

Partners Praying Together

August 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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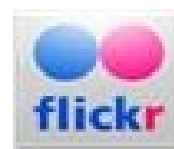
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Who are ABM's Overseas Partners?

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 Honiara, Juba or Vancouver, 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.

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Prayer Points from our *Overseas Partners*

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

- ✦ We pray for all Pacific leaders and the decisions reached at the recent Pacific Islands Forum in Suva. We pray for unity and a commonality of visions and may the decisions they made be to the benefit of those who are most vulnerable.
- ✦ Pray for families across Aotearoa New Zealand that continue to struggle to make ends meet as a result of growing inflation and cost of living increases.
- ✦ Pray for nurses, doctors and all other health workers who are committed to providing professional and timely medical support. We pray for the health service which is stretched and overloaded.
- ✦ Pray for the work of the Anglican Māori Church (*Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa*) and the support it provides to Māori clergy working in Australian capital cities and for the communities those clergy work in and support.
- ✦ Pray for the inspiring work that the Diocese of Polynesia is rolling out across Fiji and Tonga that includes new water tanks and pre-positioned relief supplies.

The Anglican Church of Kenya

- ✦ Pray for the forthcoming general election in Kenya to be peaceful.
- ✦ Pray that the church will remain the salt and light in this country to bring sanity and hope to the citizens
- ✦ Pray for rain to pour down so that animals and plants can be watered.

The Anglican Church of Melanesia

- ✚ Give thanks for all stakeholders who participated for the containment of the Covid 19. For the government, Oversea governments and organizations, and everybody. We continue to pray for the continuation of the battle against this disease.
- ✚ For the Solomon Island Government, for leaders and those who administer the affairs of this nation. The following issues are in mind:
 - i. The extension of the life of the National Parliament from four years to five years. This has brought uneasiness to the lives of many Solomon Islanders.
 - ii. The China/Solomon Island relationship.
 - iii. The Cost of Living which is now beyond many Solomon Islanders.
 - iv. The increase of social issues such as drugs and alcohol among young people.
 - v. Issues of Gender Balance, Sexual Violence and Abuse – pray for the institutions directly involved in this, such the Christian Care Centres (CCC).
- ✚ Pray for the major projects of the Anglican Church, remembering especially local fundraising and for any overseas contributions. In mind the plans in the pipeline are
 - i. The Church Office Complex
 - ii. The John Coleridge Patteson University.
- ✚ Pray for the Youth Convention planned for this year.
- ✚ Pray for the Consecration of the Assistant Bishop for the Diocese of Central Melanesia. For Fr. Othniel Gamutu and his family. For the preparation that are undertaken.

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

- ✚ Please continue to pray for Dogura Diocese, New Guinea Islands Diocese and Port Moresby Diocese, asking God to strengthen leadership and the management of resources for God's mission.
- ✚ Pray for the continuing development of Newton Theological College, where students are trained before their ordinations.
- ✚ Pray for Anglicare PNG as they work hard to stabilize their finances.
- ✚ Pray for the Anglican National Office staff, based in Lae, that God may guide and encourage them in their work.
- ✚ Pray for all those who are struggling as the cost of goods and services increase
- ✚ Pray for the nine people who died during recent national election-related incidents.
- ✚ Lord Jesus, by the coming of the Holy Spirit your disciples were empowered to go out to all the world with the good news of your kingdom. We pray that you would send

that same Spirit to us so that we may proclaim your gospel of love, peace and hope to the people of Papua New Guinea.

The Church of the Province of South-East Asia

- ✠ Thank the Lord for the opportunities for the works of mission and ministry made available by the post pandemic reopening where there is easier movement of persons and travel.
- ✠ Pray for Archbishop Melter Tais, Diocesan, Assistant and Suffragan Bishops from our Province who will be attending the Lambeth Conference from 22nd July to 10th August. Pray for fruitful time.
- ✠ Pray for God's protection over the Archbishop, Bishops, clergy, pastors, missionaries, lay leaders as they carry out the ministries of the Church and as they travel. Speak the blessings of good health on them and their families.
- ✠ Pray for Sabah Diocesan Synod which will be held from 28th – 31st August 2022. Pray for wisdom on all delegates as they deliberate on key issues. Pray for safe travel for delegates especially those from the interior and rural areas, as well as those from the mission fields.
- ✠ Pray for Malaysia, home to three dioceses in the 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 & the Middle East

- ✠ Pray for the coming Lambeth Conference to hear and take in the astonishing variety of cultures, traditions, languages, and histories in this multi-country Province.
- ✠ Pray for the ordinary people of Iran, of all religions, and particularly the tiny and struggling Anglican diocese and its churches in Isfahan, Shiraz, and Tehran.
- ✠ Pray for tolerance, knowledge, and justice to develop and grow in Saudi Arabia.
- ✠ Pray for the people of Israel and Palestine and for old problems and agony to find new solutions and balm.
- ✠ Give thanks for the resilience of so many in the Middle East under multiple burdens.

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

- ✠ Pray for the victims of the recent flash floods in Northern Philippines and that this rainy season will not cause too much damage to our agriculture sector.
- ✠ Please continue to pray for the eventual decrease of petroleum and other basic commodities prices in the country and around the world.

