

Partners Praying Together

December 2024



ABM's *Partners Praying Together* is designed to link our supporters with our partners. Each month we present the prayer requests we receive from our Overseas Partners. Together with that we have the feasts and commemorations from the lectionary, the Australian Cycle of Prayer (which allows you to pray for ABM's Australian Partners), and commemorations from the United Nations calendar. All of these are designed not to tell you *how* to pray, but to prompt you to pray in whatever way you prefer.

Let all who are faithful offer prayer to you. - Psalm 32.6a

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Who are ABM's Partners?

WE ARE ASKING YOU to remember our each of our Australian dioceses, our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partners (such as NATSIAC, Wontulp-Bi-Buya College and Nungalinga College), as well as our Overseas Partners. They 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, though Anglicans in Development, we often relate to our partners both through the Church itself and through a particular Church's community development arm.

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 Ceylon
5. The Church of the Province of Central Africa (*the Zambia Anglican Council's Outreach Program*)
6. The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) (*the CPM's Development Desk, and the diocesan Development Desks*)
7. The Episcopal Church in the Philippines (*E-CARE, a community development organization of the ECP*)
8. The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East (*the Diocese of Jerusalem's Development Desk*)
9. The Philippine Independent Church – *Iglesia Filipina Independiente, IFI* (*VIMROD – the Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development of the IFI*)

Relational Partners

10. The Amity Foundation – an expression of the National Committee of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Churches in China
11. The Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia (*Anglican Missions Board, AMB*)
12. The Anglican Church of Hong Kong, the *Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui* 香港聖公會
13. The Anglican Church of Japan, the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai* 日本聖公會
14. The Anglican Church of Korea
15. The Church of Bangladesh
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
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 Vancouver, Honiara or Lahore, they need our prayers.

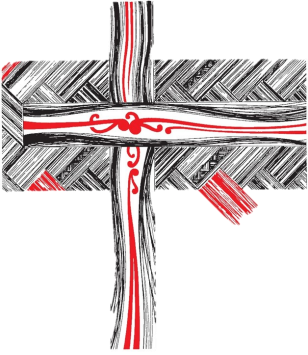
EACH DAY THIS MONTH

- ✠ Come, Lord God, change us and we shall be changed. Come, increase our awareness of Your presence. Come, strengthen our love for You. Come, still our hearts with holiness. Come, Lord God, change us and we shall be changed through Jesus Who lives and reigns forever to Your glory.
- ✠ Pray for all those in war zones, and those displaced by war, especially the people of the occupied Palestinian Territories, Lebanon and Israel, as well as Yemen and Ukraine.
- ✠ Pray for our First Nations people, particularly young men, that they can live without vilification and racism in Australia
- ✠ Pray that American-style political division is not imported into Australia.
- ✠ We look with hope to the fulfillment of all You have done, Lord God. We offer You our thanks and praise for all Your love.

Prayer Points

from our

Overseas Partners



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

*Te Hahi Mihinare ki Aotearoa ki Niu Tirenī, ki Nga Moutere
o Te Moana Nui a Kiwa*

- ✚ We pray for Aotearoa New Zealand as the Toitū Te Tiriti hīkoi (a walk from the top of the North Island and the bottom of the South Island converging in Wellington on 19 November) takes place in opposition to the Treaty Principles Bill which is seen to adversely impact Māori. We pray for churches as they promote justice and reconciliation.
- ✚ We pray for Pacific delegates at COP29 advocating for a better deal in climate change negotiations, and we give thanks for the advocacy and practical projects supported by the Diocese of Polynesia and Anglican Missions in the SW Pacific.
- ✚ We pray for young people who are struggling with addictions and mental health issues right now and we give thanks for the agencies and churches that support them.
- ✚ We give thanks for Anglican Churches which are demonstrating their commitment to a fairer society by making land available for social housing initiatives.

