

Partners Praying Together



September 2022 – 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

- ✠ Pray for all those affected by Covid-19 worldwide, especially those who mourn the loss of loved ones; for those suffering from long Covid; for all those who are currently infected, especially children; for all whose businesses or employment has been affected by the pandemic; for all who have contracted influenza or monkeypox; for the people of the Ukraine, and for all like them who suffer the misery of conflict around the world; all who struggle with the rising cost of basic foodstuffs, rent or mortgage payments and fuel costs; all who are homeless on our streets at this very cold time of year.
- ✠ Give thanks for the medical staff who have been working so tirelessly; for the development of vaccines; for the way in which people have been flexible and managed to cope despite the difficulties; for all those who have shown kindness to their neighbours throughout the course of the pandemic so far; for the way that churches have been able to use technology to keep in touch with their communities.

For access to the electronic version of Partners Praying Together, go to <http://www.abmission.org/resources/missional-prayers>

Prayer Points from our *Overseas Partners*

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

- ✦ We pray for all those struggling in Aotearoa New Zealand right now as a result of severe flooding and heavy rainfall. We especially remember farmers and the city of Nelson where so many people have lost houses and possessions or are faced with massive clean-up operations. We thank you for civil defence and emergency response staff for their professionalism and commitment.
- ✦ We continue to pray for nurses and midwives who face ongoing challenges given severe staff shortages across the health sector.
- ✦ We pray for the Diocese of Polynesia as it goes through the process of appointing a new Archbishop.
- ✦ We continue to pray for Tonga as it recovers from the volcanic eruption and tsunami earlier this year. We especially pray for the Tonga Episcopal Unit as it supports and helps communities to get back on their feet.
- ✦ We pray for tolerance and understanding given recent protests which are coalescing around anti-vax/anti-government messages. We pray for healing.

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

- ✦ Give thanks for the face to face classes of children starting this month.
- ✦ Pray for the consecration and installation of Bishop-elect Benny P. Lang-akan as the sixth Diocesan Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines on 14 September 2022.
- ✦ Pray for the affected families of the recent earthquake in Northern Luzon, and that homes, churches and other infrastructure be restored immediately.

The Episcopal Church of South Sudan

- ✦ Thank God for the safe return of all the bishops back from the Lambeth conference.
- ✦ Continue to thank God for the implementation of the Revitalized Peace in the country and especially graduation of the joint forces scheduled for August 30.
- ✦ Pray that the rest of the Bishops who are left behind could fly back safely and join their Dioceses.
- ✦ Pray for PEN (Pastors Equipping Network) in South Sudan which will continue for three years.
- ✦ Pray for all children in the Country as they are resuming their classes.

香港聖公會

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

- ✦ Pray for the known and unknown victims of human trafficking who are still being held captive overseas. May they soon return safely to their native land.
- ✦ Pray for those living in subdivided flats and the homeless, whose numbers are seeing a 10-year high. May they find relief amidst all the job cuts and increasing prices of daily necessities.
- ✦ Pray for diligence in rigging and infrastructure safety, that no innocent people may get seriously injured or killed by avoidable accidents again.
- ✦ Give thanks for all those people who tirelessly work to minimise the impact of COVID on Hong Kong.

日本聖公会

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai The Anglican Communion in Japan

- ✦ Give thanks for the work of the many committees of the NSKK which support the ministry of the church in Japan, and ask God for wisdom and inspiration for all those who chair the meetings taking place this month
- ✦ Please pray for the NSKK as the province considers the way forward with regards to the number of dioceses it has, and pray especially for the diocese of Kyoto and their extraordinary meeting this month

- ✦ Give thanks for the rain that waters God's earth bringing forth beauty and food and water, and pray that we may always respect the power of nature and care for this gift of creation
- ✦ As a new cabinet is formed in central government, please pray for all lawmakers and politicians in Japan and ask that God's Holy Spirit may guide them in the decisions they make
- ✦ As schools and universities return after the summer break, give thanks for the dedication and care of all teachers and staff who enable education to take place, and pray especially for the ministry of all Anglican schools, colleges and universities in Japan and their chaplains
- ✦ As the number of Covid infections climbs to peaks never seen before, please pray for all those in the medical industry who care for the sufferers, and for those who plan and administer vaccines



A stamp from Czechoslovakia featuring St Jerome (ca. 342-420), a Dalmatian who translated the Scriptures from Hebrew and Greek into Latin in Bethlehem. His Feast Day is 30 September.

