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PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS FROM  
THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION



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# INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this new edition of the USPG prayer diary.

In the second half of the year USPG conducted a supporter survey, so that we could understand what motivates our supporters and volunteers and thus enable us to serve them better. It was wonderful to read on so many of the responses just how important the prayer diary is for you all.

And yet it was no surprise to me – prayer is one of the things that unites us in strength and fellowship across the world as members of the Anglican Church. It underpins our daily life as Christians and is a vital part of our times of worship. It is something that we do as individuals, one on one, in groups. Prayer is such a fundamental part of who we are as daughters and sons of God.

It is why we want this resource to be available to our sisters and brothers across the globe and so this year for the first time we are translating this prayer diary into both French and Spanish (more languages to follow we hope). This is something we have been planning for the past 12 months and so we are delighted that this is coming to fruition. Now available in Spanish and French at [www.uspg.org.uk](https://www.uspg.org.uk).

As I edited this prayer diary and wrote some of the reflections I thought often of you the reader, reaching for this booklet alongside your Bible and reflecting daily. I hope that this helps support your Christian-life. Thank you for praying for the work of USPG, and our partners and friends so faithfully throughout the year.

**Rachael Anderson,**  
Senior Communications & Engagement Manager, USPG



**PROGRAMME  
UPDATE**

# MEET OUR CONTRIBUTORS

This prayer diary could not exist without the thoughtful contributions and reflections from our partners around the world. Please do remember them as you pray.



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# **2 - 8 JUNE** **VOLUNTEERS** **WEEK** **REFLECTIONS**

**Carol Miller, Church Engagement Manager, USPG**

*Read Matthew 25:34-40 and reflect on good deeds*

Volunteers' Week is a national celebration of the amazing contributions volunteers make to communities across the UK. This year celebrations run from 3-9 June. Find out more and how you can get involved at [www.uspg.org.uk](http://www.uspg.org.uk)

Acts of kindness are so often hidden, such as picking up a lost toy on the pavement and placing it on the fence nearby in hopes that the owner will find it. Or offering to get that just-out-of-reach item from the top shelf at the supermarket for a petite shopper.

In this passage, Jesus tells us that kind acts align with Kingdom values and are seen by the King Himself. God knows that in those moments when we are moved to act out of compassion, empathy or gentleness, we are demonstrating our salvation. We act from a position of redemption.

Jesus came to show us how to live and share His love. When we do good to those around us and offer our time and talents for the advancement of the Kingdom of God, we partner with God.



## SUNDAY 2 JUNE (FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

Father in Heaven,  
We thank you for those in self-supporting ministry  
such as chaplains, parish ministers, and others.  
They give their time, without pay,  
to bring the gospel to those in their communities.



**PRAYERS**

**MONDAY 3 JUNE** Lord, bring inspiration to those who take time to share your peace and mercy to others around them. Help them to use words of welcome and grace as they serve others through evangelism.

**TUESDAY 4 JUNE** Thank you Lord, for all those who faithfully volunteer for charities they believe in. Restore to them the resources they expend, doing good for and on behalf of others.

**WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE** We pray for all who volunteer so tirelessly to keep their local environment clean, from towns to beaches to parkland. May they be refreshed and revived in their important work.

**THURSDAY 6 JUNE** Jesus, you were bound and crucified for our freedom. We ask you to be near to those who volunteer for prison ministries. Allow them to share your love and the freedom available in you alone.

**FRIDAY 7 JUNE** Let us pray for our partners around the Anglican Communion who are providing basic human needs to those in the most difficult circumstances. May that cup of cold water in your name be rewarded.

**SATURDAY 8 JUNE** Lord, accept these gifts, our labour for your kingdom. Let them bring glory and honour to you.





## PROGRAMME UPDATE

# 9 - 15 JUNE

## ESTATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MISSION, DIOCESE OF COLOMBO, CHURCH OF CEYLON

High up in the hills and nestled between the fields of tea lies a village. Many mothers and fathers here are born into generations of tea plantation workers where work from a young age is very common. They aren't paid a living wage even though the hours are long and exhausting. Sometimes parents don't know if they will be able to put food on the table. Often their children drop out of school to work on the tea plantation too. "I have seen young boys and girls out plucking tea leaves for hours in the hot sun where they risk being bitten by snakes. It's so dangerous, but they have to continue working," explains Kavitha, a local teacher.

The Diocese of Colombo, Church of Ceylon seeks to bring hope for children and improve livelihoods in plantation estate communities especially through schools and education. Being at school keeps children safe from the dangers of working in the fields.

Church of Ceylon is one of our Partners in Mission (PIM). Find out more about PIM on page 60-63.



## SUNDAY 9 JUNE (SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

God of freedom, we pray for all your children around the world who are bound by unjust child labour. Free them from their work so they can learn and grow. Heal their physical, emotional, and spiritual wounds, and protect them from further harm and exploitation.

**(Catholic Social Justice Network)**

**MONDAY 10 JUNE** Lord God, we praise you for the work of the Diocese of Colombo, Church of Ceylon with the tea plantation communities. Thank you that your Spirit drives us to care for those on the margins.

**TUESDAY 11 JUNE (FEAST OF ST BARNABAS THE APOSTLE, THE DAY OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE INSTITUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION)** God our Father, You filled Saint Barnabas with faith and the Holy Spirit. Help us to follow his example and proclaim the gospel by word and deed. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE (WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR)** Lord Jesus, open our eyes to the reality of forced child labour. Help us to realise how precious each child is to you. May the awareness of modern-day slavery motivate us to act.

**THURSDAY 13 JUNE** Heavenly Father, we pray for Malaya Makkal ("people of the hills") teachers like Kavitha. Give them grace as they teach, wisdom to inspire and educate and strength for when they feel weak.

**FRIDAY 14 JUNE** Father, thank you for a long-standing and cherished partnership between USPG and the Diocese of Colombo, Church of Ceylon. We praise you for your faithfulness.

**SATURDAY 15 JUNE** Use this verse to pray: Jesus said, *'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.'* Matthew 19:14



## PRAYERS



# 16 - 22 JUNE

## WINDRUSH DAY

### REFLECTIONS

**The Rt Rev'd Dr Rosemarie Mallett, Bishop of Croydon**

On Windrush Day, we remember the Caribbean migrants who, in the same year that Windrush Day was inaugurated (2018), faced deportation. Despite arriving in the UK with British passports and living here for decades, they were told they did not belong and had no right to be in the country.

That sense of 'unbelonging' and the hostile environment of racism and rejection are felt by many of the original generation and their descendants. There can be no Caribbean-diaspora person who has not personally faced or known someone who has faced overt racism, unconscious bias, and racialised arrogance due to skin colour and cultural differences from white UK society. This was no different for those who looked for welcome and hospitality from Christian brothers and sisters and were turned away from church doors. Thankfully, this did not stop that generation of migrants from envisioning a place for themselves in whatever aspect of society they wished to succeed in.

On this and every Windrush Day, we give thanks to those early pioneers, celebrating the successes of those individuals who believed in their talent and skills, and most often, their God. Who often worked hard to overcome prejudice and advance themselves, their families, and their community. Today, we can see the flourishing of leadership and representation of people of colour and those of Caribbean heritage and descent in all aspects of life in this country. However, though much has changed, there is still a way to go before people can truly feel welcome and accepted and that they fully belong.

