

Partners Praying Together



November 2021 – Covid-19 Special Edition

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
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

- ✦ Lord, you have called us to know, love and serve you; you have called us to proclaim you: guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, make us worthy of our calling, that we may live to your praise and glory, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.
- ✦ **Pray for** all those affected by Covid-19 worldwide; for the families and friends of those who have died; for the sick, especially those who need oxygen but are unable to get it and those who cannot find a hospital when they need it; for children who are scared of dying now that the Delta strain is affecting children; for those unable to work from home; whose businesses have been affected; for those whose income is reduced or who have been laid off; for those more susceptible to Covid; for all who are unable to meet for worship in their usual place. For those in Afghanistan now under Taliban rule; for the men now forced to grow their hair and beards; for the girls who now cannot access education beyond Grade 6; for the women now required to wear burkhas, and who are not allowed to leave home without a male escort. For stability in the new NSW Government.
- ✦ **Give thanks for** doctors, nurses, and other medical and domestic staff tending the sick; for police as they maintain social order; for scientists who have brought effective Covid vaccines and strive to keep pace with emerging strains, particularly Delta; for those who obey government guidelines to help all at this time; for all who are vaccinated allowing more freedoms to be given for social interaction; for the opening of borders and travel predicted shortly; for all churches who have found creative ways to engage in worship online or outside; for all who minister in Christ's name in this season of continued anxiety.
- ✦ We praise and thank you, Father, for Christ's saving death, and the promise of everlasting life.

– Compiled by Margaret Carter, Vic, 7.10.2021

Prayer Points
from our
Overseas Partners

**The Anglican Church in
Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia**

- ✦ We pray for all those in lockdown, giving thanks for the plans and structures keeping people safe. We give thanks for the way that the vast majority of people are accepting recently imposed restrictions and doing the right thing.
- ✦ We give thanks for the way Anglican congregations continue to support the vulnerable and those most in need during these uncertain times.
- ✦ We pray for the people of Afghanistan, especially for at-risk Afghan nationals.
- ✦ We pray for the Diocese of Polynesia as it continues to support and bring hope to struggling congregations and communities across Fiji. We pray for the families who have lost loved ones and who struggle to make ends meet.
- ✦ We give thanks that in Aotearoa New Zealand we have access to testing stations and vaccines and we pray for the front-line workers who are going out of their way to help ensure our safety.
- ✦ We give thanks for everyone supporting the 'Get one. Give one.' Covid vaccination campaign being pushed out by Anglican Missions which aims for greater equality in the availability of and access to vaccines in countries that cannot afford them.

The Anglican Church of Kenya

- ✦ **Restoration and moral uprightness:** Pray that the spiritual leaders (Bishops, clergy, deacons, evangelist and lay readers) will maintain high level of spiritual alertness in order not to compromise their call for material things. That the Lord will restore the former Glory especially after the pandemic that shook both the church leadership and the members.

- ❖ **For political tolerance:** That as Kenya goes to the year of election (2022) political leaders will mobilize electorates based on their development agenda and not based on tribalism that might cause war amongst communities of different tribes. That electorate will elect leaders based on their leadership capability rather than tribal kings. That Kenya will remain united before and after election.
- ❖ **For the unreached and unchurched people group:** That God will bless the church in Kenya with resources necessary to reach the unreached and the unchurched. That those whose faith has dwindled after the churches were closed due to pandemic, will be restored back to church and be renewed in their faith and walk with God. And that the church in Kenya will remain united.
- ❖ **For economic growth:** Pray that those whose business/employment were affected by the lockdown coursed by the pandemic will experience God's revival and restoration in their income generating actives. And that families will remain united even at this hard economic time.
- ❖ **For newness in ministry approach:** That the church will develop new ways of reaching out due to the changing times. That the church will use social media to reach out to the young people who are the most users of technology.
- ❖ **Prayer against domestic- and gender-based violence:** In the resent past, violence has continued to hit families due to mental health, trauma and stress related issues. Pray that this will come to an end and that people will tolerate each other in the family. That no pain will be inflicted in any family or relative. That many will remain alert mentally amidst anxiety and fear which has contributed much to suicidal feeling. Pray that we will be our brother's and sister's keeper.
- ❖ **Finally, pray for the Archbishop of Kenya:** The Most Rev Dr Jackson Ole Sapit, that God will grant him wisdom, knowledge and understand as he lead the Anglican Church of Kenya in this hard political and economic time. May he exercise justice and compassion as he leads the Church of Christ. Pray that he will be protected and be surrounded with people of wise counsel around him.

