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# CREATIVITY THROUGH CHAOS

I am writing this introduction in March of 2020: a time of great disruption for the entire world in the face of the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic. Governments seem very confused, the stock market is falling, people are worried and, for some reason, toilet paper has disappeared from supermarket shelves.

I do not know what the world will look like by the time this Prayer Diary is printed. I am sure it will still be chaotic and confusing. It seems like the four horsemen of the Apocalypse, Disease, War, Famine and Death (Rev 6:1-8) have been bearing down on the world in a particularly menacing way.

On the day of Pentecost, several people accused Jesus's followers of being drunk and disorderly and this at nine o'clock in the morning! The activity of the Holy Spirit can be seen as creating situations that seem very noisy, disruptive and disorganised (Acts 2).

The Pentecost event shows that Jesus's followers can, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, generate creativity through chaos.

**The Rev'd Dr Evie Vernon-O'Brien**

# 17 - 23 MAY

## ASCENSION DAY: MYSTERY AND INFINITY

*The Rev'd Canon Richard Bartlett, Director of Mission Engagement, USPG.*

Ascension Day, on Thursday, is a feast of mystery and infinity. 'Ascension' is our word for what is beyond our understanding: Christ our Risen Lord cannot be contained within the frame of our human perspective.

The ascension of Christ tilts the universe for us; giving us a fresh perspective and meaning for the world. Jesus has taken our humanity to God; just as by his birth he brought divinity into our humanity. Now he has handed over his mission to human beings, a mission which will be empowered by the Holy Spirit. The divisions between divine and human, between heaven and earth, have been blurred and will never be the same again.

During the last 2,000 years, Christ's mission has taken many forms and has spread, in the power of the Holy Spirit, from Jerusalem to Judea, Samaria and 'the ends of the world'. What a privilege we have in USPG to witness and participate in God's mission today.

## **Sunday 17 May: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**God the Sender, send us. God the sent, come with us.  
God the Strengtheners of those who go, empower us,  
That we may go with you and find those who will call you  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*From Wales*

**Monday 18** Pray for all those who are self-isolating, that they will have a sense of God's reassuring presence in the midst of their solitude.

**Tuesday 19** Pray that the many church-run hospitals and health programmes around the world will have the capacity to offer care to all who need it during this pandemic.

**Wednesday 20** Pray that ministers whose churches are closed will find creative ways to keep in touch with their congregations.

**Thursday 21: Ascension Day** Lord Jesus, may the mystery and wonder of your ascension give us a fresh perspective in this time of uncertainty and worry.

**Friday 22 (International Day of UN peacekeepers)** Pray for the staff of St Luke's Mission Hospital in Malawi, that they remain dedicated and protected especially whilst dealing with COVID-19.

**Saturday 23 (International Day to end Obstetric Fistula)** Pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar's community health programme, which is training birth attendants to help women in rural areas give birth safely.

# 24 - 30 MAY

## CHANGE IS POSSIBLE

*Rebecca Boardman, USPG Regional Manager for East Asia, Oceania and Europe.*

As I write, March is drawing to a close. In the past weeks, the exponential spread of COVID-19 across the globe has challenged every aspect of daily life causing rapid, widespread and almost unimaginable change. Businesses and schools have shut, planes are grounded and commuter cars sit dormant.

We are finding new ways of being community. Church services are streamed into our living rooms and families are enjoying Sunday lunch connected by video. Many of us here in the UK are now more connected to our neighbours with local groups emerging to support the most vulnerable.

We have been told that we are in a crisis and we are responding. The scientific community has repeatedly sounded the alarm on biodiversity breakdown and the climate emergency. What would happen if we addressed the ecological crisis with such urgency?

2020 is a critical year for climate action. How can we harness the learnings, level of understanding and urgency with which we are responding to COVID-19 to respond to our ecological crisis? Can we emerge from this better connected to each other and to the planet in a way that will allow for the planetary healing so desperately needed?

## **Sunday 24 May: Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love.**

*From the Peace Prayer of St Francis*

**Monday 25** Pray for the people of Jordan as the country marks its Independence Day today.

**Tuesday 26** Pray for the residents of Likoma Island in Malawi, especially for those left homeless as a result of the heavy March rainfall.