The Anglican Church of Ceylon



For the Church

- ✚ Pray for the Bishop of Kurunagala, the Rt Rev Nishantha Fernando, and the Bishop of Colombo, the Rt Rev Dushantha Rodrigo, asking God to grant them wisdom, discernment, and strength as they lead their dioceses. May they be filled with the Holy Spirit and continue to inspire the clergy and congregations.
- ✚ Lift up the clergy of each diocese, asking for God's guidance in their ministry. Pray that they may be examples of faith, love, and service, effectively ministering to their congregations and the wider community. Additionally, we ask for God's provision of more servants to work in His vineyard within each diocese.

- ✝ Pray for the future spiritual growth of both dioceses. Ask for innovative and effective programs to deepen faith and discipleship among church members, fostering a vibrant and engaged community.
- ✝ As the Diocese of Kurunagala approaches its 75th anniversary, pray for a spirit of gratitude and celebration. May this milestone be an opportunity to reflect on God's faithfulness, inspire renewed commitment to the mission, and encourage new outreach efforts. We would like to request your prayers for the upcoming anniversary service and the various programs planned throughout the year.
- ✝ Pray for the mission and outreach programs of the two dioceses. Ask that God provides resources and volunteers, enabling the church to reach those in need and effectively share the love of Christ in their communities.
- ✝ Lift up the various social work activities undertaken by both dioceses. Pray for God's blessing upon these efforts, that they may bring hope, healing, and assistance to the marginalized and vulnerable populations.
- ✝ Pray for unity among the parishes, clergy, and congregations within the Church. May they work together harmoniously towards common goals and support each other in mission.
- ✝ Pray for the youth of each diocese, asking that they be nurtured in their faith and find ways to engage in the church's mission. May they become the future leaders of the church and the community.
- ✝ Please, pray asking for divine wisdom and knowledge to manage the properties of Kurunagala diocese. May they be guided in using their resources effectively to further God's mission and bring greater benefits to our church and wider community.
- ✝ Please, pray especially for the journey we have embarked on to open a new school for Kurunagala diocese, let us seek God's guidance every step of the way and God's help to make decisions that reflect His will and serve the needs of his people and children. Pray for God to grant us insight and clarity as we lay the foundation for this educational endeavour.

For the Country of Sri Lanka

- ✝ Pray for lasting peace and stability in Sri Lanka as the nation navigates through challenges. Ask for God's intervention to heal divisions and promote unity among all communities.
- ✝ Lift up prayers for the economic recovery of Sri Lanka. Ask for wisdom for leaders and policymakers to implement effective solutions that address the financial difficulties facing the country and its citizens.
- ✝ Pray for those suffering from the impacts of economic hardship, including food shortages and lack of essential services. May assistance reach those in need, and may communities come together to support one another.

- ✠ Pray for the political leaders and governance of Sri Lanka to be filled with integrity, compassion, and wisdom. Ask that they prioritize the well-being of all citizens and serve the country with dedication.
- ✠ Pray for healing and reconciliation among different ethnic and religious groups in Sri Lanka. Ask for God's love to transform hearts and bring about mutual respect and understanding.
- ✠ Lift up the youth of Sri Lanka, asking for opportunities in education and employment. Pray that they find paths of hope and that future generations can lead the nation towards a brighter future.
- ✠ Pray for the spiritual revival of the people in Sri Lanka. May many turn to faith for hope, strength, and guidance, finding peace in God during turbulent times.

香港聖公會

The Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

The Anglican Church of Hong Kong



- ✠ Give thanks for the annual provincial clergy conference, where the clergy gathered to discuss the topic of 'Church Revival in an Age of Religious Decline'. Pray for renewed zeal in our clergy, and in our laity.
- ✠ Pray for the youth ministry in all three Dioceses of Hong Kong Island, Eastern Kowloon, and Western Kowloon. For their joint work in supporting the young in our midst, creating a space of God's love for them. For their after-work cross-diocese meet-ups.
- ✠ For the partnership between Ming Hua Theological College and St Joseph's University, Macau. For academic excellence in studying and understanding our Father's wondrous creation. For the wisdom of God as we try to delve deeper into Asian understandings of Asian Christianities.

