

Partners Praying Together

October 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; for all in Australia, Pakistan, Japan and elsewhere dealing with flooding; all who struggle with the rising cost of basic foodstuffs, rent or mortgage payments and fuel costs; all who are homeless, especially people living with disabilities.
- ✠ 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 all teachers who work so tirelessly in schools.

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

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 Anglican Cycle of Prayer, go to**
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Prayer Points
from our
Overseas Partners

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

- ✦ We pray for clergy in the Diocese of Polynesia and everyone involved in the appointment process for the new Archbishop.
- ✦ We continue to pray for those who are being left behind as a result of the steady increase in the cost of living.
- ✦ We pray for Diocesan Synods which are taking place this month and for wise and generous decisions that are inspired and led by the Holy Spirit.
- ✦ We pray for Anglican Missions in the work it supports across the SW Pacific, remembering especially communities in Tonga that are still struggling with the impact of the volcanic eruption and tsunami earlier this year.
- ✦ We pray for young people as they start the final academic term of the year and for children and youth workers across the church who do so much to inspire a new generation to love and serve the Lord.

The Anglican Church of Kenya

- ✦ Thank God for the peaceful election and peaceful transition.
- ✦ Thank God for the low cases of COVID-19 pandemic.
- ✦ Pray for God's provision to the Kenyan people in these hard economic times.
- ✦ Pray for unity in families, healing and reconciliation for those who have been wounded and restoration of health to those suffering disease, especially those who are terminally ill.
- ✦ Pray that the church in Kenya will remain the uniting factor.

The Anglican Church of Melanesia

- ✦ Pray for all students and teachers who have been sick with winter illnesses and unable to come to their classes.
- ✦ Give thanks for the Community of the Sisters of the Church, celebrating 50 years of work in the Solomon Islands
- ✦ Give thanks for the successful Mothers' Union camp held last month. Discussions centred on: how to empower women to evangelise through home visits; pastoral counselling; reconciliation service; upcoming events for the proposed John Coleridge Patteson University; fundraising; and planning.

The Church of the Province of South-East Asia

- ✦ Thank the Lord for the consecration of The Rev Canon Andrew Shie as the Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Kuching. We give thanks to God for the raising of godly and faithful spiritual leaders in our Province.
- ✦ Give thanks to God for the recently concluded Sabah Diocesan Synod, which witnessed a time of warm fellowship in a physical meeting after the pandemic. We thank the Lord for the unity and major decisions made at the Synod.
- ✦ Pray for the nations in our Province as the people combat against rising costs of living, food and fuel prices. Pray for the emotional and spiritual wellbeing of all those who suffer economic hardship.
- ✦ Pray for Malaysia, home to 3 dioceses in our Province, as the nation prepares for the next general election. Pray that the Church will play her role in nation building to bless Malaysia.

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East

- ✦ For the many refugees, asylum seekers, and hopeful migrants who arrive on the island of Cyprus, that they may find humanity and compassion
- ✦ For those who despair of justice and peace, even while longing for them, in many of our countries, not least Palestine / Israel, Syria, the Lebanon, Iraq, and Iran
- ✦ For the clergy and people of all our dioceses and especially for the episcopal ministries of Michael and Hosam
- ✦ For our brothers and sisters of Jewish, Muslim, and other faiths in this region
- ✦ For those who create oases of love, care, and hope, in parishes, clinics, hospitals, schools, and support groups

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

- ✦ Please continue to pray for the peaceful resolution of the tribal conflict between 2 tribes in Kalinga Province (from the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines)
- ✦ Pray for fast recovery of all clergy who are sick and pray for the congregations in Palawan preparing for consecration of 3 churches (from Episcopal Diocese of Central Philippines)
- ✦ Pray for the upcoming ECP National Mission Conference on October
- ✦ We pray that the 31% of Filipinos whose lives worsened in the past year have better income opportunities with the re-opening of economic activities in the country (from Social Weather Survey released Sept 14)
- ✦ Give thanks for the dedication of medical workers and other front liners who are once again sacrificing their time and energy with the rising covid cases.

The Episcopal Church of South Sudan

- ✦ Continue to thank God for the reduction of new cases for COVID-19 in the Country.
- ✦ We ask you to pray for the South Sudan Peace Implementation process to finish well.
- ✦ Pray for the Flooding in many parts of South Sudan where thousands of people are displaced as they lack the basic needs.