The Church of the Province of South-East Asia

- ❖ We thank the Lord for His faithfulness and mercy, in protecting and providing for His Church in the Province of South East (PSEA). In the midst of the pandemic together with challenges in the region, the Lord has provided resources, creativity and online innovation for the work of evangelism and discipleship.
- ❖ Pray for the work of the Church in Malaysia and Singapore, and the mission of the Province of South East Asia in Indonesia, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam and Nepal, that the Kingdom of God will be preached without fear nor favour in the power of the Holy Spirit.

- ✦ Ask for God's mercy on all who suffer due to the threat of Covid 19, affecting tourism industry which contributes significantly to the GDP of the nations in our region, causing millions losing their livelihood at the brink of starvation.
- ✦ Pray for equitable distribution of vaccines, food, financial resources in the nations, and that we might walk in the blessings of God's timeless principle in His words, to love our neighbour as ourselves.
- ✦ Pray for the continuous equipping and effective training of clergy and laity through local theological institutions and ministry schools, that greater mobilisation of the laity for effective witnessing for Christ and ministries to the hurting and the marginalized would be evident in our society.

The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East

- ✦ Pray for the people of the Lebanon, ravaged by economic meltdown and political selfishness as well as the after-effects of the huge port explosion a year ago
- ✦ Pray for each of the many governments in this multi-nation Province to manage the pandemic responsibly and consistently
- ✦ Give thanks for regular worship faithfully maintained almost everywhere despite restriction and challenge
- ✦ Pray for justice in Israel/Palestine and Iraq in particular
- ✦ Pray for Archbishop Michael, the Primate, and for Archbishop Hosam of the Diocese of Jerusalem, and all their people, together with the Diocese of Iran in exceptionally hard times

The Episcopal Church of South Sudan

- ✦ We thank God for the reduction of COVID-19 new cases in South Sudan from the last six months.
- ✦ We also thank God for calm in most of our states, where security is at the rise.
- ✦ Pray that people will go for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, as the turn up is constantly very low.
- ✦ Pray for the eleventh Provincial Synod which will take place from November 11-14, 2021 in Juba. This meeting will bring delegates from all the Episcopal dioceses of South Sudan around the country. Pray for God to meet the demands of the organizing committee, and safe travel of the delegates.
- ✦ Continue to pray for calmness in Sudan after the coup by the president of the Ruling Council, whereby many states are already experiencing anarchy and chaos.

- ✦ Continue to pray for the Diocese of Rokon on the passing on of their Bishop, the Right Rev Francis Mori Loyo. May God bring comfort and peace to the family at this time of grief.

香港聖公會

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

- ✦ Pray for the long-term development of Hong Kong and Macau, for the proper use of limited land areas to provide sufficient housing for the younger generation, the sustainable growth of the local economy, and the conservation of resources and environment.
- ✦ Pray for the Diocesan Synod of the Diocese of Hong Kong Island which is held on 6-7 November. The theme of the Synod is “Living out God’s Mission in Challenging Times”.
- ✦ Pray for the launch of the Advent Program and the publication of a newly written book *From Fragmentation to Wholeness in the Realm of Life* for spirituality.
- ✦ Pray for the people being affected by and suffering from the COVID pandemic.

日本聖公会

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai The Anglican Communion in Japan

- ✦ Give thanks for the continuing vaccination programme in Japan and pray that those who are still nervous about receiving the jabs will gain the confidence to do so
- ✦ Please pray for the nation as all regional states of emergency and preventative measures are lifted; that faith communities may once again enjoy worshipping communally, and appreciate the chance to do so, not take it for granted
- ✦ Give thanks for the harvest time and pray for those parts of Japan’s agricultural industry affected by this year’s heavy rains and typhoons
- ✦ Please pray for the new government and Prime Minister as they settle into their positions; that they may truly listen to their people and represent them and their wishes faithfully
- ✦ Give thanks for the beautiful colours of Autumn - the reds, yellows, oranges and browns - and that all may enjoy God’s glorious creation
- ✦ Please pray for the vulnerable, elderly and homeless of Japan, as the days turn colder; and give thanks for those who care for them

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Mon 1	All Saints' Day <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> <p>See p. 4</p>	
Tue 2	All Souls' Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Adelaide – Archbishop Geoffrey Smith; Bishops Chris McLeod, Denise Ferguson and Tim Harris, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Melanesia <i>The ACOM Board of Mission</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists
Wed 3	Richard Hooker, priest and teacher († 1600) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Armidale – Bishop Rod Chiswell, 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> 	
Thu 4	Day for Anglicans and Roman Catholics to pray for one another <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> 	

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Fri 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 CPM’s <i>Development Desk</i>, and the diocesan <i>Development Desks</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Tsunami Awareness Day
Sat 6	<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</i>, a community development organization of the ECP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict
Sun 7	<p>Pentecost 24 [Ordinary Sunday 32]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Brisbane – Archbishop Phillip Aspinall; Bishops Jeremy Greaves, John Roundhill and Cameron Venables, the 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. 6</p>	
Mon 8	<p>Saints, martyrs, missionaries and teachers of the Anglican Communion</p> <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>) 	