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日本聖公会

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

The Anglican Communion in Japan



- ✦ As we give thanks for those working for human rights in each diocese, we pay for their meeting this month and ask that God inspires their gathering together
- ✦ With the onset of colder weather we pray for the homeless and those who care for them
- ✦ With a new government forming, we ask for God's wisdom and compassion to be upon all those who walk the corridors of power and serve the country
- ✦ In the very secular country which is Japan, we pray that the Christmas message may break through into the public consciousness and inspire the people of this nation
- ✦ As Christmas is celebrated throughout the province, we pray for the warm light of the hope of Jesus to spread through all churches, schools, kindergartens and wherever the gospel is preached
- ✦ As the year comes to an end, please remember all those for whom 2024 has been a tough or bad year and pray that God sustains them in their times of difficult

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East

الكنيسة الأسقفية في القدس والشرق الأوسط



- ✦ A speedy end to the present series of wars between Israel and surrounding jurisdictions, including Gaza, Lebanon, Iran, Yemen, Syria, and Iraq, leading to relief for the suffering, release of all captives, and the return of all refugees to their homes.
- ✦ Strength for our al-Ahli Hospital staff to persevere in their healing ministry in the midst of great hardships.
- ✦ An end to settler violence against Palestinians in the West Bank.
- ✦ A renewed movement towards a larger agreement for a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land.



The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

- ✠ Give thanks for the life of Mrs Ursula Bangaan Daoey (1948-2024), Vice-President of HEAL-EDNCP (Health Enhancers and Advocates for the Lord) and former Deputy Head of Brent International School Baguio in the Episcopal Diocese of North Central Philippines (EDNCP), for her dedication to lay ministry in many forms at all levels of The Episcopal Church in the Philippines. Pray for all the bereaved and that many others will be inspired to follow her example of proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom in both word and deed by dedicated love and service. Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon her.
- ✠ Give thanks for the 31 baptism candidates who received the Sacrament of new birth and the 71 confirmation candidates who renewed their commitment to Christ during the consecration of the Church of St. Simon and St. Jude in Brawar Batew, Municipality of South Upi, Maguindanao del Sur in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Philippines (EDSP). Pray that The Episcopal Church in the Philippines continues to experience this encouraging growth in all its dioceses as they intentionally strive to teach, baptise and nurture new believers.
- ✠ Give thanks for the volunteer doctors and nurses for contributing their expertise to the Dental Mission & Medical Consultation in commemoration of the 24th Founding Anniversary of the St. Peter's Episcopal Multipurpose Cooperative in the Episcopal Diocese of Santiago. Pray that more health professionals will be inspired to respond to human need by loving service to the disadvantaged in their communities.
- ✠ Pray for The National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP) as it calls on the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Philippine National Police, and the local government of the City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, to cease all forms of harassment, intimidation, and red-tagging of the farmers of Lupang Ramos who are exercising their democratic and legal rights to defend their land, as well as advocating for just and peaceful resolutions to the many other land disputes besetting the country as a consequence of the unjust structures of Philippine society.
- ✠ Give thanks for the commendable efforts of those churches that remain open and functional to offer sanctuary to the people during the many natural calamities affecting the country this year, especially during the recent Severe Tropical Storm Kristine (Trami), and pray that the Philippine government will promptly address the urgent needs of the people by ensuring the rapid delivery of sufficient relief packages for each affected family in accordance with established humanitarian standards and principles; and that lawmakers, politicians, and the leadership of the land will prioritize the interests of the people rather than submit to the will of foreign interests and business profits that cause environmental destruction, such as large-scale mining, quarrying and land reclamation projects that contribute to these calamities.

The Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa

Prayer Focus this month: The Anglican Church of Uganda



WEEK 1

A Prayer for the Leadership of the Church and the Nations

The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom, and their tongues speak what is just. The law of their God is in their hearts; their feet do not slip. – Psalm 37.30-32

As we come into the month of December, we invite you to join us to pray for the Church of Uganda (Anglican Communion) under the leadership of the **Most Rev Dr Stephen Kazimba**, the College of Bishops and to pray for all who share in the leadership of the churches in the constituent dioceses of the Church of Uganda. Join us to pray for the national, community, faith and sectional leaders in the country of Uganda who, together with the church, work towards the well-being of the people, their prosperity and the peace of the nation that they would provide accountable leadership and stewardship. Join us to pray for wisdom for these leaders as they shepherd the people of faith and none, that being enlightened by the Holy Spirit, they would pursue justice, peace and respect for each other in their various faith and tribal communities, and clans.

WEEK 2

A Prayer for Mercy, Healing and Fruitfulness

And He caused His people to be very fruitful; and made them stronger than their adversaries. – Psalm 105.24

In the second week of the month, we pray for the fruitfulness, health and mercy for God's people in the Church of Uganda and its constituent dioceses. We pray that they will increase, multiply in all their undertakings and be healed of all their infirmities and illnesses. We pray for God's continued mercy and healing of the trauma suffered by the many families and communities affected by their current challenges occasioned by both human and natural causes, those affected by conflict and insurgency in the border towns with D.R. Congo and other countries, for the many who are displaced and the many taking refuge within the country of Uganda. Join us to pray for the safety of women, young girls, children and the elderly who are adversely impacted by challenging situations in the constituent dioceses of the Church of Uganda. Join us to pray for the various health and healing ministries of the Church and for all those whose work and ministries bring healing and restoration to the sick, the traumatized and those challenged emotionally and

psychologically within the dioceses of the Church of Uganda and their communities. We pray for the ministries of the various groups in the Church, the Mothers' Union, the Men's Ministries, the Youth and Children ministries as well as the ministries of theological education and others, that they all will be sources of healing and fruitfulness.

WEEK 3

A Prayer for Peace

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. – John 14.27

In the third week of the month of December, we invite you to join us to pray for the peace of Uganda, as a country and for the communities and dioceses of the Anglican Church. We pray for the peaceful co-existence of the various tribal and faith groups in Uganda and between the country and its neighbours. We pray for God's peace to undergird the ministries and mission of the Church and in the nation and for the pursuit of justice and godly actions in governance, commerce and trade, education and life-moulding actions and within the various institutions of the nation and the Church. We pray that Uganda and its peoples will know and experience the peace of Christ in the challenging political and socio-economic circumstances. We pray for peaceful social and political relations between the various ethnic groups and peoples as well as political parties and faith groups in the country and for the betterment of the nation and its people.

WEEK 4

A Prayer for Love

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. – Colossians 3.14

In the fourth week of the month, our prayer is for an endearing love among the various faiths, tribes, communities and the members of the various dioceses in the Church of Uganda and in the nation. We pray for love among people of differing faiths, tribes, and political and economic affiliations in the constituent dioceses of the Church and in the country as a whole. Join us to pray that all people will bear the burden of loving one another and experience the same in their personal and communal lives even as they undertake their various missions and ministries in love and in service to each other. Let us pray that policies, programmes, actions and thoughts of leaders and members of the church and faith, tribal and social communities will be directed by love for one another regardless of gender, ethnicity, creed, and nationality; that the mission of the church will be motivated and undergirded by genuine love for all people of faith and none, acknowledging that all are created in the image and likeness of our Sovereign Lord. Pray for all who are socially disconnected, lonely and without any social connection or support.