香港聖公會

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

- ✦ Pray for the builders and workers at construction sites, that they will not have to worry about preventable accidents when labouring for their livelihoods.
- ✦ Pray for the new academic year, and grant our students a thirst for knowledge and understanding.
- ✦ Pray for the newly ordained deacons and priests. May God's wisdom guide them in their ministries.
- ✦ Continue to 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.
- ✦ Continue to pray for the victims of human trafficking. May they soon return safely to their families.

日本聖公会
The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
The Anglican Communion in Japan

- ✦ Give thanks for the work of the Christian Church in Japan as it endeavours to stand up for human rights, and pray for the seminar to be held on that subject this month; also remember the work of those committees concerned with working towards creating a world where all people may live in peace and safety.
- ✦ As the world recovers from the shock of Queen Elizabeth II's passing, we pray for the leaders of Japan – the Emperor and the royal family, and all elected leaders in parliament – that they may be blessed with God's wisdom and compassion as they exercise their leadership responsibilities.
- ✦ Give thanks for the social welfare programmes of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai as they aim to relieve suffering and help create a better society for all.
- ✦ Please pray for all chaplains of the NSKK who work within industrial, academic or medical settings and for the special demands of their roles.
- ✦ As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Ikuno Centre in Osaka, give thanks for the close relationship between the Anglican churches in Korea and Japan and ask God to inspire their leaders as they look to the future God calls them to.
- ✦ As we remember those behind the scenes, please pray for all administrative staff of the NSKK - especially those with provincial or diocesan roles in corporate affairs and accounting - and their vital work enabling the life of the church and the ministry of Christ to continue.



A stamp from Germany featuring the English 'Helper of Humanity', Elizabeth (Betsy) Fry (1780-1845). Her work led to the 1823 Gaols Act which protected female prisoners from sexual exploitation by making single-sex prisons mandatory and by allowing only female warders to work with female prisoners. Her Feast Day is 12 October.

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Sat 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> <p>See p. 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Older Persons
Sun 2	Pentecost 17 <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> <p>See p. 5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Statistics Day International Day of Non-Violence
Mon 3	<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> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Habitat Day
Tue 4	Francis of Assisi, friar and preacher († 1226) <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> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Space Week begins (till 10 October)

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Wed 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"> World Teachers' Day
Thu 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><i>See p. 6</i></p>	
Fri 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> <p><i>See p. 5</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Cotton Day
Sat 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, IFI</i>) <i>VIMROD – the Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development of the IFI</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Migratory Bird Day

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Sun 9	Pentecost 18 <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"> World Post Day
Mon 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><i>See p. 4</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Mental Health Day
Tue 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Gippsland – Bishop Richard Treloar, the clergy and people 	<p>The Anglican Church of Hong Kong (<i>Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui</i> 香港聖公會)</p> <p><i>See p. 6</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of the Girl Child
Wed 12	<p>Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, England († 1845)</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>	
Thu 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"> International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction

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Fri 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 	
Sat 15	<p>Teresa of Ávila, teacher († 1592)</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 Rural Women
Sun 16	<p>Pentecost 19</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"> World Food Day
Mon 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
Tue 18	<p>Luke, evangelist and martyr</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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Wed 19	<p>Henry Martyn, missionary, Bible translator in India and Persia († 1812)</p> <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) <p>See p. 5</p>	
Thu 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>	
Fri 21	<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 	
Sat 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 	

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Sun 23	Pentecost 20 <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 	
Mon 24	Inauguration of the United Nations, 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"> Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disarmament Week begins (till 30 October) Global Media and Information Literacy Week begins (till 31 October)
Tue 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) 	
Wed 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) 	
Thu 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Willochra – the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USPG (UK and Ireland) 	

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Fri 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"> • Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy 	
Sat 29	Foundation of the Anglican Board of Mission, 1850 <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 	
Sun 30	Pentecost 21 <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 	
Mon 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"> • The Mothers' Union 	

Displacements and Omissions for October this year

- ✠ 16 October: Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, bishops and martyrs († 1555)
- ✠ 23 October: James of Jerusalem, brother of our Lord, martyr († ca. 62)

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 Mali, Liberia and Zimbabwe. Large numbers of new cases have been reported recently by Réunion, South Africa and Mali.

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 Monserrat, Venezuela, and Aruba. 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 Yemen, Sudan and Tunisia. Large numbers of new cases have been reported recently by Iran, Qatar and Jordan.

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, Bangladesh and Timor Leste. 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 Ukraine, Slovenia and Poland. Large numbers of new cases have been reported recently by Russia, Germany and Italy.

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 Papua New Guinea and Vietnam. Large numbers of new cases have been reported recently by Japan, South Korea and China.

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 14 September 2022.*

Both infection rates and death rates are decreasing in almost all the world.