The Episcopal Church of South Sudan

- ✦ We thank God for safe return of the team of Mission to Western Equatoria, and Amadi Internal Provinces after two weeks of Training.
- ✦ We thank God for consistent rain in many parts of South Sudan that will enable good production this year.
- ✦ Pray for successful implementation of Peace and Graduation of United army/security sector reforms.
- ✦ Pray for the launching of Pastors Equipping Network (PEN) in the Episcopal Church of South Sudan which starts tomorrow with the Metropolitan Diocese of Juba for fifty-six (56) pastors.
- ✦ Pray bishops and their spouses for their visas, arrival to Juba and their traveling to the Lambeth Conference in UK Next Week.

香港聖公會

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

- ✦ For the downtrodden in society, and the easing of the wealth gap between the have's and the have-not's.
- ✦ For the general health of Hong Kong, in light of the rising COVID numbers.
- ✦ For the newly appointed Chief Executive and his team, that their governance may be guided by the Lord's wisdom for the betterment of general society.
- ✦ For peace in the hearts of those who may find their future clouded. May they be comforted in the sure refuge of our Father.

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer, go to
anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer/download-the-acp.aspx**

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

- ✦ Give thanks for the ministry of all Anglican Church-related and sponsored schools, colleges and universities and as they meet for a workshop this month, pray for encouragement and inspiration as they look to the future
- ✦ Commemorating the dropping of the two atomic bombs on Japan this month: Hiroshima on 6 August and Nagasaki on 9 August, please pray for those who still suffer and mourn, and for all those across the planet who work to rid the world of nuclear weapons
- ✦ As we give thanks on the 35th anniversary of the Hieizan Summit, please remember the gathering of 'World Religions for Peace' which will take place this month
- ✦ Please pray for the preparatory meeting scheduled for this month to discuss the Mission Forum (to be held in November 2023); that the NSKK might find new ways of being church and reflecting God's love to all in this nation
- ✦ As cases of COVID-19 infection once again increase, give thanks for the unstinting (and often unrecognised) work of all essential workers, and especially those in the medical industry
- ✦ Pray for those from the NSKK who attended the Lambeth Conference in England, that through shared times of worship and meeting they could grow and be inspired in their faith, and that all they learned might be used to drive forward the mission of the Anglican Church in Japan.

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Aug	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
Mon 1	Holy Men and Women of the Old Testament <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"> World Breastfeeding Week begins
Tue 2	<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>	
Wed 3	Stephen, apostle and first martyr <i>– If not observed on 26 December</i> <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> <p>See p. 5</p>	
Thu 4	John Baptist Vianney, parish priest of Ars, France († 1859) <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	<p>Oswald, king and martyr († 642)</p> <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> 	
Sat 6	<p>The Transfiguration of our Lord <i>Hiroshima Day</i></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. 7</i></p>	
Sun 7	<p>Pentecost 9</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><i>See p. 6</i></p>	
Mon 8	<p>Dominic, priest and friar († 1221)</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> 	

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Tue 9	<p>Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union († 1921)</p> <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 of the World's Indigenous Peoples
Wed 10	<p>Lawrence, deacon and martyr at Rome († 258)</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>See p. 4</p>	
Thu 11	<p>Claire of Assisi, abbess († 1252) John Henry Newman, cardinal and theologian († 1890)</p> <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>See p. 7</p>	
Fri 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) <p>See p. 8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Youth Day

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Sat 13	<p>Jeremy Taylor, bishop and spiritual writer († 1667)</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 	
Sun 14	<p>Pentecost 10</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 	
Mon 15	<p>Mary, Mother of our Lord</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 	
Tue 16	<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 	
Wed 17	<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 	
Fri 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) <p><i>See p. 6</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Humanitarian Day
Sat 20	<p>Bernard of Clairvaux, abbot and teacher († 1153)</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 <p><i>The Church’s Health Commission, the Education Commission, and the Development and Relief Agency, SUDRA</i></p> <p><i>See p. 7</i></p>	
Sun 21	<p>Pentecost II</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 Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism

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Mon 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, Malcolm Richards, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NATSIAC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief
Tue 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 for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
Wed 24	Bartholomew, apostle and martyr <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) 	
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) 	
Sat 27	Monica, mother of Augustine († 387) <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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Sun 28	Pentecost 12 <i>Day of Prayer for Refugees</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	The Beheading of John the Baptist <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 against Nuclear Tests
Tue 30	William Wilberforce, social reformer († 1833) <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"> • International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances
Wed 31	Aidan of Lindisfarne, bishop and missionary († 651) John Bunyan, preacher and spiritual writer († 1688) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious Orders of the Anglican Church of Australia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mothers' Union 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Day for People of African Descent

Displacements and Omissions this year

14 August: The twentieth century martyrs

28 August: Augustine of Hippo, bishop and teacher († 430)

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. Large proportional increases in Covid case numbers have recently been seen in Equatorial Guinea, Mayotte and Gabon. Large numbers of new cases have recently been reported by Réunion, South Africa and Kenya.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble:
Therefore, we will not be afraid.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN THE AMERICAS. Large proportional increases in Covid case numbers have recently been seen in Saint Pierre and Miquelon, Honduras and Paraguay. Large numbers of new cases have recently been reported by the USA, Brazil and Mexico.

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

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

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

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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 Vanuatu, French Polynesia and South Korea. Large numbers of new cases have recently been reported by Japan, Australia and China.

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** Figures are the latest available from the WHO and are accurate as at 13 July 2022. The European Centre for Disease Control has ceased to provide global Covid statistics which is why the format has changed.*