Additional Prayers

Thanksgiving and Celebration

✠ *Anglican Diocese of Eastern Zambia*

We celebrate the ministry of the Gender Action Group (GAG) and Gender Committee members (which includes some Headmen and Headwomen) at the Kamwanda site in Sinda who have received bicycles from the diocese through Zambia Anglican Council Outreach Program (ZACOP). The bicycles are to facilitate the work of the beneficiaries as they carry out their gender programmes. The Gender Action programmes by ZACOP aim at contributing to reducing the incidence of Gender-based Violence and its associated negative impacts within the Kamwanda and its outlying communities. The ZACOP Gender Action programme is being supported by the Australian Board of Mission (ABM) and Anglicans in Development (AID) of the Anglican Church in Australia.

✠ *Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

We join the Youth of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa to give thanks to God and celebrate the election of the Immediate Past Provincial Youth President, Ms Lulama Ntuta on her election as the First Vice-President of the South Africa Council of Churches. Join us to pray for God's guidance and counsel as she takes up this honouring responsibility to serve the Church and the State in South Africa.

✠ *Anglican Diocese of Katanga - Democratic Republic of Congo*

We join the Bishop and the faithful in the Diocese of Katanga to offer thanks to God for the success of the Diocesan Synod which ratified the motion to carve out the new Diocese of Kalemie and for the election and confirmation of the Rev Dr KAHWA Njojo as the first Bishop of the new Diocese. The new Diocese of Kalemie in D. R. Congo is along Lake Tanganyika near Tanzania and Burundi. We wish the new Bishop well in his new role and ministry among the people and the Christians of that part of Congo.

✠ *Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

Join us to pray for the upcoming inaugural summit of The Anglican Students' Evangelical Fellowship (ASEF), a merger of the Anglican Students' Fellowship (ASF) and Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion Students' Ministry (EFACSM), a unified force to take the gospel of salvation and discipleship approaches to various campuses across Nigeria and beyond. The summit will take place at the Archbishop Peter Jasper Akinola Foundation Youth Centre, Abeokuta, Ogun State from Thursday, 7th to Sunday, 10th November, 2024 and will bring together students and Alumni leaders from both fellowships as they gather to hear God's heartbeat, learn under heaven's cloud and receive direction from the Holy Spirit for the years ahead as touching Christian ministry on campus and outreaches.

✠ *Episcopal Church of South Sudan:*

We celebrate as we join the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Anglican Communion) to give thanks to God for the service of celebration of the creation of the Province and for the rededication of the renovated Mission and Evangelism Office. Join us to pray for the leadership of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and its mission efforts, especially in Education and Evangelism, both of which are avenues and tools for achieving lasting and enduring peace in the nation of South Sudan.

✠ *The Anglican Alliance:*

Join us to give thanks to God for the successful meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Anglican Alliance held at Christ Church, Jebel Ali, Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. Among the business of the meeting was the formal reception of the new Executive Director of the Alliance, Mr Robert Dawes and to bid farewell to the outgoing Executive Director, the Rev Canon Rachel Carnegie who had served in the role for the last ten years. The Trustees were formally welcomed by the Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf, the Rt Rev Sean Semple while the meeting was hosted under the auspices of the Parish Priest, the Reverend Jim Young, who described his ministry as carried out through Christ Church. Bishop Sean presided at the closing Eucharist on Friday (18th October).

✠ *The Church of the Province of Central Africa:*

Following the resolution of the Provincial Synod to create new dioceses in Malawi, the Provincial assessment team has begun sitting in the Anglican Diocese of Lake Malawi to ascertain the viability and sustainability of the proposed new dioceses. The motivation is generally for church growth in Malawi. Join us to pray for the team which is being led by the Dean of the Province, The Rt Rev Dr Farai Mutamiri. Let us pray that their engagements and assessments will lead to viable conclusions that will uplift God's Church in the country of Malawi.

✠ *The Anglican Diocese of Eswatini:*

We join the Bishop, Clergy and the Lay Faithful of the Anglican Diocese of Eswatini to give thanks to God for the growth and expansion of the mission and ministry of the Church in the country. We thank God for the service of administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Renewal of Licences of Lay Ministers held in the parish of St Phillip and St James, Luyengo. We rejoice at the enthusiastic uptake of the Church and Community Mobilization Process Tool in the diocese and for the work of the Champions in this regard.