### SUNDAY 16 JUNE (THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, UK FATHER'S DAY)

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

**(Revelation 7:9)**



### PRAYERS

**MONDAY 17 JUNE** O Lord, may we place belonging at the heart of our witnessing and worshipping – drawing all to the knowledge that we belong to Jesus and each other.

**TUESDAY 18 JUNE** Let us pray that all are truly welcomed and recognised in our churches – in word and deed to play a full part in the life of the Church.

**WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE** Help us Lord, to commit to standing up for justice, equity and dignity, and against anything that denies the image of God in human beings.

**THURSDAY 20 JUNE (WORLD REFUGEE DAY)** We pray for all who have been forced to leave their homes to make long journeys to safety. We pray for all who spend all they have and risk their lives to flee. May we listen to their stories and respond with love and kindness.

**FRIDAY 21 JUNE** Lord, may we seek to discover the gifts and talents of all so that they be encouraged and enabled to offer those to God and the building up of his Kingdom.

**SATURDAY 22 JUNE (WINDRUSH DAY)** We pray for the Windrush generation and their descendants. We acknowledge who they are, their gifts, culture, and talents. We thank You for the many contributions they have made to our society, and we pray a blessing over them and their generations.



## PROGRAMME UPDATE

# 23 – 29 JUNE

## ANGLICAN SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY FOR EXILED PEOPLE IN NORTHERN FRANCE

**Bradon Muilenburg, Anglican Refugee Support Lead in Northern France, the Diocese in Europe, the Diocese of Canterbury and USPG**

They spent forty days in doing this, for that is the time required for embalming. And the Egyptians wept for him for seventy days. Genesis 50:3 (NRSV)

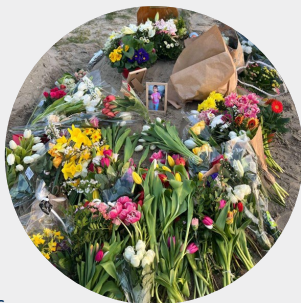
*"Grief is the price we pay for love."* Queen Elizabeth II

Jacob fled famine and died in exile. Egypt responds with something akin to a royal state funeral: 70 days of national mourning.

Let's follow their example and hold space for lament this week in our prayers. As the Church, let's grieve the continued suffering and deaths of refugees far and near home.

The day I'm writing this reflection marks seven days since I was at the burial of a little girl from Iraq named Roula, that's one day for each year she lived. Her life was cut short because she was allowed no safe route to claim asylum in the UK.

Lament means facing harsh realities. It means refusing to use the luxury of power to distract ourselves. We must pass through grief, then we will find hope. The Kingdom of Heaven is waiting for all of us on the other side.



## SUNDAY 23 JUNE (FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

Bless all who seek refuge on this earth.

Meet their needs for safety and home.

Move the hearts of your people to show them welcome.

Cause wars to cease and bring justice to the nations so that no one will need to flee again.

**(Diocese of Salisbury)**



## PRAYERS

**MONDAY 24 JUNE (THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST)** O Lord Jesus, we pray that the unjust structures of society will be transformed. Give us the courage to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation.

**TUESDAY 25 JUNE** Comfort the families that have lost and will lose loved ones at the France/UK border. That those of us living in the lands of the comfortable would find ways to come alongside them in their grief.

**WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE** May the prophetic power of our collective lament deliver us from cynicism and indifference, and safeguard vulnerability in a culture of dominance and control. May we foster solidarity and belonging in a world of disconnection.

**THURSDAY 27 JUNE** *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."* Matthew 5:4 (NRSV)

**FRIDAY 28 JUNE** We pray that the Church would accompany people in exile in their loss of home, friends and family. May they be beacons of light, safety and hospitality for all those in need.

**SATURDAY 29 JUNE (FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES)** Lord, let us remember the examples of St Peter and St Paul, two of your most loyal disciples. May we seek to emulate the conviction of their faith through our deeds and words.



## PROGRAMME UPDATE

# 30 JUNE – 6 JULY

## ST LUKE'S HOSPITAL, NABLUS

Ms E's classroom is a special place. The children in her care come to learn, play, and laugh together which she knows are moments harder to come by since the conflict intensified in October 2023. When she first began to feel pain in her hand, Ms E was distraught. Teaching is her world and it had suddenly got a lot more difficult. Everyday activities like opening a jar or marking homework were now impossible.

St Luke's Hospital in Nablus received the schoolteacher and monitored her situation carefully. Scans revealed that surgery was necessary to relieve her pain. Faced by the fear of high medical fees, Ms E was reluctant to receive help.

However, the hospital staff by her side informed her that St Luke's would cover the cost. Ms E accepted the gracious offer and made a full recovery. "The next morning the horrible pain was gone!" she explained with a weary smile.

St Luke's Hospital administered by the Diocese of Jerusalem continues to serve the community with the spirit of love and care, and USPG is proud to be part of that journey for over 20 years.



## SUNDAY 30 JUNE (FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

"The Earth is the Lord's and everything in it."

O God, We have profoundly damaged creation.

Give us the strength to recover what we have tainted,

Amplify the voices calling for renewal.



## PRAYERS

**MONDAY 1 JULY** Lord God, we lift those who, like Ms E, who face difficult circumstances - whether physical or emotional. Grant them the strength to persevere, knowing that you are their steadfast support in times of need.

**TUESDAY 2 JULY** Heavenly Father, we pray for the healthcare providers at St Luke's Hospital and other healthcare facilities. Bless them with wisdom and discernment as they attend to the needs of the sick and suffering. May they embody your love and compassion in their every action.

**WEDNESDAY 3 JULY (FEAST OF ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE)** Creator God, grant to us, like Thomas, who have not seen. That we may also believe and confess Christ as our Lord and our God.

**THURSDAY 4 JULY** Jesus, bringing comfort and healing to those in the care of hospitals around the world. Give them strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

**FRIDAY 5 JULY** Lord God, thank you for the long-standing partnership between USPG and the Diocese of Jerusalem. Bless their work in accordance with your will, in order that there may be more stories of transformation and restoration.

**SATURDAY 6 JULY** *My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. (Psalm 73:26)*





# 7 – 13 JULY

## UNITED BEYOND BORDERS

**Rachael Anderson, Senior Communications & Engagement  
Manager, USPG**

*bor-der (noun.)*

*borders (plural noun)*

1. a line separating two countries, administrative divisions, or other areas
2. the edge or boundary of something, or the part near it

This week, USPG staff, trustees, partners, and supporters will join for our annual conference entitled “United Beyond Borders”. As we prepare for the event I have found myself thinking in depth about the word border and what it means.

In this election year, and increasingly in the current political landscape, we hear so much about border controls – “there’s no more space”, “Our borders are closed” or so the narrative goes. Failing to recognise the call of our Lord to welcome the stranger and provide nourishment to those in need (Matthew 25:35).

It has also made me think about the people who are pushed to the edge of the borders, borders of society, a lonely and difficult place. How the exclusion of people who we feel “don’t belong” is the opposite of the love that Jesus showed on so many occasions to the marginalised.

