

# PARTNERS IN PRAYER 2024



ANGLICAN MISSIONS



## **How do I use *Partners in Prayer*?**

*Partners in Prayer* has a page for each of the 31 possible days in a month. For example, if it's the 15th of the month, use day 15. Don't let this stop you from praying for whatever you feel led to! Use this book to engage with the prayer life of Anglican Missions and the Anglican church however you feel led.

The past year has had us witness incredibly difficult, challenging and dark situations. As I write this, shameful human war and conflict continues to bring us stories of fresh atrocities, displacement, despair and death. Unpredictable and severe weather events continue to destroy homes and lives.

Perhaps the greatest risk through these situations, however, is that hopelessness becomes a common part of our vocabulary.

**But hope is not lost.** Not while the church continues to be the hands and feet of Jesus in those places of desperate need. Psalm 62: 5-6 reassures us that *"... my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress; I will not be shaken."*

These prayers focus on the gloriously good work that so many people are doing to make this world a better place. The resilience, courage, faith and professionalism of the people in this book are beacons of light and hope that are tearing through the veil of darkness. And now, in 2024, our aid and development branch Anglican World Aid (AWA) has opened even more of these mission fields to work in; these are the mission fields that Christ has called us to.

In Matthew 25: 35-36, Jesus says that those who have looked after the sick have cared for Christ himself:

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."*

You too can be part of Christ's mission here on Earth through your prayer and practical support of Anglican Missions and AWA. This year, let us work together to restore the light of hope to a darkened world.

Ngā manaakitanga,

**Rev Michael Hartfield**  
National Director



# 01 DIOCESE OF POLYNESIA FIJI

Today we pray for the people, staff and clergy of Fiji.

Following the global COVID 19 pandemic, many people in Fiji continue to struggle to make ends meet. This is especially real for those who were formerly employed in the tourism industry, where the pandemic took a heavy toll.

## We pray for

- The government and leadership of Fiji
- The ongoing social issues of poverty, violence and abuse faced by many
- The resilience of people who suffer from the direct effects of climate change
- The youth of Fiji as they find their identities in times of challenge and hardship
- Karen Chute-Delaivoni, who manages Anglican Missions and AWA projects in Polynesia
- For peace and stability in our land

## We give thanks for

- Archbishop Sione Ulu'ilakepa and his leadership
- Vicar General Venerable Orisi Vuki, Bishop Gabriel Sharma and Bishop Henry Bull in the Diocese of Polynesia for their leadership

- Rev Sepiuta Hala'api'api, General Secretary, and for the team at the Moana Anglican Services and Teaching (MAST) Centre in Suva

## Collect

Our Pacific islands are yours, O Lord, and all the seas that surround them. You made the palm trees grow and the birds fly in the air. When we see your beautiful rising sun and hear the waves splash our shores, we know, Lord, how wonderfully you bless our people.

**“And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.”** 1 Peter 5:10

# 02 DIOCESE OF POLYNESIA SAMOA + AMERICAN SAMOA

Today we pray for the people of Samoa and American Samoa and in particular the staff and clergy in the Archdeaconries.

Following the global COVID 19 pandemic, many of our people in Samoa continue to have difficulty making ends meet. This is especially real to those who live overseas and struggle to support their families financially back home.

## We pray for

- The Samoa Archdeaconry led by Archdeacon Chris Solomona
- All Saints Anglican Church, led by Vicar, Reverend Raymond Betham
- All Saints Anglican School, Principal Rachel Solomona and staff
- The American Samoa Archdeaconry led by Archdeacon Jemima Nafatali
- St John's Anglican Church, led by Priest in Charge, Reverend Tufa Ah Ching
- The ongoing social issues of poverty, violence and abuse faced by many
- The resilience of people who suffer from the direct effects of climate change
- The emerging youth of Samoa and American Samoa as they find their identities in times of challenge and hardship

## We give thanks for

- The mission of the Church in Leififi, Apia, Samoa and Pagopago, American Samoa
- The mission of All Saints Anglican School in Samoa

## Collect

Caring God, you equip us with all we truly need in the business of our daily lives. Turn us towards you, so that we might trust in your provision and hold on only to things of true value.

**“Dear ones, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who practices righteousness, the one who strives to live a consistently honorable life—in private as well as in public—is righteous, just as He is righteous.” 1 John 3:7**

# 03 DIOCESE OF POLYNESIA TONGA

**Today we pray for the people of Tonga and in particular the staff and clergy of the Tonga Episcopal Unit.**

Following the COVID 19 pandemic and devastating volcanic eruption and tsunami, many people in Tonga continue to struggle to make ends meet.

- Anglican Missions Tongan Project Officers: Sivia Sunia, Taniela Koloamatangi and Siopo Koloamatangi

## **We pray for**

- Our Monarch, King George VI and his leadership
- The Episcopal Unit of Tonga and the leadership of Archdeacon Kensington Fifita.
- The leadership in the parishes of St Paul's, Nuku'alofa; All Saints, Fasi; St Barnabas, Mataika; St Matthias, Pahu; St Andrew, Vava'u and Holy Trinity, Haapai
- The mission of St Andrew's Anglican School
- Those who have lingering trauma from the volcanic eruption and tsunami in January 2022

## **We give thanks for**

- The mission of the Church in Tonga
- The resilience of our people in the face of disasters
- Disaster preparedness initiatives and climate action programmes including Community Integrated Vulnerability Analysis (CIVA)

## **Collect**

Surround us now with your grace and peace through storm or earthquake, fire or flood and sickness. By your Spirit, lift up those who have fallen, sustain those who work to rescue or rebuild, and fill us with the hope of your new creation; through Jesus Christ, our rock and redeemer.

