

peace and let your glory be over all the earth. *Pray for The Diocese of Calcutta – The Church of North India (United) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 31

God our Father, we commend to your compassion all children in need and especially those within our Diocese: those whose bodies are handicapped by injury or illness; those whose minds are retarded; and those whose lives are warped by broken marriages and unhappy homes. Enable all who care for them to minister with tenderness and understanding, and give them the assurance of your unfailing love. *Pray for The Diocese of Caledonia – The Anglican Church of Canada (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

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**PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS
FOR THE PEOPLE AND PARISHES OF
THE DIOCESE OF FALSE BAY**

JANUARY 2024

PRAYER THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

Help me, O Lord, to reach wise decisions under the direction of Your Holy Spirit .

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DIOCESE OF FALSE BAY

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 1-6 JANUARY

1 NEW YEARS DAY
6 Epiphany of our Lord

MONDAY 1-THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS:THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST

We praise you, Heavenly Father, that you gave to your incarnate Son the name of Jesus, for it is the name of our salvation. May it be to us, and to all your people, the name that is above every name, the name to be honoured, trusted and adored. Heavenly Father, whose mercy is everlasting, accept our thanksgiving for all the blessings of the year that is past; take our lives afresh into your keeping as we face the unknown future; and fit us by your grace for whatever lies before us in the days to come. *Pray for The Diocese of Bor – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 2

We pray and give thanks to God for all who are ready to help the overburdened. Pray for the peoples of Africa for whom the Cross has such deep meaning. Pray for forgiveness of those who are unwilling to help and who turn a blind eye to the needs and challenges of this life. We pray for all who suffer on behalf of others. *Pray for The Diocese of Botswana – The Church of the Province of Central Africa (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 3

Heavenly Father, you have committed to our care those who live in this Diocese. We cannot know all the different people around us, but we ask that your Holy Spirit will guide us this week to those situations where we can minister something of your love and compassion. Help us to rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep, and bring practical solutions to problems we encounter. *Pray for The Diocese of Brandon – The Anglican Church of Canada (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 4

Merciful Father, be with those in our prisons who have offended against the law. May they come to know your love and forgiveness, and turn to you in true repentance, that they may have hope for the future and the opportunity of making a fresh start. Lord, be with all political prisoners; grant that they will not feel forgotten by the world at large. Give them courage and hope in their ordeal and help them according to their needs. *Pray for The Diocese of Brechin – The Scottish Episcopal Church (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 5

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that overwhelmed them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. *Amen. Pray for The Diocese of Brisbane – The Anglican Church of Australia (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 6-THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Almighty God, we pray that as you led the wise men by the light of a star to your infant Son, to worship him in the Word made flesh, so by the light of the Gospel you will guide the nations of the earth into the way of the truth, that the whole world may be filled with your glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Pray for The Diocese of Bristol – The Church of England (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 7-13 JANUARY

- 8 Diocesan Office Opens
- 12-14 Anglican Women's Fellowship Executive Retreat

SUNDAY 7-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

We pray for our Bishop Elect Stafford, the Vicar General, members of Chapter and all other advisors. Pray for the Archdeacons as they give leadership in the Archdeaconries and as they respond to the spiritual and material needs of the parishes. Pray for the mission, ministry and growth in the Archdeaconries and for the material resources in these areas. Pray for all widows and widowers in the Diocese. Pray for the retired clergy living in the parishes of our Diocese. Pray for a deeper sense of commitment and sharing of resources among the people of God in our Diocese. *Pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

Loving Father, we open our hearts, minds, and souls to you as we remember the victims of the holocaust and genocides around the world. As we honour the heroes, the martyrs, the survivors, and the victims; we ask for your presence in our midst; for healing, light, and love to soothe and ease our pain, as we commemorate the horrors that were committed not long ago. We ask that you strengthen our will, that you help us to ensure that the world does not again see such monstrosities. We say "never again" and we dedicate ourselves to this principle, to the idea that justice does not allow persecution, that genocide shall not be repeated, and that vigilance is the responsibility of freedom, at all costs. Please, oh Holy One, make manifest our resolve that these horrors remain but memories. We ask that you answer our prayers. We pray that those who fight for freedom and justice always prevail, that those who need protection do not become victims. We pray that the lessons we learn from this darkest hour allow all mankind to better itself, and to truly embody the idea that we are each made in your image. We pray for the souls of the millions and millions of victims of the holocaust and genocides; we pray that we honour their lives and their memories by observing this day, and by doing everything in our power and beyond to make sure that no such shadow again darkens our world. Above all, we pray for wholeness and peace to be in our midst, now and forever. *Pray for The Diocese of Byumba – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 28-31 JANUARY

