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# FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

The world is in crisis; creation is groaning. We hear the cry of the Earth in species extinction, in the climate crisis, in systemic racial injustice, in material poverty, in conflict, in the global Coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19). In such a time as this, what have Christians got to offer?

Our doctrine of creation suggests that it was never meant to be like this, but that human nature is tarnished, fallen as some call it. However, our biblical narrative of salvation provides a remedy and challenges us to play our part in the process of redemption and recreation. This is the journey that USPG invites you to make with us over the six weeks of Lent – using the prayers in this booklet, and also using USPG’s new study course, ‘For such a time as this’

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We live in a broken and unequal world. We are here for such a time as this. We are called to respond with words and actions. As we progress through Lent in prayer and study, USPG’s partner churches offer us insights, hope and encouragement in the ways that they are confronting the issues of ecological justice in their own contexts: and in doing so, challenge us to respond: are we ready to accept the challenge?

# 24-30 JANUARY

## GREEN SCHOOLS

USPG has been supporting the Church of South India (CSI) Green Schools programme since 2017. The Green Schools programme trains students in environmental care by putting students in charge of conducting 'green audits' of their respective schools. Each participating school appoints 60 students to assess its performance in areas such as air quality, energy efficiency and waste management. The students make recommendations based on their findings and the schools implement changes. The CSI gives each school a rating - focusing more on the measurable changes each school has made, rather than creating a competitive environment.

The CSI has implemented Green Schools in 450 of its thousand schools so far, and plans are under way to roll it out to all of them, aiming it at teachers as well as at students. In 2019, 86 of the CSI's schools submitted green audits. The CSI's Department for Ecological Concerns has collaborated with the Indian government's Environment Department to produce an environmental curriculum.

CSI is now recognised as a leading force in acting on the environment. The Eco-Ministry of the CSI (of which the Green Schools programme is a part) was nominated for the 2019 UNESCO-Japan prize on Education for Sustainable Development by the World Council of Churches. It was hailed as a good practice story on UNESCO's website.

**Sunday 24 January: Third Sunday after the Epiphany:**

**Loving God,**

**The Earth and all its beauty are yours.**

**Help us, whom you have made stewards of the Earth,  
to care for it and treat it with love.**

**Monday 25 (the Conversion of Paul):** Let us give thanks for God's covenant with humanity and all the creatures of the Earth.

**Tuesday 26:** Let us pray for a reversal of the narrative that claims that human beings are fundamentally selfish.

**Wednesday 27 (International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust):** Let us pray for an end to antisemitism in all its forms.

**Thursday 28:** Let us pray for healing in all the parts of the world where 'cancerous capitalism' has had devastating side effects.

**Friday 29:** Let us pray for wisdom for our leaders to seek out non-destructive means of achieving economic growth.

**Saturday 30:** Let us pray for the Church of South India as it continues to champion environmental justice.

# 31 JANUARY - 6 FEBRUARY

## MISSION NEVER CEASES

For the Diocese of Colombo's Plantation Community Development Programme (PCDP), last year was a huge learning experience. 'The major lesson the team learned in 2020 was that despite the challenges that are thrown their way, mission never ceases, as one team member said.

Part of PCDP's mission is minding the welfare of the children of tea plantation workers. As the Covid-19 pandemic spread to Sri Lanka and curfews and lockdowns became routine, the PCDP team ensured that plantation workers' children were looked after, and their needs met.

One challenge the PCDP faced during the pandemic was child labour. With schools closed and a recession looming, some parents put their children to work selling vegetables on the streets and at local markets. For many of those children, those jobs continued after the lockdown had ended and they did not return to school when classes resumed. After conferring with teachers, the PCDP team visited the homes of the absentee children and received their parents' assurance that they would return to school.

Whenever life in Sri Lanka returns to normal, the PCDP team hopes to restart the projects it has had to put on hold and resume its mission - with caution, but with great enthusiasm.