For the Church, the Anglican Communion and organisations such as USPG to continue to hold relevance in such an ever-changing and turbulent world we must seek the unity that reaches all, across all borders and shares the freedom we have in the love of Christ.

## SUNDAY 7 JULY (SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



## PRAYERS

**MONDAY 8 JULY** Heavenly Father – we pray for unity and peace in all countries where there is fighting over land boundaries.

**TUESDAY 9 JULY** Lord, we pray today for the safe travel of all people to the USPG conference. May all preparations go smoothly.

**WEDNESDAY 10 JULY** We pray for all who are gathered for the USPG conference. Give wisdom to all who speak and grant that all attending have open hearts and minds.

**THURSDAY 11 JULY** We give thanks for the time and fellowship at the USPG conference. May partnerships and friendships new and old develop and flourish.

**FRIDAY 12 JULY** We pray for all those who feel lonely and excluded. Who feel like they are on the outside looking in. May we do more to be welcoming and understanding that we are all equal in God’s eyes.

**SATURDAY 13 JULY** “For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me” Matthew 25:35



## PROGRAMME UPDATE

# 14 – 20 JULY

## ADVOCACY, HUMAN, ENVIRONMENTAL AND TERRITORIAL RIGHTS PROGRAMME IN BRAZIL

**The Rev'd Dr Rodrigo Espiúca dos Anjos Siqueira, Diocesan Officer for human, environmental and territorial rights, Anglican Diocese of Brasilia**

The Anglican Diocese of Brasília is at the forefront of an advocacy programme, centrally focused on championing human, environmental, and territorial rights. This programme is crafted with a fundamental goal: to reduce societal disparities, climate justice, and advance human rights (encompassing environmental, civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights). Acknowledging the intricate interplay of human wellbeing and environmental sustainability, the programme's ethos embodies a comprehensive approach, striving to safeguard both the human community and the natural world.

In the pursuit of justice, the programme operates on multiple levels - engaging with the Brazilian parliament and key stakeholders. By partnering with decision-makers and legislators, it endeavours to enact legislative reforms that uphold human rights standards and ensure environmental preservation. This proactive involvement within the parliamentary arena fortifies the mission to reform policies, promote inclusivity, and challenge any injustices impeding the full realisation of fundamental rights. The Anglican Diocese of Brasília's advocacy program embodies a discerning commitment to an equitable society, translating the rhetoric of human rights into tangible progress through deliberate and well-informed action.

## SUNDAY 14 JULY (SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

O God, the creator of the human race,  
we thank you for the wonder of our being  
and for creating us in your image and likeness.

Open our hearts to give unconditional positive regard to  
all human beings.

Let no negative perception inform our judgement of other people.

**(Churches Together in England)**

**MONDAY 15 JULY** Pray for the advancement of sexual and reproductive rights for all, especially women and those affected by gender-based prejudice and violence.

**TUESDAY 16 JULY** Let us pray for the protection and safeguarding of God's creation, especially for traditional communities and indigenous peoples who suffer violence and persecution and are deprived of their ancestors' lands.

**WEDNESDAY 17 JULY** We pray for activists and human, environmental and territorial rights defenders who are under constant threats to their lives and families.

**THURSDAY 18 JULY** Father God, we pray for religious leaders who commit their ministries and lives to proclaim full life to all.

**FRIDAY 19 JULY** We pray for the Anglican Diocese of Brasília in Brazil. For all their work serving communities and for all they are doing for human rights. Let us pray too for the Rt Rev'd Maurício José Araújo de Andrade, Diocese of Brasilia.

**SATURDAY 20 JULY** *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.* John 10:10



## PRAYERS

**The Rev'd Cathrine Ngangira, Priest in Charge, Benefice of Boughton-under-Blean with Durnkirk, Graveney with Goodnestone and Hernhill**

I didn't expect his death to be like that. I didn't know how to grieve. Nothing prepared me for it.

Three days after his death, I did what tradition taught me. I visited his tomb with other women. We wanted to make sure everything was okay. Even in death, we were determined to care for him. Maybe to be more specific, no evil activities had taken place.

To our shock the tomb was empty.

How did it happen? He was a holy man, how did evil prevail over him – his body disappeared? We were all afraid but searched for his body.

Someone called my name. Unfamiliar at first. Then again. My spiritual eyes were opened. I saw him for who he truly was – My Lord. Again, he had won over evil as we witnessed during his ministry.

Human divination had an expiration date. Not so with Jesus. He is alive!



Almighty God,  
whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body  
and called her to be a witness to his resurrection:  
forgive our sins and heal us by your grace,  
that we may serve you in the power of his risen life.

**MONDAY 22 JULY (FEAST OF ST MARY MAGDALENE)** We thank you that Mary Magdalene, who followed Christ in love, was the first to announce to his apostles that he had risen from the dead.

**TUESDAY 23 JULY** Heavenly Father, we pray for you to draw us closer so that we may know the risen Jesus Christ and to make him known.

**WEDNESDAY 24 JULY** We pray for all who are grieving, comfort them with your love and peace, Lord.

**THURSDAY 25 JULY (FEAST OF ST JAMES THE APOSTLE)** Grant, O merciful God, that as thine holy Apostle St James, leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient unto the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him; so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow thy holy commandments. (*Book of Common Prayer*)

**FRIDAY 26 JULY** Let us pray for pastors, councillors and all involved in bereavement ministry.

**SATURDAY 27 JULY** *Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her. John 20:18*



## PROGRAMME UPDATE

# 28 JULY – 3 AUGUST

## FIGHTING AND PREVENTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN DURGAPUR

**The Rev'd Davidson Solanki, Regional Manager for Asia & Middle East, USPG**

*"The Church is shining its light and it is very bright."*

The Diocese of Durgapur, Church of North India, is close to the border of Bangladesh. Because of its location and economic climate, many women and men are vulnerable to human trafficking. The Church of North India has witnessed firsthand the devastation that human trafficking has had on communities and feels called to work against it "in the light of Christ".

The Anti-Human Trafficking Programme in Durgapur has been running for over ten years and they not only work alongside local authorities but also with other faith groups, like the Muslim community, to confront the issue in the most effective way possible. USPG has been proud to support this work, which includes the running of St Michael's safe home, where girls who are vulnerable to being trafficked can live safely whilst learning life and work skills so they can be self-reliant moving forward.

The approach that they have taken has now been adopted by the whole diocese as well as by the Church in Bangladesh. The Rt Rev'd Sameer, Bishop of Durgapur said, "I believe these problems need to be challenged, prevention is the key". USPG continues to journey alongside the diocese as they undertake this vital, life-saving work.

## SUNDAY 28 JULY (NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

Heavenly Father,  
we pray for women, children and men who have  
been tricked or coerced into slavery;  
suffering physical, emotional and sexual abuse.  
We know that nothing is hidden from You,  
and we cry out to You for justice, freedom and mercy.  
**(CARE)**



## PRAYERS

**MONDAY 29 JULY** We pray for all that the Church is doing around the world to fight against human trafficking. May this work continue in your Holy Name.