- 28 Guild: St Mary Magdalene Executive
- 28 DYPMC Leadership Indaba All St. Cathedral

SUNDAY 28-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

We pray Lord, for all engaged in professional sport. Help them to see their work as part of a wider life, and to remember that all life comes from you. May they set for themselves the highest standards of personal and professional behaviour, both on and off the field and provide a wholesome example for those who follow their fortunes. *Pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 29-Charles Frederick Mackenzie, Bishop in Central Africa, 1862

Father, we pray for all those in training to become deacons and priests in the church. May they be given a deeper sense of God's call, and increasing experience of the life-giving Spirit, a strong conviction of the truth and a boldness to make it known. May they be equipped to work in the service of God, building up the body of Christ in faith and knowledge. *Pray for The Diocese of Calabar – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 30

Renew your Church in holiness and help us to serve you with joy. Guide the leaders of this and every nation, that justice may prevail throughout the world. Let not the needy be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away. Make us instruments of your

love may reign. We pray for all retired clergy and their families and we give thanks to God for their faithful service and witness that their prayer life remains an active one. *Pray for The Church of South India (United) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 22

O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world and especially in our country. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Pray for The Diocese of Busoga – The Church of the Province of Uganda (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 23-Yona Kanamuzeyi, Deacon and Martyr in Africa, 1964

Lord Jesus Christ, we ask you to be with all those who need your healing touch today. Come in all your power and surround them with your love. Bless the work of our hospitals, health centres, day centres, the hospice movement and all those who seek to ease the pain and anxieties of the sick. *Pray for The Diocese of Central Busoga – The Church of the Province of Uganda (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 24-Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, 1622

Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding to what we believe to be right. May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred. We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead men to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others. *Pray for The Diocese of Butare – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 25-THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

Heavenly Father, maker of all things and giver of life, have mercy on all the nations of the world. Send down your abundant peace on every creature. Let there be calm where there is violence; peace where there is war; freedom where there is bondage; love and unity where there is strife; abundance of food where there is starvation; good health where there is sickness. These and other good things we ask of you, through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Pray for The Diocese of Butere – The Anglican Church of Kenya (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 26-Timothy and Titus

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world,-that your people may dwell in peace. Lord, remember those we have met today,-that they may receive your gifts. Lord, remember all families,-that they may live in harmony. Lord, remember the sick and the dying,-that they may have your joy. We ask this in your name. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Buye – The Anglican Church of Burundi (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 27-John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople and Teacher of the Faith, 407 also International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust, recognized by the UN

MONDAY 8

O God, we pray for all the various ministries within our Diocese. We pray that they may work in unity and harmony and support each other through meetings, work and prayer. Let them realize their goals. We pray for their leaders that they may put you first and be guided by you in their lives. *Pray for The Diocese of British Columbia – The Anglican Church of Canada (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 9

We pray for all Confirmands. We ask for God's blessing on all who have or are receiving instruction and preparation for confirmation and pray that the Holy Spirit will work in their Hearts and minds, that they fully commit themselves to Jesus Christ and that they may continue steadfast in the faith and fellowship of the church. *Pray for The Diocese of Central Buganda – The Church of the Province of Uganda (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 10-William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr, 1645

Father, hear us as we pray for those in distress; the hungry and the homeless; the incapacitated and the handicapped; the mentally afflicted and depressed; the sick and the dying; the aged, the lonely and the bereaved. O Lord, help us who offer these prayers, to take the sufferings of others onto ourselves, and so by your grace to become the agents of your transforming love. *Pray for The Diocese of West Buganda – The Church of the Province of Uganda (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 11-THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Almighty Father, we pray for our young children that they may develop naturally in body, mind and spirit. We pray for our teenagers: help them to grow in love and understanding, and to treat themselves and others with respect. We pray for those who are married: help them to go on growing in love and understanding. Where there are difficulties, show them how to overcome them. Where there is failure, assure them of Christian forgiveness and of grace for the future. We pray for those who are bringing up their families alone: may human friendship enrich their lives, and service bring them fulfilment. *Pray for The Diocese of Buhiga – The Anglican Church of Burundi (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 12

