suffer under the weight of the coronavirus pandemic. O Lord, hear our prayer and let our cry come to you.

That you would support and sustain the infected. Heal them and help them. Enliven their spirits and give strength to their bodies. O Lord, hear our prayer **and let our cry come to you.**

That you would support vulnerable populations. Defend the elderly and those who live with chronic conditions and diseases. Shield the poor, especially where public health systems are expensive or ineffective. O Lord, hear our prayer **and let our cry come to you.**

That you would confront the shameless who think that physical distancing rules don't apply to them, and the greedy who stockpile toilet paper, face masks and medications, with their imprudence and folly. O Lord, hear our prayer **and let our cry come to you.**

That you would motivate the young and the strong with the desire to help others who are not so fortunate. May they assist, all the while being necessarily cautious. O Lord, hear our prayer **and let our cry come to you.**

That you would shepherd and direct all who are part of governments – local, regional and national – around the world. May they equitably allocate resources for combatting the pandemic. O Lord, hear our prayer **and let our cry come to you.**

That you would enlighten the scientific and medical communities as they seek to find effective vaccines and treatments and as they educate the rest of us about the disease. Give them wisdom, as well as the skill to make their voices heard. O Lord, hear our prayer **and let our cry come to you.**

That you would guide the media, helping them to broadcast up-to-date and correct information in a way that is easy to understand and that does not cause panic. O Lord, hear our prayer **and let our cry come to you.**

That you would give us the desire to stay well informed. May we find relevant local reports which endow us to be good neighbours. Free us from fear, and support us to apply the recommended approaches in our lives, even at a cost to ourselves. O Lord, hear our prayer **and let our cry come to you.**

That you would help all who suffer mental stress at this time, those who feel lonely, fretful, vulnerable or hopeless. Give them what they need. O Lord, hear our prayer **and let our cry come to you.**

That you would aid all who have lost their jobs or whose jobs are precarious, and those whose businesses are dead or dying. Pity them, and send your Spirit of consolation in their hour of need. O Lord, hear our prayer **and let our cry come to you.**