**“Get up, for this matter is your responsibility, and we support you. Be strong and take action!”** Ezra 10:4



Hiq'one tends his crop of vanilla.



Members of the Anglican Missions Board meet with the Sisters of Moana St Clare.



# 04 DIOCESE OF POLYNESIA

## THE MOANA COMMUNITY OF ST CLARE

**Today we pray for The Moana Community of St Clare in Fiji, and all those who are in similar communities that care for the vulnerable and marginalised.**

The Moana Community of St Clare is the first indigenous Order of the Diocese of Polynesia. Moana, an ancient word indigenous to Polynesia, means ocean. Guided by God's Spirit, the Moana Community lives out discipleship with Jesus in ways relevant to the Oceanic context, particularly through the care of children in need.

### **We pray for**

The Community of the Sacred Name and The Order of the Moana St Clare, which:

- Provides care for those at St Christopher's Home in Naulu, Suva
- Provides care for boys over 12 years old at Moana Boys Home in Naulu, Suva
- For strength, guidance and wisdom as they are and serve their community

### **Collect**

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**“Now he who supplies seed to the farmer and bread to eat will also supply you with seed and multiply it and enlarge the harvest that results from your righteousness.”**

2 Corinthians 9:10

# 05 DIOCESE OF POLYNESIA EMERGENCY RESPONSE

**Today we pray for those swept over by natural disasters, and for those who extend their hands to pick them back up.**

The annual cyclone season and storm surges are getting stronger with the growing impact of climate change. Our people in the Pacific need to be more resilient than ever before, and our response to emergencies needs to be quick, effective and sustainable.

## **We pray for**

- The work of Anglican Missions in partnership with The Diocese of Polynesia
- Mark Mitchell, Development and Humanitarian Manager, with overall responsibility for Anglican Missions emergency response
- The expansion of prepositioned containers and disaster preparedness in Samoa

## **We give thanks for**

- The prepositioned containers that practically assist communities in Fiji and Tonga
- Our partners in the Pacific, who continue to support the Diocese both during and after natural disasters

## **Collect**

I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed. I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfils his purposes for me. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

**“For God is not so unjust as to forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have ministered to the saints and continue to minister to them.”** Hebrews 6:10

# 06 THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF MELANESIA

Today we pray for the Anglican Church in Melanesia (ACoM), which includes Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and New Caledonia.

## We pray and give thanks for

- The clergy, staff, volunteers and congregations of the Anglican Church in Melanesia
- Their witness, faith and example in their communities and countries
- Wisdom for those entrusted with leadership and decision-making
- The Sisters and Brothers of the many religious orders in the Anglican Church of Melanesia. Their work and witness in the communities they serve is especially vital among those who have suffered because of civil conflict.

## Collect

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love for one another.

**"Don't be afraid, because I'm with you; don't be anxious, because I am your God. I keep on strengthening you; I'm truly helping you. I'm surely upholding you with my victorious right hand."** Isaiah 41:10

# 07 THE ANGLICAN CHURCH + PEOPLE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Today we pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (ACPNG), as it faces challenges to the many communities it ministers to.

## We pray for

- The people of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
- For guidance and grace as they minister to the marginalised, poor and those with great need
- For Newton Theological staff and principal as they work towards registration as a higher education provider of theological education, teaching and nursing courses. With more than a thousand cultural groups and more than 820 different languages in Papua New Guinea, this diversity makes for significant mission and educational challenges.

## We give thanks for

- The clergy and lay people in ACPNG
- The relationship between the Diocese of Waiapu and the Church in Papua New Guinea
- The H & W Williams Memorial Trust, and their strategic funding for long term outcomes

## Collect

Father, pour out Your blessings upon the theological education and church community of Papua New Guinea so that everyone grows in the knowledge of Your truth, love, wisdom and peace. We glorify you on earth by finishing the work that you give us to do.

**“Blessed is the person who trusts in the LORD, making the LORD his trust. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by a stream. He won’t fear when the heat comes, and his leaves will be green. In a year of drought he won’t be concerned, nor will he stop producing fruit.”** Jeremiah 17:7–8



Melanesia Brotherhood stand in front of a water container, Solomon Islands.

# 08 PREPARATION + RESILIENCE

In a world filled with uncertainties, preparation, resilience and cooperation are vital for people and communities to weather the storms that come their way. Today, we pray specifically for the “Partners in Risk and Resilience” tool offered by the Anglican Alliance. This tool is a beacon of hope in fostering partnerships and resilience in the face of disasters.

## We pray for

- The continued development of the Partners in Risk and Resilience (PiRR) tool, that it may grow in utility and reach, fostering strong collaborations between governments, NGOs, and communities in disaster preparedness
- Wisdom and guidance to support the ongoing development of PiRR, ensuring the safety of all in the face of disasters
- The community of practice from across the Anglican Communion who are dedicated to building on the usefulness of PiRR, that they may be inspired with innovative ideas and solutions
- The resilience of communities and individuals as they work with the developing PiRR tool, enabling them to withstand adversity and rebuild their lives
- The early progress and successes of PiRR as it takes its first steps in aiding communities with their disaster preparedness
- The collaborative spirit that has emerged through PiRR’s development, uniting diverse stakeholders to work towards a common goal
- The hope that arises from the knowledge that, even in its early stages, PiRR is a source of support and a symbol of unity within the Anglican Communion.