**TUESDAY 30 JULY (WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS)** Heavenly Father, we pray for your Spirit to bring comfort, safety and peace to people who are survivors of trafficking. Please give them means of escape and access to safe havens.

**WEDNESDAY 31 JULY** Lord, we pray for welcome, understanding and comfort for survivors back in their communities, when all too often there can be lingering stigma. Ensure they are not isolated from their loved ones even after they're freed.

**THURSDAY 1 AUGUST** We pray for the CNI Diocese of Durgapur, for their ministry and all the vital work that they continue to do with those impacted by human trafficking.

**FRIDAY 2 AUGUST** Let us pray for those who work to rescue and restore trafficked and abused women, children and men. Please give them the courage and determination to persevere in their efforts.

**SATURDAY 3 AUGUST** *Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute. Speak out, judge righteously, and defend the rights of the poor and needy. Proverbs 31:8-9*



## PROGRAMME UPDATE

# 4 – 10 AUGUST

## UNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER BY WALKING TOGETHER

**The Rt Rev'd Eduardo Coelho Grillo, Anglican Bishop of Rio de Janeiro**

A strong and brave inter-religious movement has been taking place in Rio de Janeiro now for more than 10 years. Under the motto 'we understand each other as we walk together', different religious groups have been walking together through some of the most important streets of the city in an atmosphere of trust and respect.

That is a symbolic act of communion in a country historically stained by the enslavement of Indigenous and African peoples. Over 300 years, so-called western Christian society has 'demonised' Indigenous peoples and African religious experiences, generating prejudice, scorn and violence. In many places in Brazil, Umbanda and Candomblé religious places of worship have been targets of violence and destruction.

And yet every September, we see this march through Rio de Janeiro as the fruit of greater tolerance, respect and acceptance, as Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, spiritualists, and members of the Baha'i, Wicca, Umbanda, Candomblé and other faiths walk together.

There is an increasing wave of intolerance, fundamentalism and religious violence these days in Brazil that has led to disturbing acts of both emotional and physical violence. But we still believe that love overcomes hatred as we have been making clear at public events of ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue. We are firmly grounded in the words of Galatians 3:28.

This reflection is taken from USPG's Bible study – *For such a time as this* which can be found at [uspg.org.uk/resources/study-courses](http://uspg.org.uk/resources/study-courses)

## SUNDAY 4 AUGUST (TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

God the Creator, the strength of the people,  
we honour you.

Listen to the thoughts of your people.

We respect the truth of your spirit world and care  
for your creations to the east, to the south, to the west and to the north.

We honour you by deeds and not words.

We live by the ways you have entrusted to us within the circle of life.

**(Anglican Church of Canada)**



## PRAYERS

**MONDAY 5 AUGUST** Lord, we pray for the Church in Rio de Janeiro, for its mission and leaders, in particular its inter-faith work.

**TUESDAY 6 AUGUST** The Transfiguration of Our Lord Lord, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured. Give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; who is alive and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

**WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST** God of every people and every tribe, we ask for your forgiveness and guidance. Forgive us for the colonialism that stains our past, the ignorance that allowed us to think that we could claim another's home for our own.

**THURSDAY 8 AUGUST** Remind us Lord, that none of us were discovered since none of us were lost, but that we are all gathered within the sacred circle of your community. Guide us through your wisdom to restore the truth of our heritage.

**FRIDAY 9 AUGUST (INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES)** Father God / Kthhe Mnedo (Great Spirit), we pray to you for freedom from unjust systems that exist and continue the oppression of Indigenous people around the world.

**SATURDAY 10 AUGUST** *There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.* Galatians 3:28





## PROGRAMME UPDATE

**The Rev'd Davidson Solanki, Regional  
Manager Asia & Middle East, USPG**

In our last edition of the prayer diary we wrote about the Episcopal Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East's new programme that they have launched in accompaniment with USPG "Whom Shall I Send". And despite the continuing conflict that is taking place in the Middle East we are comforted that we can commence the second year of training this August.

The training programme has been created to equip lay and ordained young people called to serve in local parishes. The current cohort will continue to support parish priests and participate in practical workshops to deepen their understanding and sensitivity to the complexities of the area where they will commence their ministries.

### Prayer for peace in the Holy Land

O God of all justice and peace, we cry out to you amid the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims, Christians and all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the people. Guide us into your Kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children.

Amen

# 11 - 17 AUGUST

## WHOM SHALL I SEND?



## SUNDAY 11 AUGUST (ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

And now we give you thanks  
because in choosing the blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son  
you have exalted the humble and meek.  
Your angel hailed her as most highly favoured;  
with all generations we call her blessed and with her we rejoice and  
magnify your holy name.



## PRAYERS

**MONDAY 12 AUGUST (INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY)** Heavenly Father, we thank you for all youth workers and ministries within the worldwide Anglican Communion and all the young people in their care.

**TUESDAY 13 AUGUST** We pray for all the young people currently taking part in the "Whom Shall I Send" programme. May they continue to learn and grow in their ministry.

**WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST** Let us pray for Archbishop Hosam Naoum and all Christian leaders in the Episcopal Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East as they faithfully serve their communities and work towards peace and reconciliation.

**THURSDAY 15 AUGUST (THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)** Blessed is she who had faith that the Lord's promise would be fulfilled. All generations shall call her blessed.

**FRIDAY 16 AUGUST** Lord, we pray for an end to conflict in the Holy Land. We pray for peace across the nation.

**SATURDAY 17 AUGUST** *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. John 14:27*



## PROGRAMME UPDATE

# 18 - 24 AUGUST

## WHAT PRICE IS THE GOSPEL?

**Dr Jo Sadgrove, Research & Learning Advisor, USPG**

On a visit to Codrington College in 2023, a former student, now undertaking his curacy, spoke of the perniciousness of the plantation model. He spoke of the ways in which ‘the plantation model still exists, manifest in people looking down on people, exploiting and underpaying the lowest workers.’

The Rev’d Levon represents the first generation in Barbados to have been born ‘free from life in the fields’. Yet his life remains entangled with the plantations. His grandparents worked on a plantation for 40 years. His aunt, unable to secure an education, worked ‘digging cane holes and weeding between the canes.’ The church which he serves is pilloried as ‘the church that had slaves and condoned slavery.’ His ministry is regularly challenged by Barbadians who, like many, are unable to comprehend his commitment to a church which enslaved and exploited others.

Yet this is the Anglican Church of which we are all members, and for the behaviours of which so many of us must repent, seek redemption and build relationships for reconciliation and repair. USPG is seeking to do this with Renewal and Reconciliation: The Codrington Reparations Project amongst other work being undertaken to interrogate how our past is still having an impact on society today.



## SUNDAY 18 AUGUST (TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

**1 John 1:6-7**



## PRAYERS

**MONDAY 19 AUGUST** We pray for repentance and reflection by those whose ancestors colonised and enslaved others in the name of mission.

**TUESDAY 20 AUGUST** Lord, we pray for the healing of the deep wounds – spiritual, psychological, economic, environmental and social - inflicted by the SPG and the Anglican Church in the name of the Gospel.

**WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST** Pray for lessons learnt, humility, wisdom and repairs around the Anglican Communion as victims and perpetrators encounter each other as the Body of Christ.