**Sunday 31 January (Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany):**

**Dear Lord, help us in all that we do  
to ensure that children everywhere  
are properly taken care of  
so that they can have hope and a future.**

**Monday 1 February:** Let us give thanks for the ongoing mission work of the Diocese of Colombo's Plantation Community Development Programme.

**Tuesday 2 (Presentation of Jesus in the Temple):** Let us pray for all the children of Sri Lanka's tea plantation workers, especially that Covid-19 does not cause them to miss out on their education.

**Wednesday 3:** Let us pray for the continued restoration of good relationships between Sri Lanka's Christian and Muslim communities, nearly two years on from the Easter Day bomb attacks.

**Thursday 4:** Let us pray for all those who work with and care for children that they may treat them with love, respect, and patience.

**Friday 5:** Let us pray for the complete and total healing of all the rifts caused by Sri Lanka's civil war that took place from 1983 to 2009.

**Saturday 6:** Let us pray that children may be recognised as the hope for our world now and in the future.

# 7-13 FEBRUARY

## BRAY DAY

*Dr Jo Sadgrove*

The 17th century was a time of great turmoil expansion and innovation within English society. In the late 1600s, Thomas Bray, founder of SPCK and SPG whom we commemorate on 15th February, sought to extend Christian education and pastoral care within England and across the Atlantic. When SPG was established in 1701, the only medium to facilitate communication between the Society's headquarters in London, and the various missionaries it employed in the Caribbean and North America, was via handwritten letters. These letters reveal the ways in which remote practices of caregiving were established. They illuminate the experiences of early missionaries in a range of contexts who both sought to provide care and to receive it. Pastoral care, what it involves, and who should administer it to whom remains a critical concern to USPG in 2020. Examining the connections between the original SPG story and the present work of the Society reveals a continuous thread of innovation in pastoral caregiving. This influences USPG's thinking about its unique mission and role in a global crisis, and ensures that the founding ideals of Thomas Bray and his contemporaries are kept alive.



**Sunday 7 February (Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany):**

**Lord, we bring before you**

**all whose lives have been affected by Covid-19.**

**Give restoration to those who have lost livelihoods,  
comfort to those who grieve,**

**And grant eternal rest to those who have died.**

**Monday 8:** Let us pray for all those who are working on a vaccine for Covid-19, that Christ may fill them with wisdom.

**Tuesday 9:** Let us pray for front line workers who continue to provide care in many ways during these extraordinary times.

**Wednesday 10:** Let us pray for world leaders as they continue to make decisions that will affect the lives of many.

**Thursday 11:** Let us pray for those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, that the God of comfort may fill them with His love.

**Friday 12:** Let us pray for the global church, that its response to the Covid-19 pandemic may continue to be one centred on the care for all.

**Saturday 13:** Let us pray for all who have died that they might rest in peace and rise in glory.

# 14-20 FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent. The blessed ashes are imposed on the faithful as a sign of remembering that you are dust and to dust you shall return. Ash Wednesday is the day to set the tone for Lent: six weeks dedicated to prayer, fasting, meditation, repentance and reflection.

In the Philippines, the tradition of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday applies to all Christians, regardless of denomination - although some Christian traditions do allow you one meal a day. The eating of meat or fish is forbidden during this time.

Last year, we cancelled Ash Wednesday services over fears of the Coronavirus. In some churches in the Philippines, to avoid physical touching, clergy sprinkled ashes on congregants' heads rather than making the sign of the cross on their foreheads.

During these 40 days, let us join fellow Christians around the world to pray, fast, repent and give. I pray that this time of Lent will be one in which people all over the world will be transformed and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Sunday 14 February: Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Lord, you are our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in times of trouble.  
Help us, when hope seems lost,  
To keep our eyes fixed on you.**

**Monday 15:** Let us give thanks for the life and ministry of Dr Thomas Bray, USPG's founder.

**Tuesday 16:** Let us pray that this upcoming Lent season will be a time of reflection and transformation for people all over the world.

**Wednesday 17 (Ash Wednesday):** Let us give thanks for the life of Ugandan martyr Janani Luwum.

**Thursday 18:** Let us pray, that as we journey this Lent toward Easter joy, we might share the joy of the living Christ with all whom we meet.