## Collect

El Roi, the God who sees, we bring our preparation and plans before you, knowing your loving gaze will always be upon us. Help us in our planning for times of trial; for when the wind and waves rise, and our human bonds of cooperation are tested.

**“I’ve had help from God to this day, and so I stand here to testify to both the powerful and the lowly alike, stating only what the prophets and Moses said would happen.” Acts 26:22**

## We pray and give thanks for

- The vision and commitment of those involved in the development of PiRR

# 09 THE H&W WILLIAMS MEMORIAL TRUST

The H&W Williams Memorial Trust continues to honour the legacy and vision of Henry and William Williams, who came to New Zealand as missionaries among Māori from 1823 to 1876.

## We pray and give thanks for

- The trustees of the H&W Williams Memorial Trust, many of whom are descendants of Henry & Marianne Williams and William & Jane Williams
- Their careful stewardship and generous distribution of funds every year, which go towards supporting Christian missionary work among Māori, the Pacific Islands and many other countries
- Their generous support over many years to Anglican Missions, which has helped greatly to sustain our work in Polynesia
- The generosity of the Trust during times of emergency, particularly during natural disasters and the immediate response support they provide

## Collect

Good and gracious God, you are the source of every good gift. We thank you for those who give of themselves, emulating the example of Christ who gave His life for us with supreme love. Help us to become more and more like you today, and every day of our lives.

**“Learn to practice what is good; seek justice, alleviate oppression, defend orphans in court, and plead the widow’s case.”** Isaiah 1:17

Surveying damage to infrastructure in the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle.





# 10 CYCLONE GABRIELLE + THOSE IN CRISIS

In 2023, the East Coast of New Zealand was hit by a devastating cyclone. Now, more than ever, we remember people who are affected by storms and cyclones, flooding and droughts, earthquakes and tsunamis, war, famine and conflict. These events disproportionately affect the poor and vulnerable; may their voices be heard long after the last news cameras have left.

## We pray for

- Those affected by Cyclone Gabrielle through loss of homes and livelihoods. Grant them resilience, and for them to know God's comfort, hope and protection as they continue to rebuild and restore their communities and lives
- Communities on the front line of climate change despite contributing the least to global emissions
- The over 110 million refugees or internally displaced peoples
- The over 780 million people who will go to bed hungry tonight

## We give thanks for

- Churches, communities and countries that provide hope, practical support and open doors to everyone
- The faith that sustains us and brings us together in times of crisis
- Our key response partners that include Anglican Overseas Aid,

the Anglican Board of Missions Australia and the Anglican Alliance

- Dedicated aid and humanitarian workers, who often work in extreme conditions to provide crucial assistance to those who are most vulnerable

## Collect

Almighty King of Glory, we come to your presence for the strength to endure the crisis and the courage to face it head-on. Lord Jesus, you are our prince of peace, and we call upon you in prayer to intercede for us.

**"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling."** Psalm 46:1-3

# 11 NZ + OUR PARTNERS

## YOUTH + CHILDREN

Today we pray for the youth and children of our Province -  
Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

### We pray for

Schools and institutions that:

- Are dedicated to giving young people a faith, hope and future, including The Anglican Schools Office in New Zealand and the Lotu Youth Mission Community in Fiji
- Provide good, relevant resources, energy and strong leaders who will equip, encourage and empower young people
- Have chaplains who provide guidance, support, and spiritual nourishment to students and staff

Young people, that they would:

- Experience a life filled with enduring hope that never diminishes
- Have freedom, happiness and a joy that cannot be stolen
- Find a parish and place to belong
- Find their place and purpose in Jesus
- Be aware of God's presence and safety in their daily lives

### We give thanks for

- Opportunities to meet to network and share resources

- All who disciple young people to be Christ-centred across the Three-Tikanga Church
- Projects that work with and target young people

### Collect

Thank you, God for the gift of youth, for the young people of today, who are unafraid to look life in the face and give themselves to it. Help us to recognise young people in our church and community and to value their contribution to our life together.

**"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."** Timothy 4:12

# 12 NZ + OUR PARTNERS

## ANGLICAN MISSIONS + AWA (AOTEAROA)

Today we pray for the staff and Board of Anglican Missions and Anglican World Aid (AWA). We give thanks for the support received from parishes, rohē and individuals which enables AM and AWA to carry out mission, development and humanitarian work across the globe.

### We pray and give thanks for

The Board of Anglican Missions:

- That they would lead with wisdom, compassion and understanding
- For their long-term planning and strategic foresight
- For initiative, drive and passion for Anglican Missions and Anglican World Aid as we continue to develop and grow

The staff of Anglican Missions:

- Bless and sustain Rev Michael Hartfield and his leadership of the team
- Thank you for the staff of Anglican Missions and their commitment to putting love into action, through their various incredible skills, talents and passion
- Thank you for our incredible interns and volunteers, who consistently bring new skills and perspective

### Collect

God, you call us to serve you with all the strength we have. You are faithful to those you call. May Jesus' resurrection raise us if we stumble, and the light of Christ beckon us if we lose our way; we shall have strength once more to walk with you to the Cross.

