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## BEADS OF PRAYER

This prayer diary functions metaphorically like prayer beads as it strings together diverse themes – renewal, resistance, reception of the other, and reconciliation – that shape the witness of Christians across the world in vivid ways.

Our brothers and sisters in Tanzania write of being a 'prophetic voice to the nation', while our friends in West Malaysia speak to the idea of 'making things anew' through the power of prayer. St Margaret's Anglican Church in Hungary has welcome to refugees at the core of its witness, while the Church of South India seeks to be more attentive to the voices and visions of children. PROCMURA and the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship demonstrate the power of working with people of other faiths and denominations to achieve peace and reconciliation. In each of these examples one finds a tangible sign of what it means to bear an account of the hope that is within us (1 Peter 3:15) – a 'bead' of faithful witness joined together to other 'beads' by the string of hope.

This edition covers the Season of Creation up until Advent. Our friends at the Season of Creation Network draw on Psalm 19 in their contribution to this diary. Later on in the same passage, the Psalmist writes, 'Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to You, O Lord.' Our hope is that this prayer diary, like prayer beads, can aid us in our praying and make the words of our mouth and meditations of our heart acceptable to God today and always.

*The Rev'd Canon Dr Peniel Rajkumar,  
Global Theologian, USPG*

# 21 – 27 AUGUST

## THE PURSUIT OF JUSTICE

*By Javanie Byfield and Robert Green, Ordinands at the United Theological College of the West Indies*

Today we celebrate the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition. For the people of the Caribbean and many other nations, it is an occasion to commemorate centuries of brutality of people dragged from their homelands and brought to regions unfamiliar to them.

However, on this date in 1791, the pursuit of justice became a visible emblem. As we commemorate this day, we bring to our awareness the harsh realities that prevailed in the days of slavery. Yet, we celebrate the steps and routes taken by those who were relentless in their pursuit of the abolition of the slave trade. Today is a day to say ‘no more’ of the brutality yet also a time to recommit to nurturing societies that reflect justice, equality and freedom in God and in relationship with each other. Here we have the opportunity to put up a resistance, that is, to reject all forms of oppression, racism and classism which seeks to show their ugly heads in our societies. Choosing to rise, take action and reflect the image of God in the rainbow Caribbean, reflecting all races, class, ethnicity, gender and status.

**Sunday 21 August (10th Sunday after Trinity):**

‘In You, O Lord, I take refuge...

You are my hope, my trust’.

Let us trust fully in God,

And depend on Him in times of need.

**Monday 22 August (International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief):** Let us pray for those who are of minority faiths, who are persecuted for their religion or beliefs. May the world become a more tolerant and inclusive place.

**Tuesday 23 August (International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition):** We give thanks for those who worked to abolish the slave trade. May we remember the horrors and atrocities of the past, and work towards a better future.

**Wednesday 24 August (Bartholomew the Apostle):** We give thanks for the life and works of Bartholomew the Apostle, who is said to have spread the Gospel in various parts of Asia and Africa.

**Thursday 25 August:** Let us pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies. Bless them in all they do as they serve communities across the Caribbean.

**Friday 26 August:** We pray for the United Theological College of the West Indies, a diverse and ecumenical institution which prepares lay and ordained men and women for mission and service in the Caribbean church.

**Saturday 27 August:** Let us pray for those who devote their lives to challenging injustice. May they be filled with the Spirit and love for humanity.

# 28 AUGUST – 3 SEPTEMBER

## A NEW PROVINCE

The Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola (IAMA) was officially created on 24 September 2021 at the conclusion of the provincial synod of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

The new province is made up of the second and third largest Portuguese-speaking countries in the world and joins provinces in Brazil and Portugal as the only Lusophone provinces in the Anglican Communion.

IAMA is ‘a province standing on its own feet, steeped in evangelism and focused on sharing the love of God’, according to the Most Rev’d Carlos Simao Matsinhe, Acting Presiding Bishop of the province. He adds, ‘I hope this province is driven by discipleship and evangelism. Part of our plan is to build a provincial theological college so that we can equip our clergy and lay people. Communities in Mozambique and Angola face issues such as climate change, political unrest and income inequality, and we hope our new province will be able to practically serve these communities’.

The Rt Rev’d Vicente Msosa, Bishop of the Diocese of Niassa in the Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola, shares his prayer requests on the following page.

**Sunday 28 August (11th Sunday after Trinity):**

**Giving God,**

**May we prioritise people over profit.**

**Lead us not to pursue worthless things,**

**But to truly value each other.**

**Monday 29 August:** We pray for the Province of IAMA as it establishes itself. Let us pray for the Lord to provide resources for its ministry.