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Sep	Lectionary and ABM Commemorations and the Australian Cycle of Prayer	ABM Partner + development arm – where appropriate	UN Days see www.un.org/en/observances/international-days-and-weeks for more information about each
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> 	
Fri 2	<p><i>The Martyrs of New Guinea († 1942)</i></p> <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> 	
Sat 3	<p>Gregory of Rome, bishop and teacher († 604) Eliza Darling, pioneer social reformer in New South Wales († 1868)</p> <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> 	
Sun 4	<p>Pentecost 13</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> 	

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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> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Charity
Tue 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, a community development organization of the ECP</i> <p>See p. 4</p>	
Wed 7	<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> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies
Thu 8	<p>The Birth of Mary, Mother of our Lord</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, IFI</i>) <i>VIMROD – the Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development of the IFI</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Literacy Day

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Fri 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 Day to protect Education from attack
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> <i>See p. 4</i> 	
Sun 11	Pentecost 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Gippsland – Bishop Richard Treloar, the clergy and people 	The Anglican Church of Hong Kong (<i>Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui</i> 香港聖公會) <i>See p. 5</i>	
Mon 12	<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) <i>See p .5</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation

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Tue 13	<p>Cyprian of Carthage, bishop and martyr († 258)</p> <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 	
Wed 14	<p><i>Holy Cross Day</i></p> <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>John Oliver Feetham, bishop and bush brother († 1947)</p> <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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Democracy
Fri 16	<p>Ninian of Galloway, bishop and missionary († ca. 432)</p> <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 the Preservation of the Ozone Layer

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Sat 17	<p>Hildegard of Bingen, abbess and spiritual writer († 1179)</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"> World Patient Safety Day
Sun 18	<p>Pentecost 15</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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Equal Pay Day
Mon 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy; Bishops Jeremy James TSSF, Kate Wilmot, 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) 	

Displacements and Omissions for September this year

- ✠ 11 September: Mother Edith CHN, Founder of the Community of the Holy Name (Melbourne) († 1931)
- ✠ 18 September: John Ramsden Wollaston, priest and missionary of Western Australia († 1856)
- ✠ 25 September: Sergius of Moscow (of Radonezh), abbot and teacher († 1392)

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Tue 20	<p>John Coleridge Patteson, first Bishop of Melanesia, martyr († 1871)</p> <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. 5</p>	
Wed 21	<p>Matthew, apostle, evangelist, martyr</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"> International Day of Peace
Thu 22	<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 	
Fri 23	<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"> Nungalinga College, Darwin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Sign Languages
Sat 24	<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 	

Sun 25	Pentecost 16 <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) 	
Mon 26	Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester († 1626) <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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons
Tue 27	Vincent de Paul, priest and worker with the poor († 1660) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Willochra – the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USPG (UK and Ireland) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Tourism Day
Wed 28	<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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day for Universal Access to Information
Thu 29	Michael and All Angels <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 Awareness of Food Loss and Waste
Fri 30	Jerome, priest and biblical scholar († 420) <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"> World Maritime Day International Translation Day

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

I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of prosperity and security. – Jeremiah 33.6b

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN AFRICA. Large proportional increases in Covid case numbers have recently been seen in Niger, Mayotte and Mozambique. Large numbers of new cases have been reported recently by Réunion, South Africa and Algeria.

Spread your protection over them, O Lord:
So that those who love your name may exult in you.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN THE AMERICAS. Large proportional increases in Covid case numbers have recently been seen in The Falkland Islands, Antigua & Barbuda, and Grenada. Large numbers of new cases have been reported recently by the USA, Brazil and Chile.

Spread your protection over them, O Lord:
So that those who love your name may exult in you.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS AROUND THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. Large proportional increases in Covid case numbers have recently been seen in Bahrain and Afghanistan. Large numbers of new cases have been reported recently by Iran, Lebanon and the occupied Palestinian territory.

Spread your protection over them, O Lord:
So that those who love your name may exult in you.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA. Large proportional increases in Covid case numbers have recently been seen in Myanmar, Timor Leste and Sri Lanka. Large numbers of new cases have been reported recently by India, Indonesia and Thailand.

Spread your protection over them, O Lord:
So that those who love your name may exult in you.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN EUROPE. Large proportional increases in Covid case numbers have recently been seen in Gibraltar and Ukraine. Large numbers of new cases have been reported recently by Germany, Italy and Russia.

Spread your protection over them, O Lord:
So that those who love your name may exult in you.

AND WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN OUR OWN REGION, THE WESTERN PACIFIC. Large proportional increases in Covid case numbers have recently been seen in the Northern Mariana Islands, the Marshall Islands and Nauru. Large numbers of new cases have been reported recently by Japan, South Korea and Australia.

Spread your protection over them, O Lord:
So that those who love your name may exult in you.

** Statistics are the latest available from the WHO and are accurate as of 17 August 2022. The European Centre for Disease Control has ceased to provide global Covid statistics which is why the format has changed.*