**"Therefore, holy brothers, partners in a heavenly calling, keep your focus on Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession."**

Hebrews 3:1

# 13 NZ + OUR PARTNERS VOLUNTEERS + SUPPORTERS

There are many people who need to be thanked for their interest in and commitment to Anglican Missions. Without them we simply can't do what we do. Today we pray for and give thanks for these people.

## We pray and give thanks for

- The generous support from parish, rohē and individual donors
- Everyone who encourages overseas mission in their places of worship
- Our wonderful volunteers who help with stamps, mail-outs and supporting our office
- The vision of Henry and William Williams, whose legacy continues to provide generously to our work in the Pacific through the H&W Williams Memorial Trust
- The variety of parish and other events which bring people together to raise awareness of and funds for overseas missions
- The agencies in Aotearoa NZ and overseas that we partner with for specific projects and humanitarian responses

## Mission Support Groups:

- We thank God for the way Diocesan and Tikanga Mission groups and individuals raise awareness of overseas mission

- Overseas Mission Tikanga Pākehā (OMTP)
- Tikanga Māori Mission Council (TMMC)

## Collect

Fill your Church, O Lord, with life and energy, spiritual health and vitality. As we feed on you, may we grow more like you; may we exercise your loving ministry, and with your tenderness, serve with your humility and co-operate with your vision.

**“So then, encourage one another and build each other up, as you are doing.”** 1 Thessalonians 5:11



Board member Rev. Michael Hughes picking up litter on the Nuku'alofa foreshore.

# 14 NZ + OUR PARTNERS

## ANGLICAN FINANCIAL CARE

Today we pray for Anglican Financial Care (AFC) which has provided financial services for clergy and lay workers for almost 50 years.

### We pray and give thanks for

- Anglican Financial Care as it serves and supports its members throughout Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia
- Its management of the Christian KiwiSaver Scheme as it aligns Christian values with a strong ethical mandate
- Margaret Bearsley, Chief Executive of AFC and for wisdom as she leads the organisation
- The Members Services team who are the contact point for AFC's members.
- The Finance Team who are a crucial engine to AFC's day-to-day business and planning for the future
- The Investment Team – that they achieve investment outcomes that will serve clergy and all church workers
- IT systems and all the services they support. We pray for their continued reliability
- AFC's Compliance – that they can continue to protect the organisation from risks
- Marketing and Communications – that they can provide members

with information they need at exactly the right moment”

- The hardworking, friendly and genuinely caring team at AFC. We pray for protection for this team as they serve the Church

### Collect

God of Heaven, we pray that You would guide us to make wise financial decisions. Bless us so that we can be a blessing to those around us. We pray that we do not idolise money but are faithful with what you have given to us, living with open hands and a generous spirit.

**“Do not neglect to do good and to be generous, for God is pleased with such sacrifices.”** Hebrews 13:16

# 15 NZ + OUR PARTNERS WOMEN'S OUTREACH

Today we pray for the women in New Zealand and from our Church who provide continuing support for overseas mission.

## We pray and give thanks for

- The Association of Anglican Women (AAW), who have been working and praying since 1969
- Their support of special projects run by Anglican Missions
- NZAAW President Cynthia Prince
- Diocesan Presidents and Committees
- Overseas and Outreach Convenor Raewyn Dawson
- Their ongoing prayer support of women and children who survive abuse and violence
- Their support of kindergartens and travelling costs
- Their generous giving towards the Rwenzori Special Needs Foundation in Uganda

The Mothers' Union:

- Who have actively supported families and communities in need since 1876. Anglican Missions and the Mother's Union have links throughout Polynesia, Melanesia, Papua New Guinea and Africa
- Who work tirelessly to support families, regardless of faith or background
- Who operate all over the world

- For Reverend Sarah Pigeon, President of NZ Mothers' Union

## Collect

God loves you just the way you are, but He is eager to help you become even more. More joyful, more contented, more mature, and more blessed. You are uniquely qualified and prepared for each day, because God is living in you and you are living inside God's love.

**"The LORD is my rock, my fortress, my deliverer, my God, my stronghold in whom I take refuge, my shield, the glory of my salvation, and my high tower." Psalm 18:2**



Pacific Projects Manager Karen Chute examines shower facilities at Nadawa Settlement.



# 16 NZ + OUR PARTNERS

## NZCMS

**Today we pray for the New Zealand Church Missionary Society (NZCMS), who have been sending missionaries since 1892.**

Anglican Missions and NZCMS have been working together for over a century to enable this gospel work, and Anglican Missions remains committed to funding a significant proportion of NZCMS's Mission Partner costs.

### We pray and give thanks for

The Staff of NZCMS:

- Rev Rosie Fyfe (National Director)
- Bruce & Carolyn (Personnel Managers)
- Paula Masterton (Office Administrator)
- Jairus Robb (Communications Officer)
- Yvonne Styles (Finance Manager)
- Cassie Kamunaga (Youth Missions Enabler)
- Alice Kinyua (Intercultural Communities Enabler)
- The NZCMS Board

Mission Partners:

- Neill and Rebekah Dunbar with Jonathan, Aaron and Emily (Cambodia)
- Adrienne Worth (Cambodia)
- Luke and Naomi Sinclair (Japan)
- Nick and Tessa Laing (Uganda)

- Andy and Shona Miller with Aliana, Jeshaiiah and Elías (Costa Rica)
- Jamie and Lily Somerville (Southeast Asia)
- Mission Partners in countries hostile to the Gospel. While we can't publish their names, they are known by God, and we trust in His loving care and protection over their lives.