**Wednesday 27** Pray also for the Diocese of Northern Malawi as it tries to save St Peter's Cathedral on Likoma Island, which was badly damaged by the heavy rains.

**Thursday 28** Pray for the people of Azerbaijan as they mark their Republic Day today.

**Friday 29 (International Day of UN peacekeepers)** Prince of Peace, we give thanks for all those who have dedicated their lives to helping resolve conflicts in our world.

**Saturday 30** Pray for the Church of North India's Community Approach for Rural Development (CAFORD) programme, and for the communities it serves via the Khristiya Seva Niketan Hospital in West Bengal.

# 31 MAY - 6 JUNE

## EACH ONE HEARD THEM SPEAKING IN THE NATIVE LANGUAGE OF EACH (ACTS 2:6)

*The Rev'd Dr Hugo Adan, Rector of Holy Trinity with St Matthew, Southwark, London.*

When we read Chapter 2 of the Acts of the Apostles, two things immediately come to our minds: the fact that the Gospel was proclaimed in every language and that everybody understood the message. The text doesn't say Peter spoke in all the different languages mentioned; it just says that people understood in their own language.

We all come to faith with our own backgrounds. We all have a culture; a context that gives us a framework from which we understand the world. The fact that we are Christians and/or priests, lay leaders, missionaries or evangelists doesn't make our cultural framework any less active. This is why inculturation (the theological reflection about culture and the Gospel) is important in our global context today.

At St Matthew's, we try to be aware of our cultural context. We are a bilingual parish (English-Spanish) and every day we experience that the language of love (God) is universal - but this is expressed through our own particular languages, which are not always universal. The ability to come out of our comfort zones and value our encounters with the 'other' are essential parts of the way we try to live the Gospel.



## **Sunday 31 May: Pentecost**

**Loving God, on this day of Pentecost, give us a fresh appreciation for the diversity that we enjoy in the Body of Christ through your Holy Spirit.**

**Monday 1 June (Global Day of Parents)** Thank you God for the gift of parenthood. Help us to have a parental spirit, whether or not we have biological children of our own.

**Tuesday 2** Pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies. Many of the communities it serves depend on tourism for their livelihoods, and have been severely affected by COVID-19.

**Wednesday 3 (Martyrs of Uganda)** Let us pray for all those who live out their Christian faith under the shadow of religious persecution.

**Thursday 4 (International day of innocent children victims of aggression)** Loving God, we pray for the safety of children living in war zones or in abusive households.

**Friday 5 (World Environment Day)** Let us give thanks for the amazing work being done by the Church of South India's Green Schools programme, through which children are taking the lead in environmental care.

**Saturday 6** Pray for the people of Sweden as they celebrate their national day today.

# 7 - 13 JUNE

## THE TRINITY: GOD'S MODEL OF PARTNERSHIP

*The Rev'd Canon John Kafwanka, the Anglican Communion's Director for Mission and Canon of Lusaka Cathedral, Diocese of Lusaka, Zambia.*

For many people today, partnership is a dead word. But to me, it is at the very heart of mission - and it is at the very centre of who God is.

When we think of the triune God - the Trinity - partnership is right there. God exists as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and the work of creation and redemption is done as God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. That to me is divine partnership: one God, expressed in three persons in real, credible partnership.

And so therefore, when we say that we as Christians share in that mission of God of loving the world, we share both as beneficiaries of that gift from God and also as ones who are sent to live out that gift in our world today. And we can only do that in partnership - both in terms of partnership with God and with each other.

There is no way we can claim that the Gospel is complete in any shape or form if it's an individual effort. The Gospel becomes real when we see it as being lived out by all God's people - and that can only happen in the context of partnership.

## **Sunday 7 June: Trinity Sunday**

**Let us give thanks for the perfect model of partnership we have in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

**Monday 8 (World Oceans Day)** Thank you God for the oceans, through which you provide most of the oxygen we breathe. Thank you for their beauty and the wealth of life they contain.

**Tuesday 9** Let us pray for St Luke's Hospital in Nablus, as it seeks to serve the Palestinian community with the spirit of love and care.

