

## The Prayer for Zambia Sunday 2021

Today we pray for our brothers and sisters in the Anglican Church of Zambia.

We give thanks for the 43 years that we have celebrated life and faith together through our Diocesan Link.

We give thanks for the prayers, for the friendships, for the joys, and the concerns that we have shared.

And we give thanks for the development of understanding of both our churches and our countries.

We ask today for your blessing as the Link evolves.

**Amen.**

### **Optional Prayers of Intercession**

On this first Diocesan Zambia Sunday, we pray for our Diocese's links with Zambia. We pray that our faith will shine through them now and in the future.

Lord in your mercy

[On this first Diocesan Zambia Sunday,] we pray for the people of Zambia as they continue their struggle against COVID and all the suffering it causes. We pray for those directly suffering from the disease and their families, and pray for all those who have lost their livelihoods due to COVID especially young people.

Lord in your mercy

[On this first Diocesan Zambia Sunday,] we pray for the children and young people of our dioceses and schools, as they learn to adapt to the effects of COVID on their lives. May they be strengthened in faith and hope.

Lord in your mercy

[On this first Diocesan Zambia Sunday,] we pray for:

- the Church and people of Central Diocese and for Bishop Derek
- the Church and people of Eastern Diocese and for Bishop William
- the Church and people of Luapula Diocese and for Bishop Robert
- the Church and people of Lusaka Diocese and for Bishop David
- the Church and people of Northern Diocese and for Archbishop Albert

Lord in your mercy

[On this first Diocesan Zambia Sunday,] we pray for all those in Zambia and Bath and Wells who are facing uncertainty after they have lost their livelihoods either temporarily or permanently due to COVID. May they find hope and a way forward

Lord in your mercy

[On this first Diocesan Zambia Sunday,] we pray for the preparations for the delayed Lambeth conference in 2022 and an opportunity to welcome the Zambian Bishops and their spouses to our diocese, along with many others from the Anglican Communion. We pray for the Bishops across the world as they hold their first prayer and study groups in preparation.

Lord in your mercy

[On this first Diocesan Zambia Sunday,] we pray for the life and witness of Bishop Derek Kamukwamba, Bishop of Central Zambia who today celebrates 33 years as a priest and 22 years as Diocesan Bishop.

Lord in your mercy

[On this first Diocesan Zambia Sunday,] we pray for the lives of two key figures in Zambia's struggle for liberation and early nationhood. Bishop John Osmer (DOD 16.6.21), Chaplain to the ANC and first Bishop of Eastern Zambia and Kenneth Kaunda (DOD 17.6.21), former President of Zambia.

Lord in your mercy