Māori Evangelists

- Te Hauoterangi (Howard) & Ngahuia Karaka (Te Puaha O Waikato - Port Waikato)
- Keri-Ann Hokianga (Manukau, Auckland)
- Fanny Hokianga (Far North)
- Troy Nathan (Te Takiwa O Manukau)

### Collect

God of call and vocation, you call the greatest and least to follow you; open our ears to hear your call, empower us by the Holy Spirit to respond and willingly embrace the new and living way of discipleship.

**“Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you” John 20:21**

# 17 NZ + OUR PARTNERS

## LOCAL MISSION

Today we pray for mission in Aotearoa New Zealand and for those who lead the Anglican Church in our Province.

### We pray for

The bishops, clergy and people of our Dioceses' and Hui Amorangi: Te Tai Tokerau, Te Manawa o te Wheke, Te Upoko o Te Ika, Te Waipounamu, Te Tairāwhiti, Auckland, Waipapu, Waikato and Taranaki, Wellington, Nelson, Christchurch, Dunedin and the Diocese of Polynesia.

- The three Archbishops of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia – the Most Rev Don Tamihere (Tikanga Māori and Bishop of Te Tairāwhiti), the Most Rev Philip Richardson (Tikanga Pākehā and Bishop of Waikato and Taranaki) and The Most Rev Sione Ulu'ilakepa (Polynesia)
- The Rt Rev Te Kitohi Pikaahu
- The Rt Rev Ngarahu Katene
- The Rt Rev Waitohiariki Quayle
- The Rt Rev Richard Wallace
- The Rt Rev Ross Bay
- The Rt Rev Andrew Hedge
- The Rt Rev Justin Duckworth
- The Rt Rev Stephen Maina Mwangi
- The Rt Rev Dr. Peter Carrell
- The Rt Rev Dr. Steven Benford
- The Rt Rev Gabriel Sharma
- The Rt Rev Henry Bull

- Rev Canon Michael Hughes, General Secretary

### We give thanks for

- All staff, clergy and rohe who work across the Province
- Defence Force, tertiary, school, hospital and workplace chaplains
- The work of the Church Army, New Zealand and its National Director, Capt. Monika Clark

### Collect

Draw your Church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world.

**“But those who keep waiting for the LORD will renew their strength. Then they’ll soar on wings like eagles; they’ll run and not grow weary; they’ll walk and not grow tired.”**

Isaiah 40:31

# 18 NZ + OUR PARTNERS MISSION AGENCIES

Today we pray for mission agencies that we work with in Aotearoa NZ and around the world, giving thanks for the inspiring work they do.

## We pray and give thanks for

- The Anglican Chinese Mission which celebrated its 120th anniversary in 2023 and the leadership of Pastor Henry Yap and Rev. Jimmy Luey
- The Anglican Alliance based in London and the leadership of Executive Director, Rev Canon Rachel Carnegie and her staff
- The Oceania Regional Advisory Committee (ORAC) and its Secretary, Karen Chute-Delavoini who works for Anglican Missions.
- Our key partners and colleagues at the Anglican Board of Missions (ABM) and Anglican Overseas Aid (AOA) - both in Australia

Missions Interlink, which:

- Represents more than 100 organisations and churches engaged in mission, led by Executive Officer, Jay Matenga and his Board

The Bible Society, and:

- The publication of The Māori/English Bilingual Bible which helps Māori speakers, Biblical scholars and those learning Te Reo

- The publication of the first Tokelauan full Bible launch in 2023/24
- For the funding to refurbish an acquired building in Wiri, where the Bible Society can consolidate its operations

## Collect

O gracious and loving God, you work everywhere reconciling, loving, and healing your people and your creation. In your Son and through the power of your Holy Spirit, you invite each of us to join you in your work.

**“Pray also for me, so that, when I begin to speak, the right words will come to me. Then I will boldly make known the secret of the gospel, for whose sake I am an ambassador in chains, desiring to declare the gospel as boldly as I should.”**

Ephesians 19:20

# 19 NZ + OUR PARTNERS

## ANGLICAN INDIGENOUS NETWORK (AIN)

**Today we pray for the AIN and its work in development, training and resource sharing of its international members.**

Compelled by the Gospel's power of reconciliation and restoration, the AIN support one another within the common challenges facing all minority peoples. They are committed to the Christian faith and Anglican life, upholding the principles of indigenous knowledge, indigenous wisdom and indigenous theology and spirituality.

- Martha Jarvis, Anglican Communion Permanent Representative to the United Nations and AIN Liaison Lead Officer in the Anglican Communion Office, London, UK
- The continuing work of the Rt Rev'd Te Kitohi Pikaahu, AIN Chair, and the Rev'd Dr Paul Reynolds, AIN Secretary

### **We pray and give thanks for**

- The work of the AIN Steering group members from around the world
- The bishops, clergy and laity involved in AIN
- The Anglican Indigenous Church in Canada in supporting their Anglican Indigenous Archbishop, the Most Rev'd Chris Harper
- Bishop Mateo Alto - Toma Tribe, Suffragan Bishop of Northern Argentina and Bishop Crisanto Rojas - Wichi Tribe, Suffragan Bishop of Northern Argentina
- Paul Tester, CMS Mission Development Manager for Latin America (Chile) who is supporting the Argentinian Bishops involvement and participation in AIN activities

### **Collect**

Heavenly Father, may your words of truth take root in our hearts and grow to rich maturity. May we hear your will for us and act upon it; may we take seriously our responsibility to encourage and nurture one another in faith at every age and stage.