**THURSDAY 22 AUGUST** Let us pray for constant vigilance in recognising and working against the ‘plantation model’ in contemporary guises, as people and systems continue to repress, exploit and dehumanise others.

**FRIDAY 23 AUGUST (INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE SLAVE TRADE AND ITS ABOLITION)** Father of everlasting compassion, you see your children growing up in a world of inequality, greed and oppression; help us learn from the mistakes of history, and build a better world where your values are shared by all.

**SATURDAY 24 AUGUST (FEAST OF BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE)** We pray for all institutions whose patron is the Apostle Bartholomew, saint and martyr.



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## PROGRAMME UPDATE

# 25 – 31 AUGUST

## THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME IN AFRICA

**Fran Mate, Regional Manager Africa, USPG**

USPG brought together 60 influential leaders in theological education from across the Anglican Communion including seven Anglican provinces within Africa. All were convened for a summit on 'The Future of Theological Education in Africa', held in Botswana. During the summit, the participants highlighted key issues among the governance/management structures and sustainability of theological education institutions (TEIs).

To address the issues raised during the summit, USPG and the post-Botswana working group developed a delivery-action plan for theological education in Africa. As part of the delivery plan, and under the Theological Education Executive Leadership Programme, USPG is currently working collaboratively with a reputable university in Africa to create a one-year training course for the leadership of TEIs. The course will focus on areas such as institutional management, resource mobilisation, digitalisation and sustainability.

The course is expected to start in August 2024 and run until December 2025.



## SUNDAY 25 AUGUST (THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

Almighty and compassionate God, whose only gift is to have your followers serve you with dignity and integrity: We beseech you to enable us to serve you so completely in this life that, in the end, we are able to fulfil your promises in heaven through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord.



## PRAYERS

**MONDAY 26 AUGUST** We give thanks for the TEIs that continue to build the leadership of the Anglican churches.

**TUESDAY 27 AUGUST** Let us pray for all the principals, leaders, teachers and staff of TEIs. May God bless them in their important work.

**WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST** Lord, we pray for the revival of theological education across the seven provinces in Africa. Grant wisdom to all who are involved in the work to make this happen.

**THURSDAY 29 AUGUST** We pray for the smooth running of the Theological Education Executive Leadership Programme as it begins in September.

**FRIDAY 30 AUGUST** Heavenly Father, we pray for all students of theological education. We pray that they will dig deep in your word and in their relationship with you so that they will be spiritually fruitful. May they be ambassadors of reconciliation and messengers of salvation.

**SATURDAY 31 AUGUST (INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT)** We pray for the people of Africa and all who have links to the continent.



## REFLECTIONS

# 1 - 7 SEPTEMBER

## TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

Creationtide is the period in the annual church calendar, from 1st September to 4th October, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. Many churches choose to use this time of year to hold special services and events to give thanks for God's gift of creation, and to renew their commitment to caring for our one-planet-home.



The theme for 2024 is - to hope and act with creation and the symbol "The first fruits of hope", inspired by Romans 8:19-25, is the guiding inspiration.

In the letter of Paul, the apostle to the Romans, the biblical image pictures the earth as a mother, groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8:22). Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the earth as our sister and our mother in his Cantic of Creatures.

The times we live in show that we are not relating to the earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used.

And yet, there is hope and the expectation for a better future. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but rather groaning, crying, and actively striving for new life amidst the struggles. Just as in childbirth, we go through a period of intense pain, but new life springs forth.

Find out more at [seasonofcreation.org](https://seasonofcreation.org)

## SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER (FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

You made the goodness of the land,  
the riches of the sea  
and the rhythm of the seasons;  
as we thank you for your gracious provision  
may we cherish and respect  
this planet and its people.



## PRAYERS

**MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER** Lord, help us be good stewards of this earthly home, strengthen us to care for your creation. Empower us, through your Spirit to nurture and love the world, that all creation may sing to your glory.

**TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER** We pray for all who are involved in climate justice, and who are dedicating their time and efforts to raise awareness of climate change and global warming. We pray for a generation of leaders with the courage to take responsibility and act justly for our changing climate.

**WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER** God, thank you for the Season of Creation Network who work ecumenically to encourage prayer and action to protect our beautiful world.

**THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER (INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CHARITY)** Let us give thanks for charities across the world, for all that they do to provide help and support. We thank God for generous hearts even in the toughest of circumstances.

**FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER** Let us pray for countries in the Global South that are disproportionately affected by the visible consequences of the climate crisis.

**SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER** *For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.* Romans 8:19





## REFLECTIONS

# 8 – 14 SEPTEMBER

## WHAT DOES THE HOLY CROSS MEAN TO YOU?

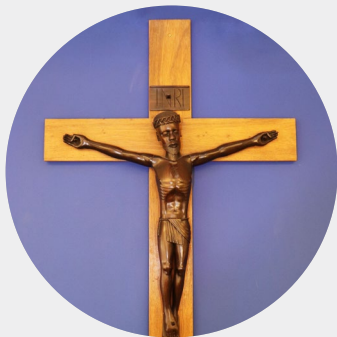
**Rachael Anderson, Senior Communications & Engagement Manager, USPG**

Each year, on 14 September, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Cross. Known as “Holy Cross Day” throughout the majority of the Anglican Communion, this major feast of the Church reminds us to boast in nothing “except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Galatians 6:14).

The cross holds very significant importance for all Christians. It is upon the cross that Jesus was crucified and sacrificed himself for us and as such it is an important symbol – we regularly make the sign of the cross, and many of us bow to the cross in our liturgy.

When you reflect or look at the cross what is it that you think about? I always think about how powerful it is that Jesus died for me, to take away all my sin, and my pain, and in him I am made anew. He made the ultimate sacrifice for me, for you, for all of mankind. God has taken what could be a terrible symbol of death and made it a symbol of love and hope.

Whatever you think about when you look at the cross, it serves as a reminder of the kind of life we are to live as Christians. Christ commands each of his disciples to “take up his cross and follow [him]” (Matthew 16:24), freeing us to participate in God’s mission in the world, doing the good works he has prepared for us (Ephesians 2:10).



## SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER (FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

Oh, God of peace and safety  
Pour your peace on us  
Oh, God of peace,  
Grant peace in our hearts  
*(from an Arabic hymn)*



## PRAYERS

**MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER** We thank you, Lord, for the hope of the cross.

**TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER** We give thanks to the Holy Cross Theological College in Myanmar and the work they do to train clergy in the province.

**WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER** Alleluia, alleluia. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia.

**THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER** We pray Lord that we may be active participants in the good works you have planned for us. Help us listen and discern your plans for our lives.

**FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER** Give us strength Lord, that we may take up our cross and follow you.

**SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER (HOLY CROSS DAY)** Let us pray for strength and courage of the glory of the cross as we give thanks for all Jesus has done for us.