**Friday 19:** Let us pray that during this season of prayer, fasting, and giving our world might experience a conversion of love for all.

**Saturday 20 (World Day of Social Justice):** Let us pray for justice in all parts of our world and give thanks for those who work toward justice and equality for all.

# 21-27 FEBRUARY

## A COVENANT WITH NATURE

*A reflection from the Asian Theological Academy.*

Through recent history, society has been deceived into believing that economic growth and prosperity equal a good life. In this narrative, prosperity is built on a false belief that human beings are fundamentally selfish.

Our planet is the principal victim of this false narrative. Production depends on natural resources and growth currently depends on the unrestricted extraction of those resources - which, in turn, results in the destruction of nature's life-giving qualities. This phenomenon is often called 'cancerous capitalism'; the so-called advances are interlocked with destruction.

In the flood narrative described in Genesis, the destruction of the Earth was the result of human sin. The author of Genesis notes these sins as injustice and wickedness, which led to a hedonistic life. The anguish of God after the destruction of creation stimulated a new covenant of preservation.

Biblical covenants are a response to the self-giving and gratuitous love of God. The covenant of preservation after the flood is not with people and God, but 'with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the Earth' (Genesis 9:10). The term 'covenant' reinforces the idea that God respects people and nature.

**Sunday 21 February (First Sunday in Lent):**

**Oh, God of peace and safety,  
pour your peace on us.  
Oh, God of peace,  
grant peace in our hearts.**

*From an Arabic hymn*

**Monday 22:** Let us pray that the God of peace might bring everlasting peace within our world.

**Tuesday 23:** Let us pray for those who suffer because of the prosperity of others and economic structures that oppress many.

**Wednesday 24 (St. Matthias, the Apostle):** Let us pray for the courage to spread the good news of the self-giving love of Christ.

**Thursday 25:** Let us give thanks for all those who work toward caring for creation that their example may be a model to many.

**Friday 26:** Let us pray that we might care for our natural resources and safeguard them from destruction that causes long term damage.

**Saturday 27:** Let us give thanks for the beauty of the world that we live in, remembering that it is a reminder of God's love for us.

# 28 FEBRUARY TO 6 MARCH

## THE GOLDEN RULE

*The Most Rev'd Renato Abibico, former Prime Bishop, the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.*

The mission work of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP) has been a blessing and a gift, as the indigenous communities the church serves to shape its theology with worldviews that are more attuned with the Biblical mandate for humanity to be stewards of creation.

These worldviews are embodied in the concept of *Inayan*, which is an expanded version of the Golden Rule. *Inayan* enunciates that one must do to others (and to nature) what he or she wants to be done to him or to her - or else the bad that is done will return to the doer.

As humanity continues to turn its back on the Creator, the warning of *Inayan* is affirmed by Isaiah 24:4-6: 'The Earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers; the heavens languish together with the Earth. The Earth lies polluted under its inhabitants; for they have transgressed laws; violated the statutes; broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore, a curse devours the Earth and its inhabitants suffer.'

The price of ignoring *Inayan* and Isaiah's prophecy is unfolding today in many parts of the Philippines. Thus, the Church's mission to safeguard the integrity of creation and renew the life of the Earth has become most urgent and of utmost significance.

**Sunday 28 February:**

**Almighty and loving God,**

**may your constant peace abound in our hearts.**

**Help us, that we may commit to being agents of your peace throughout the world.**

**Monday 1 March (Zero Discrimination Day):** Let us pray for an end to all forms of discrimination and for the courage to stand up for those who are being discriminated against.

**Tuesday 2:** Let us pray that the same love we have for Christ might show to those we walk beside each day.

**Wednesday 3 (World Wildlife Day):** Let us pray for the care and protection of all of God's creatures that help to make up the created beauty of our world.

**Thursday 4:** Let us pray that through constant prayer, and committed action that the Spirit of our loving Father might renew the face of the Earth.

**Friday 5:** Let us pray that we might live by the golden rule, treating others how we would like to be treated, rooted in an attitude of love.