**"I'm giving you a new commandment to love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."** John 13:34



Wailoku young people plant vegetables, Fiji.

Vegetable seller in Nuku'alofa, Tonga



# 20 NZ + OUR PARTNERS MINISTRY TO MIGRANTS + REFUGEES + MISSION TO SEAFARERS

Today we pray for those who move to new lands or travel the seas, and those who offer assistance and guidance to these people.

## We pray and give thanks for

Mission to Seafarers (MTS), and:

- Its support and care for the 1.6 million people who crew the world's merchant fleet of ships, providing emergency assistance, advocacy and practical welfare support
- Its ministry to those in an often dangerous and lonely occupation, where isolation and exploitation are often unseen by those who rely on their work
- Mission chaplains and ship visitors, who are the hands and the feet of Jesus in the ports and ships that they visit
- The crews still facing isolation because of the impacts of COVID
- Crews from Ukraine and Russia, particularly when they work on the same ships
- The MTS teams in New Zealand, Fiji, Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands and Tahiti
- The Rev. Lance Lukin, Regional Director of MTS based in Wellington

Mission to Migrants & Refugees, and:

- The New Zealand churches that minister to refugees settling in NZ
- The coordinators and volunteers of the refugee settlement programme
- Refugees as they settle into life in New Zealand and for more houses to become available
- The Rev Daniel Pillay who ministers to Fijian, Indian, Tongan and Samoan congregations in NZ

## Collect

God of resurrection, where there is death, you bring new life; challenge our attachment to wealth and power, so that we may release others from the chains of poverty, hunger, and injustice, and the whole earth live to praise your name.

**"A wise man is strong, and a knowledgeable man grows in strength"** Proverbs 24:5

# 21 NZ + OUR PARTNERS

## THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

Today we pray for the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) and Anglican Overseas Aid (AOA). We also pray for Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples; for reconciliation and justice in the wake of the "no" vote to constitutional recognition.

### We pray for

- The Most Rev Geoff Smith – Primate of Australia
- Anne Hywood – General Secretary of the General Synod
- The 23 diocesan bishops and the Rt Rev Chris McLeod, National Aboriginal Bishop
- The priests, deacons and laity of each parish throughout Australia
- The Anglican Board of Mission, the Rev Dr John Deane (Executive Director) and its staff
- Anglican Overseas Aid, Jo Knight (CEO) and its staff
- Nungalinga College in Darwin and its training programs exploring Christian faith
- Wontulp-Bi-Buya College in Cairns and its provision of theological study and mental health education
- The relationships between Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa and the Dioceses of Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney

### Collect

Loving God, whose glory outshines the sun, open our lives to the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may fully reflect the glory of your love and share our lives with one another. In Christ's name we pray.

### We give thanks for

- The work of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council, the Rev Canon Glenn Loughry (Chair) and for all its members
- Parishes and church institutions implementing Reconciliation Action Plans

**"At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. Indeed, I will give you a good reputation, making you praiseworthy among all of the people of the world, when I restore your prosperity before your eyes, says the LORD." Zephaniah 3:20**



# 22 CLIMATE CHANGE

Today we pray for those who must migrate, rebuild or change their way of life in the face of an ever-changing climate.

## We pray and give thanks for

- Those in our clergy who are struggling to adapt to the effects of climate change, whose battle to preserve their lands and their livelihoods
- The continued work towards creating mechanisms for climate loss and damage finance, which will promote recovery in vulnerable areas
- Programmes that aim to provide water-based development outcomes to places where traditional water sources are less and less reliable
- Capacity building projects that improve local responses to natural disasters, allowing for quick recoveries and preparation for extreme weather events
- The Pacific Islands, which suffer the effects of climate change in a cruelly routine manner, particularly through devastating flooding, cyclones and unpredictable weather patterns that disrupt agriculture and development
- For New Zealand, and particularly the East Coast as it recovers from the devastating effects of Cyclone Gabrielle

## Collect

God of creation, who loves all he has made and all that has evolved, open the eyes of your people, that your love might be reflected in our care for the planet. Through Jesus Christ - who walked this earth and calls us by name - grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it. Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures. Help us to become instruments of a new creation, founded on the covenant of your love.

**“We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing.” 2 Corinthians 4:8**

# 23 PROVINCE OF JERUSALEM + THE MIDDLE EAST

Today we continue to pray for the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. This part of the world has long been torn to pieces by violent conflict, division and loss. It can be difficult to understand this violence, and even harder to respond.

## We pray for

- The Most Rev'd Hosam Naoum – Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, and President Bishop of the Province
- The clergy and people of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East
- Sawson Aranki-Batato, Programmes Development Officer who manages Anglican Missions projects that we support
- Alex Amaziya as he approaches ordination and continues to lead the congregation at All Saints in Damascus
- The continued growth of mission and ministry in Iraq and the Rev'd Faiz Jerjes who leads the congregation at St. Paul's, Baghdad
- The staff, patients and leaders of Al Ahli Hospital as they provide healthcare for those who need it in Northern Gaza

## Collect

Lord, you are the God who provides. We pray that timely help and support will reach all who are in need. Father, there is so much pain and conflict across the Middle East. We pray for leaders throughout the region and ask you to turn their hearts towards peace.