**Wednesday 10** Thank you Lord for how successful the Anglican Church in Zimbabwe's HIV stigma reduction programme has been in helping people with HIV to live full lives.

**Thursday 11: Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion** Thank you God for Holy Communion; for what it represents and for the hope we have when we share in it together.

**Friday 12 (The Philippines' Independence Day and World Day against Child Labour)** Pray for the Iglesia Filipina Independiente's Abundant Life programme, standing for justice for indigenous children in the Philippines who are susceptible to being used for child labour.

**Saturday 13 (International Albinism Awareness Day)** God, help us to take the lead in standing in solidarity with persons with albinism around the world.

# 14 - 20 JUNE

## AMAL'S STORY

*The Rev'd Bonnie Evans-Hills, Priest-in-Charge Designate, St Margaret's Church, Leven, Scottish Episcopal Church.*

I met Amal at a refugee camp outside of Karbala in Iraq. She and her mother are from the area of Nineveh, near Mosul. She is eight years old and does not speak. Hers is the generation most affected by forced displacement from their homes and places of safety.

It is through the work of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and local religious organisations in Iraq, who have been looking after refugees for a very long time now, that she is in a place of safety, attending school, and is well looked after. But it will be a long while before she is able to mentally recover. And her story is multiplied many, many times over.

As we mark World Refugee Day this Saturday, we must remember that this is a global issue that is not going to go away any time soon. We can either shrink from participating in providing solutions, or we can greet it with all the love God has called us to live out through faith.

What COVID-19 has brought home to us is that each of us is vulnerable and that it is only when we work together, putting the safety of others first, that we ourselves find safety. Together we can be the change we seek.

## **Sunday 14 June: First Sunday after Trinity**

**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.** (*Psalm 46:1 NRSV*)

**Monday 15 (World Elder Abuse Day)** Lord, we pray for an end to the abuse of elderly people - be it physical, emotional or financial.

**Tuesday 16** Pray for the Anglican Communion Office at the United Nations, that it continues to play a key role in garnering support for refugees all over the world.

## **Wednesday 17 (World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought)**

Lord, make us mindful of the link between what we buy and the damage done to the earth.

**Thursday 18** Lord, we pray for the many children like Amal that can be found in refugee camps all over the world. Please be their comforter and give them shelter.

## **Friday 19 (International Day for the Elimination of Sexual**

**Violence in Conflict)** Lord, we pray for the Delhi Brotherhood Society's helpline for women, and other programmes USPG supports that offer help to women at risk from sexual violence.

**Saturday 20 (World Refugee Day)** Let us pray that our hearts are opened to the vulnerability of others, and realise that in caring for them, we are also caring for our own selves and souls.

# 21 - 27 JUNE

## BANGLADESH: COMMUNITY HEALTH RETURNS TO JOBARPAR

*Davidson Solanki, USPG Regional Manager for Asia and the Middle East.*

The Church of Bangladesh has two major priorities in its mission work: the first is health, the second education. For many years, the Jobarpar Deanery's community health clinics were a key part of that mission strategy, providing healthcare facilities and expressing God's love through practical action. But the clinics closed down a few years ago, due to a lack of financial and human resources.

With prayer, hard work and support from USPG, the clinics reopened in April. Jobarpar Deanery plans to recruit some health personnel and start a clinic-based community health programme. There's a big need for primary healthcare in this part of Bangladesh, so the revival of the clinics is welcome.

On my last visit to Bangladesh, I met local congregations in Jobarpar and I could tell they were excited about the clinics reopening. Their sense of ownership and anticipation was infectious. 'I've been praying that these clinics would start again!' one woman said.

Through these clinics, the Church of Bangladesh will be able to meet some of the fundamental needs the communities here have. It's great that Jobarpar Deanery has decided to reopen them - and USPG looks forward to accompanying the Church of Bangladesh on this journey.

## **Sunday 21 June: Second Sunday after Trinity**

**Loving God, we thank you for the clinics that are reopening in Jobarpar and we pray for continued growth and success for the community health programme.**

**Monday 22** Pray for the Programme for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa as it seeks to foster good relationships between the two faith groups.