We pray for the poor amongst us, for all the starving and undernourished peoples of the world. We pray to God to guide and prosper the efforts of those who plan relief and are giving aid, that out of their bounty the needs of all may be supplied. *Pray for The Diocese of Bujumbura – The Anglican Church of Burundi (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 13-Hilary Bishop of Poitiers and Teacher of the Faith 368

In this Diocese, we pray for a growing unity with Christians of other denominations. For the church officers and members of the church council in their responsibility as leaders. For the teaching ministry of this church that we may be well equipped and instructed in the truths of our faith. For those who have the care of children and young

people. For those who share in the ministry of care, council and comfort and those to whom they minister. For our civic leaders and those who maintain the health and safety of our community. For ourselves as church members, that we may have grace to proclaim through our lives the joy of Christ's victory. *Pray for The Diocese of Bukavu – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 14-20 JANUARY

- 17 Schools Open
- 20 Mothers' Union Quiet Day /Council
- 20 Guild: Bernard Mizeki Executive Mfuleni
- 20 Anglican Women's Fellowship Branch Meetings

SUNDAY 14-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

We thank God for a brand new year. May God give us strength and wisdom that through all the opportunities and challenges 2024 has to offer we may only be blessed and grow closer towards God, our destiny. We pray for the ministries in our Diocese and the many that take part in building up God's church. *Pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 15

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our friends, and especially those who have shared our troubles and sorrows in times past and have supported us in life's dark valleys. Help us to value our friends and to regard each one as a gift and token of your love. And make us ready to extend friendship to those around us and to remember the lonely, the housebound, and those who need a friend's helping hand. *Pray for The Diocese of Bukedi – The Church of the Province of Uganda (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 16

Lord, open our eyes that we may see the needs of others, open our ears that we may hear their cries, open our hearts so that they need not be without comfort, let us not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor be afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Show us where love and faith and hope are needed, and use us to bring them to these places. *Pray for The Diocese of Bukuru – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 17-Antony of Egypt, Founder of the Religious Life, 356

Heavenly Father, we commend to your loving care all who are now suffering distress through unemployment. Strengthen and support them in their ordeal. Inspire and guide those in authority whose job it is to help them. Enable us to be sensitive to the needs of any known to us, and may we be ready to help when necessary. *Pray for The Diocese of Bunbury – The Anglican Church of Australia (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 18-CONFESSION OF ST PETER

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we

now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Pray for The Diocese of Bungoma – The Anglican Church of Kenya (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 19

Almighty God, you have given us this good land for our heritage. We humbly ask you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favour and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honourable endeavour, sound learning and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitude brought here out of many nations and tongues. Endow with the Spirit of wisdom those to whom in your name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace and home, and that through obedience to your law we may show forth your praise among the nations on earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble do not allow our trust in you to fail. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Bunyoro-Kitara – The Church of the Province of Uganda (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 20

Most merciful Father, we commend to your care and protection those whose work is dangerous, and especially those who risk their lives for the lives of others. We thank you for their courage and their devotion to duty, and we pray that in every hour of need, they may know that you are with them and may fear no evil. *Pray for The Diocese of Busan – The Anglican Church of Korea (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 21-27 JANUARY

- 25 **DIOCESAN CHAPTER**
- 25-28 Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer
- 24 Retired Clergy Fellowship
- 26 Anglican Youth Fellowship Night of Prayer
- 26 Breede Valley Clergy/Spouse Fellowship Ceres
- 27 Diocesan Confirmation Conference
- 27 SocDev Parenting Workshop
- GBV Sensitizer
- 27 Girls Bafana Friendly Society Council Mand.Pk
- 27 Anglican Women's Fell.Quiet Day B/Valley
- 28 Guild: St Mary Magdalene Executive
- 28 DYPMC Leadership Indaba All St. Cathedral

SUNDAY 21-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

God our Father, be with us in our homes this and every day. Help us, when we are tired, to control our wills and tempers and to think of others. Make us loving and patient, forgiving others as we hope to be forgiven, that in our home your royal law of