**Do not neglect to do good and to be generous, for God is pleased with such sacrifices."** Hebrews 13:16

We're proud to support the **Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East** for our **2024 Lenten Appeal**. Scan the QR code to learn more.





Al Ahli Hospital, Northern Gaza.

# 24 THE CHURCH OF ASIA

Today we pray for the Provinces of Southeast Asia and South Asia, Mission Partners working for NZCMS in Central and South Asia, and church communities in Pakistan.

## We pray for

- The Most Rev. Melter Tais, Archbishop of the Province of the Anglican Church in Southeast Asia
- The Dioceses of West Malaysia, Singapore, Kuching and Sabah, and their clergy and people.
- The missionary deaneries in Nepal, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam and Laos and for their work and witness
- NZCMS Mission Partners in Cambodia and Japan, including Neill, Rebekah, Adrienne, Luke and Naomi
- Anglican churches in the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Myanmar and the advocacy and pastoral support they especially provide to vulnerable minorities

## We give thanks for

- The growth that these Diocese are experiencing
- The Christian presence in each of these countries and for Christians who live their faith often in the face of personal difficulties and persecution. We thank you for their commitment and courage and pray for their safety and protection.

## Collect

God of grace, you are kind to all people, good beyond our understanding. Help us to be grateful for what we have been given and merciful and generous with our brothers and sisters.

**"If one part suffers, every part suffers with it. If one part is praised, every part rejoices with it."** 1 Corinthians 12:26

# 25 THE CHURCH OF AFRICA

Today we pray for the clergy, churches and partner organisations of Central and Southern Africa.

## We pray and give thanks for

- The Most Rev Dr. Thabo Makgoba – Archbishop of Southern Africa
- Father Michael Lapsley SSM, founding member and Director of The Institute for Healing of Memories and the critical work of this Institute
- For all Mission Partners in this region, including Johann and Louise Vanderbijl who are with the Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders
- The Most Rev Maimbo William Fabian Mndolwa – Archbishop of Tanzania
- All clergy, especially new Bishops, that God would provide for both their spiritual and financial needs
- For relief from the effects of COVID-19 and hunger
- For Anglican Alliance staff working in the region
- The Most Rev Albert Chama – Archbishop of Central Africa and Bishop of Northern Zambia; and for the bishops, clergy and staff of the 15 dioceses
- NZCMS Mission Partners Nick and Tessa, community and health ministry in Northern Uganda
- The Most Rev Stephen Kaziimba – Archbishop of Uganda & Bishop of Kampala and the bishops and clergy of the 37 dioceses

- The continued growth of the Anglican Church of Tanzania through the work of local evangelists and clergy and for its relationship with the Church in New Zealand
- The vitality of the Church and its witness in times of hardship
- The companion relationship between the Diocese of Dunedin and the Diocese of Eastern Zambia

## Collect

Holy Spirit, grant us who serve your Church the ability to mend what is broken, strengthen what is weak and to follow you when it seems the hardest to do so.

**“His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through the full knowledge of the one who called us by his own glory and excellence.”**  
2 Peter 1:3



Women with firewood, Diocese of Niassa, Mozambique.

# 26 THE HORN OF AFRICA HUNGER CRISIS

**There is a severe and widespread shortage of food and basic supplies affecting countries in the Horn of Africa region.**

Ongoing conflict, coupled with the effects of climate change have created a significant risk of famine for millions of people. The situation is dire and there is desperate need.

## **We pray for**

- An end to the civil conflicts in Ethiopia and Somalia, which are collapsing essential services and infrastructure
- An end to the war in Ukraine, which is disrupting the export of Ukrainian grain to Africa
- Resilience in the face of climate change impacts; The Horn of Africa is highly susceptible to drought, erratic rainfall and extreme temperatures that cause crop failure and livestock loss
- Those affected by economic instability and poverty that limits access to food and water
- Those displaced due to conflict
- Those affected by disease outbreaks and lack of access to basic medical care

## **We give thanks for**

- International organisations, non-governmental organisations and governments who are working to provide humanitarian assistance

- The delivery of food aid, medical support, clean water and medicine to vulnerable populations
- The Bricks for Life project in Ethiopia, which has taught vital and live giving agricultural skills for local villages to weather this crisis

## **Collect**

Please send consistent rain, Lord, for crops to grow and for people and livestock to drink in the Horn of Africa. Heal the bodies of precious little ones who suffer from malnutrition and strengthen the people who are working hard to return them to full health.

**“He comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble the same comfort God has given us.”**

2 Corinthians 1:4

# 27 PARTNERS IN AFRICA RWENZORI SPECIAL NEEDS FOUNDATION (RSNF)

Today we pray for the Rwenzori Special Needs Foundation, which provides care to vulnerable children with disabilities and their families in Uganda.

## We pray for

- The health and well-being of pregnant mothers and for access to proper nutrition to support healthy pregnancies
- Children born with disabilities, that they may receive the necessary medical treatment and care
- Families raising children with disabilities, that they find support and resources free from societal stigma.
- The removal of practical barriers (like transport) that prevent families from seeking medical treatment

## We give thanks for

- The dedication and compassion of RSNF Director Daniel Baguma and his team
- The positive impacts RSNF has had on children with disabilities, laying foundations for a brighter and healthier future
- The generosity of donors who have made a real difference in these children's lives

## Collect

Lord, help children with disabilities know they are loved, and that they matter to You and the world. Give them all the services, healthcare, and education they need to thrive. Through Your Spirit, convict us to eliminate any destructive social stigmas that we carry.