**Tuesday 23 (International Widows' Day)** Lord, we pray that all those who are bereaved will find comfort and hope in your love.

**Wednesday 24: Birth of John the Baptist** Pray for Fr Antonio Terto, working as a priest in the City of God in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

**Thursday 25 (Day of the Seafarer)** Please pray for seafarers stuck in limbo as a result of COVID-19, neither able to return home or to join their ships.

**Friday 26** Please pray for the work of the Mothers' Union around the world as its members respond to the needs of the most vulnerable in their various communities.

**Saturday 27** Pray for the people of Djibouti as they celebrate their Independence Day today.

# 28 JUNE - 4 JULY

## THE GAMBIA: A SHINING EXAMPLE OF INTERFAITH LIVING

*The Rev'd Fr Obed Baiden, USPG Exchanging Places participant.*

The Gambia is filled with people of different backgrounds, and Muslims constitute about 96 per cent of its population. However, despite how small the Gambia's Christian presence might seem in comparison, Christianity and the Church play an active, vital role in Gambian life and both faith groups live and work peacefully side by side.

The people of the Gambia live their inter-faith relations in their everyday lives at home, in the farms, at schools and in the offices where they work. It is worth noting that Muslims form the greater number of peoples in the employment of the missionary churches: Anglican, Catholic and Methodist. There is usually no discrimination in the process of engagement and recruitment.

Inter-faith relations stand out as the true witness that the church offers to society. In many ways the minority nature of the Church is not seen and because of this, the Church normally stands on equal footing with the Muslim majority.

The Gambia is an example to the rest of the world that inter-faith relations can be expressed through mutual peaceful coexistence and tolerance.



## **Sunday 28 June: Third Sunday after Trinity**

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

*(Psalm 23:1-2 NRSV)*

**Monday 29** Pray for the Diocese of the Seychelles, as the nation celebrates Independence Day today.

**Tuesday 30** Pray for the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa and its commitment to peace and nation building across the continent.

**Wednesday 1 July** Pray for the people of Burundi, Hong Kong and Somalia, all of whom celebrate Independence Day today.

**Thursday 2** Pray for Mission to Seafarers centres around the world that have had to close due to COVID-19, and the effect this has had on their ability to function and the seafarers they serve.

**Friday 3** Pray for the people of Belarus as they celebrate their Independence Day today.

**Saturday 4** Pray for the Church of Ceylon's education assistance programme for the children of tea plantation workers.

# 5 - 11 JULY

## SRI LANKA: ONE YEAR ON

*The Rt Rev'd Dhiloraj R Canagasabay, Presiding Bishop of the Church of Ceylon and Bishop of Colombo.*

The first anniversary of the terrible Easter Sunday bombings in Sri Lanka targeting three places of Christian worship and several hotels in Colombo, has largely been overshadowed by the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. This day of horror for the small Christian community here and for visitors to our country also became a powerful occasion of witness by the Christian community to the Gospel values of forgiveness, non-violence, and peace. It was also the victim Church that reached out to the Muslim community in love, to the wonderment of other faith groups.

Our own church has joined with Seth Sarana/Caritas, the local Roman Catholic development organisation, in a long-term project to assist affected children with their education. The Diocese is also assisting the Zion Church in Batticaloa in a similar way.

One of the special moments of the Archbishop of Canterbury's visit to us last year was the service in St Sebastian's Church, Katuwapitiya Negombo (one of the targeted churches) and his prayers and meeting with victims of the bomb blast.

We continue to pray and work for true peace and understanding between the different faith and ethnic communities in Sri Lanka.

## **Sunday 5 July: Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

**Heavenly Father, we pray for the Christian Church in Sri Lanka, at times the target of hostility and violence. We also pray for understanding and goodwill towards Sri Lanka's Muslim community, which is often stigmatised and targeted.**

**Monday 6** Pray for all the victims of the Sri Lanka bomb attacks; for the injured, those suffering physically and mentally and for all those who grieve.

**Tuesday 7** Pray for all those working within and outside the Church to build bridges of understanding, reconciliation and peace between the different ethnic and faith communities in Sri Lanka.