✠ *Diocese of Nairobi – Anglican Church of Kenya:*

We join the Christians in the Diocese of Nairobi to pray and welcome their Commissary Bishop, the Rt Rev Francis Matui, the Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Makueni. Bishop Matui, as Commissary Bishop of the Diocese of Nairobi, will provide spiritual oversight and episcopal leadership of the Nairobi diocese during the period of interregnum as they prepare to elect a successor Bishop to the retired Rt Rev Joel

Waweru. The Bishop Commissary was introduced to the Diocesan Standing Committee by the Archbishop, the Most Rev Dr Jackson Ole Sapit. Join us to pray for God's grace and godly counsel as he leads the diocese through the transition process

✠ *Anglican Development Services – Eastern – Anglican Church of Kenya*

With gratitude to God, we join the ADSE to give thanks and honour the Rt Rev Joseph Mutungi(outgoing Bishop of Machakos) and the Rt Rev David Mutisya (outgoing Bishop of Garrisa)for their leadership and service as the Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively of the Board of Trustees of ADSE. We join in thanksgiving to God for the success of the 18th AGM of ADSE and for the ground-breaking for the construction of the Holy Trinity Chapel in the compound of the ADSE Headquarters. Join us to pray for God's continued grace for the two Bishops as they bow out of their leadership roles and pray for those coming into take their places. Let us pray for the Executive Director of ADSE and his team and for the communities they are working with to bring about sustainable livelihoods, climate-smart agriculture and the other innovations being championed through the ADSE and Machakos, Makeni, Kituie and Garrisa.

✠ *Anglican Health and Community Network (AHCN)*

The Anglican Health and Community Network brings together persons and institutions involved in health and healing ministries in various provinces to share fellowship, learnings and best practices as well as explore innovative ways to enhance the health and healing ministries of the Church in the various provinces. The Working Group of the Network met in Hong Kong from 11th to 15th October to strategize on the roll-out of the plans and activities of the Network. CAPA (as a member of the Working Group) is initiating the CAPA Health Network as a platform to facilitate both the upward and downward cascading of the sharing and learnings from the global Working Group. African Primates have been requested to nominate provincial representatives to join the network and we look forward to holding an online session to plan and strategize in early January. Please pray for the start of this ministry even as we look to God, the Great Physician, to send us His help, wisdom and fruitfulness of this ministry.

✠ *Anglican Diocese of Upper Shire – Malawi*

We join the Diocese of Upper Shire(Malawi) to celebrate and offer into God's care the ministry of Financial Literacy and Economic Empowerment being undertaken for both men and women under the auspices of Hope International and under the leadership of the Rev Father Sandress Mganja of the Parish of St. Mary, Samama. Join us to pray for breakthrough for the application of the knowledge and skills obtained in the training and for the fruitfulness of the various undertakings to ensure economic empowerment of the beneficiaries.

Various Prayers

✠ *Anglican Church of Tanzania:*

Give thanks for the Anglican Church of Tanzania who held their Provincial Synod in Dodoma from 21 to 22 November. Join us to pray for the Most Rev Dr Maimbo Mndolwa who chaired the sessions and to give thanks for all those who took on new leadership roles during the Synod.