## REFLECTIONS

# 15 – 21 SEPTEMBER

## THE 5-FINGER PRAYER FROM THE DIOCESE OF KUCHING, MALAYSIA

As told to Rachel Weller, Communications Officer, USPG

“It’s simple,” Rev’d Jonny replied. As the palm trees swayed in the afternoon breeze outside, he turned to explain the 5-finger prayer he has taught his congregation. “At 12pm each day, we stop whatever we are doing and pray. With our thumb, for the people who are close to us. With our index finger, for local and national leaders. With our tallest finger for our enemies. With our ring finger, for those in need. With our smallest finger, for ourselves.

Situated in Kampung Benuk, St Paul’s Church was founded in 1951 and is one of the Diocese of Kuching’s more rural parishes. Many in the church here call themselves SPG-Christians rather than Anglicans, as a nod to the presence of SPG missionaries (precursor to USPG) in the region over 170 years ago. A telling sign of the lingering power of a global community of believers.



## SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER (SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Thessalonians 5:16-18*



## PRAYERS

**MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER Thumb (people who are close to you)** – Heavenly Father, we thank you for our close friends and family and we ask for your protection of them.

**TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER Index (leaders)** – Lord God, we pray for heavenly wisdom for our earthly leaders, teachers and church leaders. May their thoughts, words and deeds bring glory to your name.

**WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER Tall Finger (enemies)** - Heavenly Father, I’m sorry that I find it difficult to pray for those who curse me. Knowing your forgiveness and grace, I want to change. Help me to love my neighbour as myself.

**THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER Ring Finger (those in need)** – Today we pray and remember those who are sick or are treated badly. Pray that Jesus would give them new strength.

**FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER Little Finger (yourself)** – Thank you Father that you know what I need before I ask you. Please help me to grow in mind, body, and spirit.

**SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER (FEAST OF ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST)**  
Let us give thanks for the life and works of Matthew the Apostle. May we be a faithful witness to Christ just as he was.



# 22 – 28 SEPTEMBER

## OUR GOD IS ABLE

### REFLECTIONS

**The Rev'd Thanduxolo Noketshe, priest in charge at St Mary and Christ Church, Diocese of North East Caribbean and Aruba, Province of the West Indies**

In early 2021, my family and I moved from the Diocese of Port Elizabeth in South Africa to serve in St Kitts & Nevis as part of the USPG Exchanging Places Programme. The programme is a joint venture between USPG, the Diocese of North East Caribbean and Aruba (NECA) and the Diocese of Port Elizabeth, South Africa. I am grateful my time here has been extended for another three years so I continue my mission on the island.

I wanted to share a glimpse of what I have learnt during my journey. Our God is able.

I have seen God working wonders in our lives and we are grateful for the great things he has done. We have seen him as a God who provides, heals and comforts. We do not know our future, but we know he will direct us to the right pathways. Therefore, the journey with God is a practical experience.

As we participate in His mission, God provides the people and resources for us to use in our earthly pilgrimage.



### SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER (SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

Use these hands to carry the burden.

Use this voice to carry your word.

Use these feet to walk in your footsteps.

Use this heart to transform the world.



### PRAYERS

**MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER** We pray for the people and church in the Diocese of North East Caribbean and Aruba. Bless church leaders such as the Rev'd Thanduxolo as they carry out their ministry.

**TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER** We give thanks, Lord, for all the times you have provided, healed, and comforted us. May we always remember your goodness.

**WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER** Father God, we pray for all who are fearful for their futures today. Cover them with your grace and peace.

**THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER** Bless our journey with you Lord. May we walk the path that you have laid before us, singing your praises.

**FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER** Let us pray for the work and mission of the Diocese of Port Elizabeth in South Africa.

**SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER** *So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 9:17*



REFLECTIONS

# 29 SEPTEMBER – 5 OCTOBER

## ONE GOD: MANY LANGUAGES

Rachel Weller, Communications Officer, USPG

Whenever we share the Eucharist together in the USPG office, staff are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in a language of their choice. Together we pray to the God of all nations unlimited by language: *"Our Father in heaven... laat u Naam geheilig word... venha o teu reino..."*. I'm reminded at such times of God's power to unite believers across the world, something USPG mirrors in its aim to make connections between the churches of the Anglican Communion.

Although the origins of Anglicanism are resoundingly British, being Anglican does not equate to being English. The Bible is God's Word to us and is something that everyone should be able to understand for themselves. There is power in encountering Jesus through scripture in your own language. After all, how do the crowd react to the fluency of the apostles at Pentecost? In amazement and astonishment.

This prayer diary is now available in two languages, and we hope to continue to grow this portfolio. Find out more: [uspg.org.uk/pray](http://uspg.org.uk/pray)



## SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER, (MICHAELMAS) (EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order. Grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth. Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen.



PRAYERS

**MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER (INTERNATIONAL TRANSLATION DAY)** We lift in prayer all those who dedicate their skills and talents to the vital work of translation and interpretation, asking for God's guidance and inspiration as they bridge linguistic gaps and foster communication among nations.

**TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER** Let us thank God for the rich range of languages that reflect the diversity of humanity, recognising each language as a unique expression of culture and identity.

**WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER** May we embrace the value of multilingualism as a reflection of God's creativity and design, affirming the inherent dignity of each language and its speakers, and striving to create inclusive spaces, including in our churches, where all languages are honoured and respected.

**THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER** Let us pray for a world where language diversity is celebrated as a testament to the beauty of God's creation, and where people of all languages and cultures come together in solidarity, recognising that we are all children of the same divine creator.

**FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER** We give thanks to all who facilitate translation. Opening dialogues and building relationships between people and churches of different languages.

**SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER** *All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.* Acts 2:4



## PROGRAMME UPDATE

# 6 - 12 OCTOBER

## HUMANITARIAN CORRIDORS PROJECT IN LEUVEN, BELGIUM

**Rebecca Breekveldt, Second Secretary, Central Committee of the Anglican Church in Belgium**

The Humanitarian Corridors provide safe routes for refugees to be received and integrated into European countries (through the innovative Humanitarian Corridors model developed by the Community of Sant'Egidio). 2024 marks the first year that USPG has supported the programme.

Through the project, the team in Leuven has welcomed two families into a warm and supportive community within the last year. Each family received their Flemish refugee approval status in record time, one within 3 months and one within 1.5 months. Both families are enrolled with OCMW, the Flemish social service, and receive ongoing wraparound support to continue their resettlement process. They are at different stages of learning Dutch, transferring credentials, returning to studies, having their children attend school and starting work.

Multiple faith communities have come together in Leuven to make the Humanitarian Corridors project possible. The families continue to express their appreciation for the support they receive from our church community. It is a massive puzzle to navigate Belgian bureaucracy, but it is made easier by the care of a friend.



## SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER (NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

'O Lord, You have searched for me and known me  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up'  
May we listen to God and follow the path  
He leads us along for he has a plan for us.



## PRAYERS

**MONDAY 7 OCTOBER** Let us pray for the Anglican Church in Belgium. That they will grow both through finances and volunteers, so they can maintain such a transformative project.

**TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER** We pray for strength and peace for the families welcomed as they navigate the countless obstacles of resettling in a country so far from home.

**WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER** Father God, grant safety and protection for those yet to arrive via the Humanitarian Corridors project.

**THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER** Lord, we ask for moments of reprieve for the families welcomed, and project staff, where they can take a break and take a breath amidst all their hard work and effort.

**FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER** We pray for all of the chaplains throughout the Diocese in Europe and for all the projects and work they do to support displaced people.

**SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER** *I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.* Isaiah 43:19





## PROGRAMME UPDATE

# 13 - 19 OCTOBER

## MISSION HOSPITALS IN MALAWI

**Tamara Khisimisi, Project Coordinator, Anglican Council in Malawi**

Malaria has been prevalent in many African countries. Out of the 249 million malaria cases recorded in 2022 by the World Health Organisation, 94% were in the African region. Pregnant women and children under five are at greater risk of severe malaria infections. Currently, malaria is still a major health problem in Malawi. In 2022, there were about 4.5 million estimated cases and about 7,500 estimated deaths.

However, mission hospitals such as St Anne's, St Luke's, and St Martin's in Malawi have greatly contributed to improving the wellbeing of people in the communities, especially mothers and children under five who have been affected by malaria. As the mission hospitals are supported by the Anglican church, they can provide the community members with outreach clinics, insecticide-treated mosquito nets, medication, treatments and tests.

However, malaria is endemic in Malawi and continued practical and prayerful support is needed to strengthen the capacity of the mission hospitals.



### SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER (TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

May Christ bring you wholeness  
of body, mind and spirit,  
deliver you from every evil,  
and give you his peace.



## PRAYERS

**MONDAY 14 OCTOBER** Almighty God, thank you for the service of the doctors, nurses and everyone involved in the mission hospitals.

**TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER** We pray for those living in countries that have a high risk of malaria. We ask for your protection over them, especially vulnerable mothers and children under five most at risk of contracting malaria.

**WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER** May your healing touch be upon people who have been affected by malaria, restoring their health and vitality.

**THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER (INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY)** Lord, we cry out to you for the needs of people suffering around the world due to the injustices of poverty. We pray for an end to poverty in all its forms.

**FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER (FEAST OF ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST)** Let us give thanks for the life and works of Luke the Evangelist. May we be inspired by his Christian witness.

**SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER** Lord, help the mission hospitals as they provide healthcare services to people who are vulnerable and face the challenges of poverty.



# 20 - 26 OCTOBER

## PERSISTENCE IN PRAYER

**Ella Sibley, Regional Manager Europe & Oceania, USPG**

Read Luke 18:1-8

This passage from the Gospel of Luke emphasises the importance of persistence in prayer, urging believers not to lose heart or give up but to pray continually to God.

It's an inverse-parable because the judge depicted in the story is nothing like God. God isn't unjust, doesn't respond to prayer because we berate him, and can't be worn down or attacked. Rather, God delights in our prayers and seeks our good.

Persistence doesn't convince God, but it is essential in our prayer life – prayer is conversation with God, and one-off prayers make us fairly poor conversation partners. Regular prayer is an ongoing conversation of mutual concern, where we talk, listen, discuss, and align our thoughts.

In this, we learn God's concerns, desires, and hopes for the world and can get behind them – beginning to work and pray with God for the transformation of the world.

## SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER (TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

Father, Your Word is trustworthy and worthy of all praise.

May we always remember Your word is true and Your promises are faithful.

Carry us through by Your grace.

Amen.



**PRAYERS**

**MONDAY 21 OCTOBER** Merciful God, we pray for your concerns for the world. Teach us and show us your cares, for people, situations and creation. Let our hearts beat with yours.

**TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER** Almighty God, we pray for your desires for the world. Teach us and show us your will for our lives today. Let us walk in your paths.

**WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER** Holy God, we pray for your hopes for the world. Teach us and show us the places and people full of potential. Let us see with your vision.

**THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER (UNITED NATIONS DAY)** We give thanks to the United Nations and the work it does to foster international cooperation on complex issues such as trade and conflict.

**FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER** God of justice, help us to hear those who cry out for justice, particularly those living under oppression in Syria, South Sudan and North Korea. Do not let us refuse them.

**SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER** *Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving.* (Colossians 4:2)





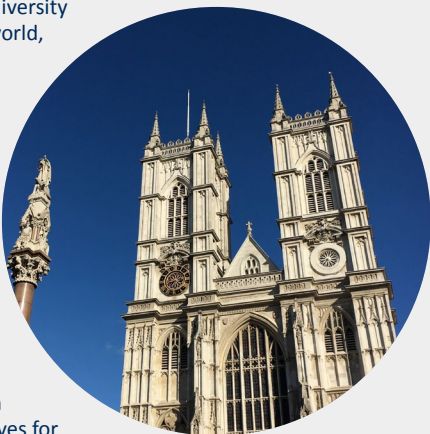
## PROGRAMME UPDATE

# 27 OCTOBER - 2 NOVEMBER ALL SAINTS' DAY

The Rev'd Dr Duncan Dormor, General Secretary, USPG

All Saints' Day conjures a sense of connection with the past, with those who have gone before, and with the future as we look to the gathering of all peoples in the presence of God. It speaks of the rich diversity of the Church across our world, of different languages and cultures. All Saints' Day inspires an understanding of our common identity unbounded by time and space, united by the God who is love and justice.

It also provides an opportunity to reflect, to learn and to be inspired by Christians whose deep faithfulness has resulted in the offering of their own lives for others. Some of these can be found represented on the front of Westminster Abbey, in the statues of ten 20th-century Christian martyrs. They include Esther John (Pakistan), Janani Luwum (Uganda), St Oscar Romero (El Salvador), Manche Masemola (South Africa), Lucian Tapiedi (Papua New Guinea), and Wang Zhiming (China).



## SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER (LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

After this, I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

**Revelation 7:9**



## PRAYERS

**MONDAY 28 OCTOBER (FEASTS OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES)** Let us give thanks for the lives and work of St Simon and St Jude. May we emulate them in our discipleship and witness to the Good News.

**TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER** Lord, we pray for churches across the Anglican Communion. May they continue to flourish as they seek to praise your name.

**WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER** Let us pray for archbishops and senior leaders across the Anglican Communion. Grant them wisdom and discernment as they guide the Church and its people.

**THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER** We give thanks for the rich diversity of the Church across the world – for all we can learn from one another and our different cultures.

**FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER (ALL SAINTS' DAY)** We give thanks for the communion of saints across time and space and for all who have been sources of inspiration and encouragement to us in our Christian faith.

**SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER (ALL SOULS' DAY)** We give thanks for those who gone before us in the faith, may they rest in the mercy of God.



## 3 - 9 NOVEMBER

### CONFLICT, CONFLUENCE AND CREATIVITY

**Rebecca Boardman, former Operations Manager, USPG**

One year ago, USPG launched FeAST, the Fellowship of Anglican Scholars of Theology. The network seeks to build an open table; a space of mutual challenge and sharing through which a new community of Anglican scholars, engaged in the academic pursuit of theology, can be built. It has been exciting to see it flourish in its inaugural year.

A highlight of the year was the e-conference held on 5 December 2023 which drew together over 40 scholars and practitioners from around the Anglican Communion. The day sought to look afresh at the Anglican Communion's Five Marks of Mission which have been an adopted framework for mission over the past 40 years and, in many ways, have been a marker of contemporary Anglican identity.