**Wednesday 8** Pray for all victims of injustice, violence and war in Sri Lanka over the past three decades.

**Thursday 9** Pray for the people of Argentina and South Sudan, both of which celebrate their Independence Day today.

**Friday 10** Pray for the people of the Bahamas as they mark their Independence Day today.

**Saturday 11 (World Population day)** Pray for the various programmes USPG supports around the world that address population issues such as family planning, gender equality, poverty, maternal health and human rights.

# 12 - 18 JULY

## ST PAUL'S THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, MADAGASCAR

Founded in 1878, St Paul's Theological College in Madagascar has provided theological training to most of the clergy of the Anglican Church of the Indian Ocean, including many of its bishops and archbishops.

St Paul's is situated in Ambatoharanana, a small village located a three-hour drive north of Antananarivo, Madagascar's capital. It was designed by the Victorian architect William Butterfield. The college campus has a huge chapel and library, with accommodation provided for staff and students. It also houses a museum in which many items that belonged to Madagascar's first missionaries are on display: clothes, a working gramophone with records, typewriters, some sporting equipment, and letters exchanged between King George V and the then Bishop of Madagascar, the Rt Rev'd Robert Kestell-Cornish. The walls are covered with photos of Malagasy bishops, including the first Malagasy bishop to study in England.

In 2014, nine students attended the college representing the five dioceses of Madagascar. The college has since closed and requires serious reconstruction and refurbishment work. Its closure has created a huge need for theological education for priests in Madagascar, and the Bishop of Antananarivo hopes that the college can be reopened in October this year.

## **Sunday 12 July: Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

**Loving God, we pray today for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. May it be a light and a source of hope and peace to many.**

**Monday 13** Let us pray for St Paul's Theological College, and give thanks for the huge contribution it has made to church growth in Madagascar and the Province of the Indian Ocean as a whole.

**Tuesday 14** As France celebrates its Independence Day, we pray for refugees in Calais, trying to rebuild their lives.

**Wednesday 15 (World Youth Skills Day)** Pray for the various programmes USPG supports around the world which focus on mentoring and empowering young people.

**Thursday 16** Pray that the renovation work on St Paul's Theological College can be completed in time for it to reopen in October.

**Friday 17** Pray for the Bishop of Antananarivo and other bishops in the Province of the Indian Ocean, as they search for lasting solutions to the college's challenges.

**Saturday 18 (Nelson Mandela International Day)** As we remember Nelson Mandela's life today, we pray for an end to racism and prejudice in our world.

# 19 - 25 JULY

## TOKYO 2021

*The Rev'd Paul Tolhurst, Partners-in-Mission Secretary,  
Nippon Sei Ko Kai, Japan.*

As much as the Japanese people were looking forward to the Tokyo Olympics (which would have opened this Friday), many feel that postponing them was the right decision and that while it's a shame that the Games cannot happen this year, it is for the best and people now look forward to a big event next year. Shame and loss of face is a huge thing in Japanese culture, so one can imagine that this was something the Japanese government did not want to happen.

No major Christian events had been planned around the Tokyo Games, as has been the case in past Games in other cities. However, the Anglican Church in Japan, the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (NSKK) had been working with the National Christian Council of Japan to help provide English-speaking clergy (and, if possible, other languages too) to be available for the participants, and also to give out details of various Christian services available near the event locations.

Both the NSKK and the National Christian Council of Japan ask for prayer that when the Games do eventually go ahead, they may bless and help unite a divided world and that God's peace may rest with all those taking part or attending.

## **Sunday 19 July: Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

**Let us pray specially this week for the people of Japan, for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai and for the National Christian Council of Japan. Amen.**

**Monday 20** Pray for the nation of Colombia on its Independence Day.

**Tuesday 21** Pray for the ongoing discussions regarding the revision of Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution, which renounces war forever.

**Wednesday 22** Pray for the NSKK's efforts towards justice, reconciliation and peace; that it might continue as an international leader as it works for the abolition of nuclear weapons and nuclear power worldwide.

**Thursday 23** Pray for those recovering from and living with the legacy of the 2011 East Japan earthquake and the many subsequent natural disasters that have struck the nation.