**Saturday 6:** Let us give thanks for all those who work in ministry spreading the mission of the church across the world.

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**Belize:**  
Bouncing Back

**Barbados:**  
Three Women,  
Spices and a Stone

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Green Schools

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Mission  
Never  
Ceases

**Myanmar:**  
Higher Education

**Philippines:**  
The Golden Rule

**Mozambique:**  
Living with  
Climate Change

# 7-13 MARCH

## BOUNCING BACK

*The Rt Rev'd Philip Wright, Bishop of Belize.*

Darmine and Kenton have been friends since childhood. They grew up attending St John's Cathedral in Belize City, where they were actively involved in the youth ministry as teenagers.

Over the past 15 years, both young men have worked in the tourism industry. Darmine started a tour company offering activities such as cave tubing and zip-lining. Kenton started working with a food delivery company in San Pedro, one of Belize's prominent tourist destinations. He later became a tour guide and snorkelling instructor. About a decade ago, the two friends joined forces. Their joint operation did fairly well - until Covid-19 happened.

Within weeks, Darmine and Kenton found themselves without a regular income and had to survive on their limited savings and the government's relief programme. They discovered very quickly how easily smaller operators could be squeezed out of having equitable access to the resources that could help them rebound over time. Larger investors and companies forged alliances with select groups, effectively discouraging potential collaborations amongst the smaller operators.

**Sunday 7 March:**

**Loving God, you heal the broken-hearted  
and comfort the bereaved.**

**May all who bear the scars of the Earthquake and tsunami  
experience your comfort and healing.**

**Monday 8 (International Women's Day):** Let us give thanks again for all USPG's partner programmes dedicated to justice and safety for women, such as the Delhi Brotherhood helpline in India, and the Anglican Church of Zambia's Gender Justice Programme.

**Tuesday 9:** Let us pray for all countries that depend on tourism for a healthy economy, and which have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Wednesday 10:** Let us pray for all who work in hospitality that through their work they bring about a deeper sense of service to others.

**Thursday 11:** Let us pray for all who are unemployed and seeking employment during these difficult times.

**Friday 12:** Let us pray for all small business owners and entrepreneurs.

**Saturday 13:** Let us pray for those who have found ways to work toward making our world a better place even in our current circumstances.

# 14-20 MARCH

## MOZAMBIQUE: LIVING WITH CLIMATE CHANGE

*The Rt Rev'd Carlos Matsinhe, Bishop of Lebombo,  
the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.*

Mozambique's geographical location in south eastern Africa makes it vulnerable to the disasters caused by climate change. In the last two decades, the country has been scorched by cyclic interplays of long, severe droughts, devastating cyclones and almost yearly flooding.

In keeping with the Anglican Communion's fifth mark of mission ('To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the Earth'), the Dioceses of Lebombo, Niassa and Nampula are actively addressing the current ecological crisis: involving their members in reformation projects, providing education about resilience methods, participating in crisis response and working with other national institutions on climate change advocacy. One example of the church's work is that all confirmation candidates have to plant trees as part of their sacrament. Several youth groups are involved in pollution reduction and tree planting.

We have faith that global measures and policies to address climate injustice will restore the integrity of creation and enable survival and better living and bring the planet into its full potential as a place blessed by God for all creation. The powers of the world must stop their greed and irresponsible devastation of natural resources to save the future of the planet.

**Sunday 14 March:**

**Loving and merciful God, you have made us in your image,  
and each of us is precious in your sight.**

**Help us to see your face in everyone we meet,  
and to work for inclusion and the empowerment of all.**

**Monday 15:** Let us give thanks for the work that the Dioceses of Lebombo, Niassa and Nampula are doing to address the climate and ecological crisis in Mozambique.

**Tuesday 16:** Let us pray for communities across Mozambique that have been hit hard by the effects of climate change.

**Wednesday 17:** Let us pray that global measures and policies to address climate injustice will restore the integrity of creation and enable communities in Mozambique to survive.