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Tue 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn – Bishop Mark Short; Bishops Carol Wagner and Stephen Pickard, 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"> International Week of Science & Peace begins
Wed 10	<p>Leo of Rome, bishop and teacher († 461)</p> <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><i>See p. 4</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Science Day for Peace & Development
Thu 11	<p>Martin, Bishop of Tours († ca. 387)</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><i>See p. 7</i></p>	
Fri 12	<p>Charles Simeon, priest and evangelist († 1836)</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><i>See p. 7</i></p>	
Sat 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Antibiotic Awareness Week begins

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Sun 14	Pentecost 25 [Ordinary Sunday 33] <i>Prayers for the Defence Forces of Australia may be offered today</i> <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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Diabetes Day
Mon 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Melbourne – Archbishop Philip Freier; Bishops Andrew Curnow, Paul Barker, Genieve Blackwell, Brad Billings, Kate Prowd, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of Ceylon 	
Tue 16	Margaret of Scotland, queen, helper of the poor († 1093) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Newcastle – Bishop Peter Stuart; Bishops Charlie Murry and Sonia Roulston, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of North India 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day for Tolerance
Wed 17	Hilda of Whitby, abbess († 680) Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln († 1200) <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 	

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Thu 18	<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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Philosophy Day
Fri 19	<p>Elizabeth of Hungary, princess and philanthropist († 1231)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy; Bishops Jeremy James TSSF, Kate Wilmot, the clergy and people 	<p>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> <p>See p. 5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Toilet Day
Sat 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 <i>The Church’s Health Commission, the Education Commission, and the Development and Relief Agency, SUDRA</i> <p>See p. 6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Africa Industrialisation Day World Children’s Day
Sun 21	<p>Last Sunday after Pentecost Christ the King [Ordinary Sunday 34]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Rockhampton – Bishop Peter Grice, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Episcopal Church of Sudan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims World Television Day

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Mon 22	<p><i>Prayers for the ministry of the Church are appropriate this Ember Week.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Sydney – Archbishop Kanishka Raffel; Bishops Peter Lin, Chris Edwards, Michael Stead, Gary Koo, Peter Hayward, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NATSIAC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council 	
Tue 23	<p>Clement of Rome, bishop and martyr († ca. 100)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Tasmania – Bishop Richard Conde, Bishop Chris Jones, clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nungalinya College, Darwin 	
Wed 24	<p>James Noble, pioneer Aboriginal deacon († 1941)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of the Murray – Bishop Keith Dalby, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns 	
Thu 25	<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"> Episcopal Relief and Development (USA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
Fri 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Wangaratta – Bishop Clarence Bester, the clergy and people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund (Canada) 	

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Sat 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Willochra – Bishop John Stead, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USPG (UK and Ireland) 	
Sun 28	Advent I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglicare Australia: Chair, Bishop Chris Jones; Executive Director, Kasy Chambers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy 	
Mon 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theological Colleges and Church Schools of the Anglican Church of Australia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglican Discipleship – Jesus-Shaped Life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
Tue 30	Andrew, apostle and martyr <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAPA, the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers throughout the world ...

Peace, peace, to the far and the near, says the Lord; and I will heal them – Isaiah 57.19

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN AFRICA, where there have been 8,433,885 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are South Africa (2,916,593), Morocco (942,132), Tunisia (710,953), Ethiopia (359,247) and Libya (350,628).

Spare your people, O Lord,
And heal them by your mighty power.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN THE AMERICAS, where there have been 92,481,229 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are the United States (45,008,990), Brazil (21,644,464), Argentina (5,273,463), Colombia (4,982,575) and Mexico (3,758,469).

Spare your people, O Lord,
And heal them by your mighty power.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN ASIA, where there have been 68,814,480 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are India (34,081,315), Iran (5,773,419), Indonesia (4,234,758), the Philippines (2,720,368) and Malaysia (2,390,687).

Spare your people, O Lord,
And heal them by your mighty power.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN EUROPE, where there have been 71,339,690 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are the United Kingdom (8,449,165), Russia (7,992,687), Turkey (7,630,163), France (7,089,052) and Spain (4,988,878).

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And heal them by your mighty power.

AND WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN OUR OWN REGION, OCEANIA, where there have been 296,731 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are Australia (143,135), Fiji (51,777), French Polynesia (45,439), Papua New Guinea (24,041) and Guam (16,900).

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** Figures are the latest available from the European Centre for Disease Control and accurate as of 27 October 2021.*