✠ *Anglican Diocese of Cape Coast – Ghana:*

We give thanks for the Rt Rev Victor Reginald Atta-Baffoe, PhD, the Clergy and the Laity of the diocese who gathered together for the Fourth Session of the Fourth Synod of the diocese from 13 to 16 November, The theme for the synod was “Working towards a vibrant and transformative diocese through our hope in Christ” (Phil 3:12-14)

✠ *Anglican Church of Southern Africa:*

We At the recently held Synod of Bishops and the Provincial Synod of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, the retirement of Bishop Eddie Daniels and others was announced and their ministries celebrated. Bishop Eddie Daniels is the Bishop of the Diocese of Port Elizabeth and the Provincial Lead Bishop on Theological Education. He and his wife attended the 2021 Bishops’ and Spouses’ Orientation in Cairo, Egypt. He has since then been an active champion and advocate for the uptake of CCMP as a tool for holistic ministry in theological education. As he steps down from his role as Diocesan Bishop, he has shared his reflection which can be read at www.heraldlive.co.za/opinion/2024-10-28-reflections-on-a-journey-of-faith-and-service-lessons-learnt-as-i-step-down-as-bishop. We, in the CAPA Secretariat, wish Bishop Eddie and his family well in the next phase of their personal, family and ministerial life.

✠ *Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola:*

Please join us to pray for the IAMA province as they prepare to assemble in synod to elect a new Primate. Pray for the College of Bishops, the Clerical and Lay members of the synod and all who will be accompanying them in the process. Let us pray for the guidance and leadership of the Holy Spirit in the entire process that all may end in praise and to the glory of God, the Head and Cornerstone of the Church.

✠ *CAPA Triple Event:*

Please join us to pray for the CAPA Triple Event which takes place in 2025.

The Primates, in their October meeting, approved the dates and themes for the events as follows:

CAPA ASSEMBLY Date: 9th-11th June (Arrival will be 8th June)

Theme: CAPA – an authentic instrument of Anglican Mission in Africa

CAPA@45

This will be an evening event of celebration and awards for the 45 years of ministry of CAPA. Primates approved the suggestion for awards to be given to some deserving individuals, partners and institutions.

AABC III

Date: 11th-15th June (Early arrivals from 10th June and departures on 16th)

Theme and sub-themes:

Main Theme: The African Anglican Mission Agenda

Sub-Themes:

- a. The Africa Anglican Spirituality and Identity
- b. Holistic Gospel Proclamation for a Self-Sustaining Anglican Church in Africa
- c. The Anglican Church's Response to the paradoxes of the continent
 - i. Poverty in the midst of plenty
 - ii. Environmental and Climate Justice
 - iii. Gender-Based Violence and the integrity and safety of women and girls
- d. An Africa Anglican Youth Ministry Agenda

Please join us to pray towards the success of the Triple Events and for the needed resources. Pray especially for the work of the Planning Committee under the leadership of Archbishop Jackson Ole Sapit, Primate of Kenya and the Vice Chairman of CAPA.

Pray for CAPA's Ministry

We invite you to pray for CAPA's work in the year 2024 and for our role expressed as in the acronym SPAACER

- ✦ **Sustainability** – of the Church's presence and ministry on the continent
- ✦ **Public Image** – shaping and upholding a positive image of the Anglican Church within Africa and in the global space.
- ✦ **Accompanying** – Provinces in various processes and initiatives, including peace building
- ✦ **Advocacy** – Shaping, coordinating, and participating in advocacy initiatives with Provinces and other organizations.
- ✦ **Coordinating** – creating safe space for Provinces to interact and engage on relevant pastoral issues with some sense of coherence.

- ✦ **Equipping** – the Church leadership at various levels with appropriate skills for effective functioning as transformational leaders
- ✦ **Renewing** – Church life and fellowship between the provinces as well as their commitment to the Africa transforming agenda

For resource support and commitment to ...

- ✦ 2024 Core Budget funding and Programmes
- ✦ Church and Community Mobilization Process (CCMP) Envisioning and Facilitators' training in Eswatini
- ✦ Sustainable Theological Education in Africa in 2024

National Days

Join us to remember and pray this month for the Independence Anniversaries and/or National Days of –

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| 1 December | The Central African Republic: National Day |
| 11 December | Burkina Faso: National Day |
| 12 December | The Republic of Kenya: Jamhuri Day |
| 18 December | The Republic of the Niger: National Day |
| 24 December | The State of Libya: National Day |