**Thursday 18:** Let us give thanks for all the new trees that have been planted in Mozambique by confirmation candidates and pray that churches in other countries adopt this idea.

**Friday 19 (Joseph of Nazareth):** Let us pray that churches and national institutions that work on climate change advocacy can work harmoniously together for the common good.

**Saturday 20:** Let us give thanks to God for all those who devote their lives to seeking a fairer world in which all are treated equally and with dignity.

# 21-27 MARCH

## LAMENT AND PATHOS

*The Rev'd Dr Carlton Turner, USPG trustee*

This week, we as a society want to observe two very important UN special days: the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Sunday 21 March) and the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (Thursday 25 March).

In this Lenten season, we call to mind words such as lament and pathos. The pain of racial discrimination and the destruction of Black life remain perpetual legacies within our contemporary world. We lament the more than 15 million men, women and children whose lives were brutally and systematically taken through the process of enslavement over a 400-year period. This sense of pathos, this deep grief, continues when thinking of the ways in which Black people across the globe are oppressed and marginalised politically, socially, mentally and emotionally, economically and in terms of physical health.

Nonetheless, amid such pathos, we also press towards solidarity and hope. USPG, in its *Standing in Solidarity* campaign, joins the lament for Black lives, but reaches forward in hope for a just and fair world. We pray for healing and hope in a world of Black suffering and oppression.

## **Sunday 21 March: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**

**God of justice and peace,**

**You have made us equal and we are precious in your sight.**

**Help us to pray and work without ceasing**

**for a world free of racism, prejudice, and oppression.**

**Monday 22 (World Water Day):** Let us give thanks for all USPG's partner organisations that are working towards giving communities access to clean water and good sanitation.

**Tuesday 23:** Let us pray for all who are discriminated against because of the colour of their skin and for an end to racial discrimination.

**Wednesday 24:** Let us give thanks for all who stand in solidarity with those who are on the margins of society.

**Thursday 25 (the Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary/International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade):** Let us pray for an end to all forms of modern-day slavery in the world.

**Friday 26:** Let us pray for the people of Bangladesh as they celebrate their country's Independence Day today.

**Saturday 27:** Let us give thanks for the Church of North India's *Let My People Go* programme, fighting injustice on behalf of marginalised communities in India.

# 28 MARCH - 3 APRIL HOLY WEEK

## THREE LOVES

*The Rev'd Jonathan McCurley, the Asian Rural Institute.*

Through its nine-month training programme, the Asian Rural Institute lives out a 'three loves' theology in community. This lifestyle is based on practical Christianity lived in a rural context. In loving God, one another and the soil - the three loves - we seek to realise God's heavenly Kingdom: a re-creation of the life God has envisioned for us.

Daily foodlife work is the foundation to this lifestyle. The term 'foodlife' was coined by the late Rev'd Dr Toshihiro Takami, founder of the Asian Rural Institute, as a reminder that food and life are inseparable. Growing and harvesting from the soil, we do more than just produce food; we re-create our own lives. From continuously working the soil, sowing seeds, caring for livestock and communal harvesting to sharing meals at a common table, the entire process is one of nourishment for the body and the soul.

As we gather to share the fruits of one another's labour, we remember and have our eyes opened to God's work that brings life out of creation and through the community to one another. As we work the soil, as we train participants and as we welcome visitors, we see God at work, transforming each of us and creation itself into the image of Jesus Christ.



**Sunday 28 March (Palm Sunday):**

**Holy God, as your Son entered his own city  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey,  
may we in humility, yet with your confidence,  
work to transform our communities, through your Son.**

**Monday 29:** Let us pray that during this Holy Week we might journey toward Easter with a hope that will enliven our communities with the presence of Christ.

**Tuesday 30:** Let us pray for all who work toward ending hunger within our world, especially those who harvest and prepare food for the good of the world.

**Wednesday 31:** Let us give thanks for our Lenten journey as we prepare to celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ.

**Thursday 1 April (Maundy Thursday):** Let us pray that through the example of the bread given from heaven we might work to provide food to those who are hungry.