**Friday 24** Pray for continued and increased cooperation between the NSKK and the Anglican Church of Korea, and for the mission of the Church in the face of declining membership.

**Saturday 25** Pray for the NSKK's involvement in ecumenical initiatives tackling issues of human rights and discrimination towards foreign nationals in Japan.

# 26 JULY - 1 AUGUST

## THE CHURCH OF NORTH INDIA: STANDING AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Now in its tenth year, the Church of North India's (CNI) Anti-Human Trafficking Programme has been a huge success in its mission to spread awareness about human trafficking amongst people in West Bengal who are potential targets for trafficking.

The border region between India and Bangladesh is a well-known hotspot for illegal immigration. Durgapur Diocese is located close to the border, so churches in the diocese witness first-hand the devastation and pain the trafficking of humans causes. The programme stems from the CNI's belief that service to God should extend beyond the confines of one's church and be of help to people outside it.

The programme conducts awareness campaigns and rescue missions, and it has built a network with local government and law officials. It organises workshops and camps at which experts in trafficking-related issues explain the various ways human traffickers work and the reasons victims get pulled in.

The programme also has a focus on promoting gender equality. It highlights child marriage, which can often lead to trafficking of girls and young women, and it collaborates with women's self-help groups to make people aware of the various livelihood programmes and schemes available to them.



## **Sunday 26 July: Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

**Lord Jesus, who came to bring freedom to those held captive, empower us to set free all those held in the captivity that is human trafficking.**

**Monday 27** Pray for churches in the Diocese of Durgapur who are at the forefront of the CNI's fight against human trafficking. May they be safe havens for all who are at risk.

**Tuesday 28** Pray for Peru, celebrating its Independence Day today.

**Wednesday 29** Pray for the women's self-help groups the CNI works with to help women and girls who are at risk of being trafficked.

**Thursday 30 (World Day against Trafficking in Persons)** As we give thanks for the work of the CNI's Anti-Human Trafficking Programme, let us also pray for similar programmes to be launched in other parts of the world where such initiatives are needed.

**Friday 31** Pray for good relationships to flourish between the CNI and the government bodies and NGOs working together to curb human trafficking on the border between India and Bangladesh.

**Saturday 1 August** Pray for the people of Benin as the nation celebrates its Independence Day today.

# 2 - 8 AUGUST

## THE LONG WAIT

*Catherine Wickens, USPG Trustee*

As we enter August, many young people's minds normally turn towards exam results day. For months, the date has loomed far in the distance and can be quite easily forgotten. But now it creeps closer. COVID-19 may have caused this year's exams to be cancelled, but waiting for the calculated grades that are replacing them is causing just as much uncertainty for some students and even more for others.

But as students, indeed as citizens, we spend the rest of the year adapting to whatever life throws at us. Sometimes life seems to be going well and we can take stock and celebrate. Other times, life can be extremely difficult as we face challenges we weren't expecting. Either way, most of us work through these challenges, with the help of our intellect, each other, and of course, God.

As students wait, however, life seems beyond our control. We forget that we have capacity and community, and that there will be solutions, whatever our grades. Let us pray, then, that whether it is what they dreamed of or feared, students awaiting their grades trust in their God-given capacity to embrace a new stage of life, along with whatever joys and challenges that brings.

## **Sunday 2 August: Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

**They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.  
Lord, be with all who wait – whether for exam results or  
for some other important news.**

**Monday 3** Pray for the people of Niger as they celebrate their Independence Day today.

**Tuesday 4** Pray for the Church of South India's Focus 9/99 programme, which mobilises churches and communities 'to assure the future of children' - especially girls.

**Wednesday 5** Pray for the people of Burkina Faso on the country's Independence Day.

**Thursday 6: Transfiguration of Our Lord** We pray for Jamaica on its Independence Day, especially that the island's tourism industry can bounce back from the effects of COVID-19.

**Friday 7** Pray for the people of Cote d'Ivoire as they celebrate their Independence Day today.

**Saturday 8** Pray for Mission to Seafarers' teams in Latin America and the Caribbean, who have had many restrictions placed on their work by their respective governments.

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