As a mission agency that rethinks mission and seeks to be at the cutting edge of missional thinking, we welcome the space to revisit the rationale, role and relevance of these marks in the reimagination of mission.

As FeAST continues to grow in 2024, we hope that through ongoing events and publications of the network, we are celebrating the diversity, creativity, critical edge, and courage that emerge when we extend the table and build a wider community of scholars.

## SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER (FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT)

Healing God,

May we look to you in uncertain times.

Let us take the words of your Son to heart:

“Do not fear, only believe”.



**PRAYERS**

**MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER** Almighty God, you are the source of all wisdom and truth. Nourish us by your Living Word and fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may love and serve you faithfully this day, and always.

**TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER** Let us pray for our theological institutions, teachers and scholars, and for the work of theological education and churches together.

**WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER** We pray for all who have a desire and passion for theology, that they may be given the opportunities to study and learn more, and that they are able to share their knowledge with the wider communion.

**THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER** Lord, bless the FeAST network – may all its work this year be to the glory of your name. May it continue to grow and flourish around the world.

**FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER** We give thanks to all who have answered your call to ministry and for all who educate and support them to shape them for your service. May you challenge and nurture them with your Word.

**SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER** *The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens; by his knowledge the deeps broke open, and the clouds drop down the dew.*  
Proverbs 3:19-20



# 10 - 16 NOVEMBER

## A LOOK AT EDUCATION IN THE CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE OF MYANMAR

**Nadia Sanchez, Regional Programme Coordinator, USP**

Despite being rich in resources, Myanmar remains designated as one of the least developed countries in the world. Access to education was severely affected by Covid-19 and the civil disobedience movement which led to teachers and medical professionals leaving their jobs. This in turn has led to much of the population being left without adequate public services.

The Church of Province of Myanmar's Provincial Education Development Initiative is a holistically developed integrated education programme. It aims to facilitate school-aged children to receive continuous education by upskilling teachers and providing access to materials, uniforms, teaching aids, classroom facilities and safe boarding houses. It will also provide theological education activities for students so they can learn how to effectively take care of the Church and be promoted for leadership in the diocese. Finally, it will seek to improve health awareness through training on things such as Covid-19 and personal hygiene so that communities can look after themselves better and share knowledge with their peers.

This programme will strengthen and improve secular education, theological education and health education for an estimated 3,000 people across the nine dioceses of the Church of the Province of Myanmar.

**SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER (REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT)**

Peaceful God,  
Teach us to forsake division and violence.  
Let us serve each other in peace,  
And live side by side in harmony.



**PRAYERS**

**MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER** Father God, We pray for teachers and educationists across the world. May they be able to reach all who are in need.

**TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER** We pray for the work, ministry and people of the Church of the Province of Myanmar.

**WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER** Let us pray for community health programmes, both in Myanmar and across the Anglican Communion. For the healing and care they provide.

**THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER** Lord, we commit to you, programmes across the world that seek to educate and support children so that they can stay in school instead of having to work.

**FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER** We pray for clergy and lay people within churches who are always looking outward for ways in which they can serve those around them.

**SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER** *He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.* 1 Corinthians 1:30





# 17 - 23 NOVEMBER

## COMING TOGETHER FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

**Linnet Musasa, HIV Stigma & Discrimination Officer,  
Anglican Council of Zimbabwe**

Climate change has significantly impacted countries within the region of Africa. Over the past years, we have witnessed drastic changes in weather patterns and droughts and cyclones in Sub-Saharan African countries that experience extreme poverty.



To combat the impact of climate change, three provinces, the Church of the Province of Central Africa (Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe), the Anglican Church of Tanzania, and the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean (Seychelles, Madagascar and Mauritius) started a four-year programme called Provincial Climate Change Campaign (PCC Campaign 2023-2027).

Over the past six months, the activities that have been carried out include: supporting government officials to formulate policies on waste management; church members using plastic waste to make innovative products i.e. mats, handbags, and hats; training of youth leaders, priests and Mothers' Union to lead the awareness campaigns; conducting various awareness events; and producing information, education and communication materials for community members.

The number of people reached by the campaign is over 100,000.

## SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER (SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT)

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.

Amen.

(The Rt Revd Nicholas Baines)



## PRAYERS

### MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER (WORLD DAY FOR THE PREVENTION OF AND HEALING FROM CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, ABUSE, AND VIOLENCE)

Lord, we know you love all children, and we pray for protection over them. Please keep them safe and ensure they have freedom and innocence in their childhoods to grow and flourish in your love.

**TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER** We thank you for the earth you have created, we pray that you help us to take care of it.

**WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER** We pray for churches, communities and all the vulnerable people that have been impacted by climate change.

**THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER** Lord, we pray for the seven provinces in the region of Africa as they carry out the PCC campaign in 47 dioceses.

**FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER** Let us pray for the strength of the youth in church who raise awareness in their communities and advocate for climate-friendly practices.

**SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER** *The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. Psalm 24:1*



## PROGRAMME UPDATE

# 24 - 30 NOVEMBER

## 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Championing Justice, specifically ecological, economic, racial and gender justice, forms a key part of the mission of USPG. We stand with organisations such as the Anglican Alliance and Mothers' Union in our hope to see women and men, girls and boys, living in just, equal and mutually supportive relationships, with each individual recognised as made in the image of God.

We support initiatives led by church partners. The Social-Economic Development of Women programme of the Church of North India launched in October 2023 to address gender inequalities, and promote work for rural women through entrepreneurship training and access to finance. The Anglican Council of Malawi's three-year Gender Justice through Girls' Education advocacy campaign seeks to improve retention and transition rates of girls in education as well as increase knowledge on sexual and reproductive health and rights.

16 day of Activism (25 November – 10 December) allows us to add our voice to all demanding an end to gender-based violence in every region of the world - we will continue to work with our partner churches and agencies to support this.



## SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER (FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING, THE SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT)

We implore you, O Lord, to stir up the desires of your faithful people so that they will abundantly bear the fruit of their good deeds and be abundantly blessed by you.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



## PRAYERS

**MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER (INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN)** Let us pray for women and girls around the world, that they may be free from gender-based violence and not have to live in fear.

**TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER** God of justice and righteousness, use us to speak against gender-based violence with a clear and challenging voice in a world where the vulnerable strive to be heard. (Mothers' Union)

**WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER** We pray for the transformation of our societies which often find it easier to judge the victims of violence than to solve the problems of injustice.

**THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER** Let us pray for all women, who despite suffering from abuse and violence, continue to care for family and children, manage their households, earn a living and offer support to others.

**FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER** We look forward to the age of peace, when violence is banished, both women and men can love and be loved, and the work and wealth of our world is justly shared.

**SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER (FEAST OF ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE)** May we be inspired by the apostle obedience of St Andrew, that we may hear the call of the Lord and fulfil his holy commandments.



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*"The support  
I got has  
helped me to  
live a more  
healthy and  
happy life."*

*And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'*

**Matthew 25:38-40**

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