**Friday 2 April (Good Friday):** Let us pray that through the sacrifice of Him who bore our sins on the cross we might share in Christ's self-giving love in the communities in which we live and work.

**Saturday 3:** Let us pray that as we wait ready to receive the risen Christ that we might work toward being the image of Christ in our world.

# 4-10 APRIL EASTER WEEK

## THREE WOMEN, SPICES AND A STONE

*The Rev'd Dr Sonia Hinds, Diocese of Barbados, Church of the Province of the West Indies.*

In Caribbean societies, women wake early in the morning and can be seen daily in the fields clearing and planting, reaping and sowing and lifting heavy loads of cane, bananas and other crops onto trucks. They are not afraid of physical labour, taking many risks for the survival of their families.

On the morning of the Resurrection, Salome, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James also woke up early. Their friend Jesus had died a gruesome death a couple of days earlier and in keeping with the Jewish custom, they set off with spices to eliminate any odour from the dead body of Jesus.

On arrival, however, they were surprised to see the stone rolled away and to find a young man waiting. As witnesses of the Crucifixion, and seeing Jesus' body being taken to the tomb, the unusual instruction from the young man caused them to flee from the tomb, 'for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid' (Mark 16:8).

We know that they eventually overcame their fear. These women shared the good news of the empty tomb. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **Sunday 4 April (Easter Day)**

**Loving God, we come to you on this day that your Son broke the bonds of death and rose victoriously from the tomb. May the risen Christ continue to strengthen us with the desire to share the good news of Your love for the world.**

**Monday 5:** Let us pray for women and girls who are afraid to tell when acts of violence are committed against them. We pray for their perpetrators and for a justice system that would believe their tales of pain.

**Tuesday 6:** Let us pray for the followers of Jesus in this age who are witnessing in challenging places as they spread the good news of Jesus' resurrection.

**Wednesday 7:** Let us pray for women and men who accept the good news of Jesus' resurrection but find it difficult to live out this reality in their daily lives.

**Thursday 8:** Let us pray for women and girls who are refugees, living in camps as a result of war.

**Friday 9:** Let us pray for migrant women who travel across continents seeking a better life; a life based on hope.

**Saturday 10:** Let us pray for women in prisons and detention centres, and for girls in correctional institutions.

# 11-17 APRIL

## HIGHER EDUCATION

Last summer, Maung Jin Won and Ma Nyu Kai became the first students in the history of St David's Boarding School in Mandalay to pass the Tenth Standard exams: the key to acquiring a university education in Myanmar.

Maung Jin Won not only passed the exam; he achieved two distinctions. His success is a testimony to how the Church of the Province of Myanmar is transforming lives through its Education Programme. The local church that runs the boarding school allowed him to stay there and attend classes for free as his parents could not afford the tuition fees. At one point, he had to miss school for a whole year due to illness; when he returned, the priest in charge of the church arranged for 'tuition guys' to come to the boarding house in the evenings and give Maung Jin Won and his fellow students additional coaching.

Maung Jin Won is currently taking an IT course and is interested in studying Economics. 'In my village and the surrounding areas, a lot of people plant crops on the hillside but they're not always successful,' he says. 'I want to do something for the area, to make it better.'

**Sunday 11 April (Second Sunday of Easter):**

**Good and generous God, we thank you  
for bestowing on us the constant gifts of Your love.  
You care for us all. Forgive us we pray for those times  
we have not cared for Your people as we should.**

**Monday 12:** Let us pray for all those in university that through their studies they may grow in wisdom, and knowledge to better themselves and others.

**Tuesday 13:** Let us pray for all those who work in education to transform lives and communities.

**Wednesday 14:** Let us pray for all those who wish to study at university but do not have the means to do so, that support through generosity might be available.

**Thursday 15:** Let us pray for all students who have had their learning patterns affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Friday 16:** Let us pray that our eyes might be opened to see others as Christ sees them instead of as our biases do.

**Saturday 17:** Let us give thanks for those who give of their time, talent, and treasure for the continued building of the Kingdom here on Earth.

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