**“He will be like a tree planted by streams of water, yielding its fruit in its season, and whose leaf does not wither. He will prosper in everything he does.” Psalm 1:3**

We're proud to support the **Rwenzori Special Needs Foundation** for our **2024 Lenten Appeal**. Scan the QR code to learn more.







Mother and baby at the Rwenzori Special Needs Foundation in Uganda.

# 28 PARTNERS IN AFRICA BRICKS FOR LIFE

**Today we pray for Bricks for Life and give thanks for the remarkable transformation of a Northern Ethiopian village because of this project.**

Bricks for Life was established by Ric Foxley alongside Amlaku Yaregal in 2009. Ric and his friends funded Amlaku's tertiary studies in Plant Science, so that he could return to his village in Baregota, Northern Ethiopia to improve the lives of its nearly 500 inhabitants.

By utilising improved farming techniques, the village is now totally food sustainable. A diesel-powered grain mill saves hours of back-breaking work, and canals (which circulate water through the village) have enabled the development of widespread vegetable growing – a significant cash crop for the villagers.

## **We pray for**

- Peace in Ethiopia – 2 civil wars in the past few years have set the country, including the area of our project, back significantly
- Ideal weather to grow this year's crop
- Improved crops for neighbouring village of Shu-Meda
- Strength, safety and wisdom for Amlaku in the many projects he is involved with

## **We give thanks for**

- Amlaku's faith, vision, integrity, commitment, and energy in working to achieve his dream for his people
- The transformation of the lives of the people of Baregota Village over the past 14 years
- The commencement of work in Shu-Meda village
- The continued expansion of the work through the association with Anglican World Aid

## **Collect**

The bricklayer laid a brick on a bed of cement. Then, with a precise stroke of his trowel, he spread another layer, and without a "by-your-leave", laid on another brick. The foundations grew visibly, the building rose, tall and strong to shelter people.

**"After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you by the Messiah Jesus to his eternal glory, will restore you, establish you, strengthen you, and support you."** 1 Peter 5:10

# 29 PARTNERS IN AOTEAROA

Today we pray for the agencies and organisations that Anglican Missions and Anglican World Aid works in collaboration with for the projects, appeals and campaigns throughout the year.

## We pray for

- The Council for International Development (CID) which is the umbrella agency for international development and humanitarian aid agencies in Aotearoa New Zealand
- The Emergency Alliance which provides a joint appeal mechanism for seven agencies including Anglican Missions. We pray for opportunities where agencies can share and work collaboratively for the common good
- Tearfund NZ which has partnered with Anglican Missions on emergency response and other projects in the Pacific
- cbm (Christian Blind Mission) which provides advice to Anglican Missions on how to incorporate the needs of people with disabilities into projects
- Christian World Service (CWS) and its work
- We pray for all other partners who support Anglican Missions as we put the love of God into action

## Collect

Father, when two or more are gathered, you are there. Help us to recognise your presence as we gather, building each other up as we seek to help where help is needed.

**"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."** Romans 15:5-6



We've produced a series of videos and study sheets for the 5 Marks. **Scan the QR code** to learn more.



# 30 THE FIVE MARKS OF MISSION

The Five Marks of Mission are an important statement on mission.

They express the worldwide Anglican Church's common commitments to, and understanding of, God's holistic and integral mission. The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ.

Today, we celebrate and give thanks for the Five Marks, which guide and provide a basis for everything we do at Anglican Missions and Anglican World Aid:

**Tell:** Tell the Good News of the Kingdom

**Teach:** Teach, baptise and nurture new believers

**Tend:** Tend to human need by loving service

**Transform:** Transform unjust structures of society, challenge violence and pursue peace and reconciliation

**Treasure:** Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

## Collect

Jesus, you are the light of the world. Help us to shine brightly into whichever mission field you have called us to. In this moment, we remember that Your mission is our mission, and that you will prepare us with everything we need to achieve it.

**"The LORD will send blessings for you with regard to your barns and everything you undertake. Indeed, he will bless you in the land that the LORD your God is about to give you."** Deuteronomy 28:8



# 31 THY KINGDOM COME

Join the global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost (9th May - 19th May) for more people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ.

This invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and endorsed by Christian leaders across the world has spread to 185 countries. We follow the earliest Christians, as Luke records in Acts 1:14, who joined together in prayer in the run up to the day of Pentecost.

"Thy Kingdom Come" happens every year because we constantly rely on a fresh empowering of the Holy Spirit. The urgency, vitality, and necessity of Christians across the world joining together praying, "Come, Holy Spirit" is essential."

"When the church is full of the presence of Christ we overflow and transform society in the most beautiful and wonderful way."

**Justin Welby**

Archbishop of Canterbury

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## We pray for

- The wisdom of the Holy Spirit to guide our clergy and people in sharing the Good News of Jesus that families, friends and communities may come to know and love the Lord.
- The love of the Father to inspire our care for the communities in which we live so that they experience God's heart for them
- The character of Christ to be seen in all our relationships with one another and with the wider world, in our care for people and planet
- The Very Rev Bob Key and his responsibility for this initiative across the worldwide Anglican Communion

## Collect

Almighty God, give us such love for the world that we may pray with longing and desire for Your kingdom to come. Give our leaders the grace to see their work as service and their roles as stewards, and sharpen both the recognition of needs and commitment to just provision.

**"They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers." Acts 1:14**

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