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Sun 1	<p>Advent 1 – Year C begins today</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Australia; The Primate – Archbishop Geoff Smith; the General Secretary – Anne Hywood; the General Synod and the Standing Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Kenya <i>ADS-Eastern, a branch of the Anglican Church of Kenya’s Anglican Development Services</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Aids Day
Mon 2	<p>Frances Perry, founder of the Royal Women’s Hospital, Melbourne († 1892)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Adelaide – Archbishop Geoff Smith; Bishops Chris McLeod, Tim Harris, and Sophie Relf-Christopher, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Melanesia The ACOM Board of Mission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
Tue 3	<p>Francis Xavier, priest and missionary († 1552)</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> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Persons with Disabilities

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Wed 4	<p>Nicholas Ferrar, deacon and man of prayer († 1637)</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> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Banks
Thu 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 Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development World Soil Day
Fri 6	<p>Nicholas of Myra, bishop and philanthropist († ca. 342)</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 organisation of the ECP</i> <p>See p. 8</p>	
Sat 7	<p>Ambrose of Milan, bishop and teacher († 397)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Brisbane – Archbishop Jeremy Greaves, Bishops Cameron Venables, John Roundhill and Sarah Plowman, 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. 7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Civil Aviation Day

<p>Sun 8</p>	<p>Advent 2</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> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime International Anti-Corruption Day
<p>Mon 9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn – Bishop Mark Short; Bishops Carol Wagner and Vanessa Bennett, 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"> Human Rights Day
<p>Tue 10</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>The Anglican Missions Board, AMB</i> See p. 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Rights Day
<p>Wed 11</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 See p. 6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Mountain Day

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Thu 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. 7</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Neutrality International Universal Health Coverage Day
Fri 13	<p>Lucy, virgin and martyr († 304)</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 	
Sat 14	<p>John of the Cross, mystic and teacher († 1591)</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 	
Sun 15	<p>Advent 3</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 	<p>The Church of Ceylon</p> <p><i>See p. 4</i></p>	

<p>Mon 16</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 	
<p>Tue 17</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 	
<p>Wed 18</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of North West Australia – Bishop Darrell Parker, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of South India 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Migrants Day Arabic Language Day
<p>Thu 19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy; Bishops Kate Wilmot, Hans Christiansen and David Bassett, 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>Fri 20</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> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Human Solidarity Day

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Sat 21	<p>Thomas, apostle and 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"> World Basketball Day
Sun 22	<p>Advent 4</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 	
Mon 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"> Nungalinya College, Darwin 	
Tue 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of the Murray – the Ven Simon Waters (Administrator), the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pray for the staff and students of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns, as they grieve the college's closure. 	
Wed 25	<p>The Birth of our Lord – Christmas Day</p> <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) 	

<p>Thu 26</p>	<p>Stephen, deacon and first martyr</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Wangaratta – Bishop Clarence Bester, the clergy and people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alongside Hope (formerly the Primate’s Fund for World Relief and Development, Canada) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Epidemic Preparedness
<p>Fri 27</p>	<p>John, apostle and evangelist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeremy James TSSF, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USPG (UK and Ireland) 	
<p>Sat 28</p>	<p>The Holy Innocents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Anglicare Australia: Chair, Bishop Chris Jones; Executive Director, Kasy Chambers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy 	
<p>Sun 29</p>	<p>Christmas 1</p> <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 	
<p>Mon 30</p>	<p>Josephine Butler, social reformer († 1905)</p> <p>Traditional Day of Prayer for Mission</p> <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 See p. 9 	

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Tue 31	John Wyclif, teacher and reformer († 1384) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Religious Orders of the Anglican Church of Australia 		
<p>Displacements and/or Omissions this month</p> <p>8 Dec: The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>8 Dec: Richard Baxter, pastor and spiritual writer († 1691)</p> <p>29 Dec: Thomas Beckett, Archbishop of Canterbury, martyr († 1170)</p>			