**Tuesday 30 August:** Let us pray for terrorism to cease as many innocent souls continue to be killed every day in Cabo Delgado.

**Wednesday 31 August (International Day for People of African**

**Descent):** We pray for the people of Africa, and all those who have links to the continent.

**Thursday 1 September:** We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide IAMA in their decisions and to empower the province.

**Friday 2 September:** Let us pray for the Diocese of Zambezia. We pray especially that they continue to serve those displaced by terrorism and cyclones.

**Saturday 3 September:** We give thanks for the growth of the Church in Angola and Mozambique. May churches and clergy be supported to engage with and inspire their local communities.

# 4 SEPTEMBER – 10 SEPTEMBER

## SEASON OF CREATION

*By The Season of Creation Advisory Committee*

The Psalmist declares, “The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God’s handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the Earth, and their words to the end of the world.” (19: 1-4) Creation never ceases to proclaim, but do we listen?

During the Season of Creation, our common prayer and action can help us listen for the voices of those who are silenced. In prayer we lament the individuals, communities, species, and ecosystems who are lost, and those whose livelihoods are threatened by habitat loss and climate change. In prayer we centre the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

Listening to the voice of creation offers members of the Christian family a rich entry point for interfaith and interdisciplinary dialogue and practice. By listening to the voice of all creation, humans from all cultures and sectors of life can be joined in our vocation to care for our common home.

**Sunday 4 September (12th Sunday after Trinity):**

‘O Lord, You have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and I rise up’.

May we listen to God and follow the path

He leads us along, for He has a plan for us.

**Monday 5 September (International Day of Charity):** Let us give thanks for those who are trying to make the world a better place through charitable giving of time, energy and money. May we treat each other charitably.

**Tuesday 6 September:** During this season of creation, may we take extra care in how we treat the environment. Let us recognise how much we depend on the earth and all it gives us.

**Wednesday 7 September:** We pray for climate activists, who devote their lives to raising awareness of climate change and teaching ways to adapt and respond to the effects of global warming.

**Thursday 8 September:** Let us pray for countries in the Global South, which are disproportionately affected by the visible consequences of the climate crisis.

**Friday 9 September:** We give thanks for the service of ecumenical organisations like the Season of Creation network, which works with many different denominations to encourage prayer and action to protect our common home.

**Saturday 10 September:** Let us pray for governments and major corporations to act urgently on climate change. May they listen to the voices of the climate movement and take responsibility for our future.

# 11 – 17 SEPTEMBER

## HOLY CROSS DAY

*A prayer written by Naw Kyi Win, a final year undergraduate student at Holy Cross Theological College in the Church of Province of Myanmar.*

Our heavenly Father,

We thank You for giving us safety in our lives with grace and mercy. We give thanks that we have been able to study about mission and theology at Holy Cross Theological College. We give thanks for Your children, who are working in evangelism and mission. These servant leaders, trained at the theological college, are spreading the Good News in local villages. As a result, many villagers are experiencing God's love and churches are being established in these areas.

We pray for the teachers who are teaching at mission schools across the Church of the Province of Myanmar. Lord, give the teachers wisdom and knowledge to be good servants to You. Help them to lead their communities, guiding students and their families to live healthy and fulfilled lives. Bless the children at these schools to learn and study well. May they be supported spiritually and materially in all they do. Let us pray that where the schools are established, Your kingdom is also established there. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Sunday 11 September (13th Sunday after Trinity):**

Lord of All,

Forgive us when we judge others.

May we be empathetic to all whom we meet,

And welcome the stranger.

**Monday 12 September (United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation):** Let us give thanks for USPG's Exchanging Places programme, which is just one example of an initiative designed to encourage more cooperation between countries in the Global South.

**Tuesday 13 September:** We pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar. May they be protected and blessed by God in all they do.

**Wednesday 14 September (Holy Cross Day):** Jesus died on the cross for our sins. Let us give thanks for the love of God, which knows no limits, and the sacrifice made so that we could be saved.

**Thursday 15 September (International Day of Democracy):** We give thanks for the ability to express ourselves and bring about democratic change. May we remember those who fought for our rights and pray for those who live in undemocratic countries.

**Friday 16 September:** Let us give thanks for Holy Cross Theological College, and the work they do to train the clergy of the Church of the Province of Myanmar.

**Saturday 17 September:** We pray for the people of Myanmar. May the forces of peace and freedom prevail over those of injustice. Let us pray for peace and prosperity for the people of Myanmar.

# 18 – 24 SEPTEMBER

## WELCOMING REFUGEES

*Father Frank Hegedus, Chaplain of St Margaret's in Budapest, spoke to USPG about how the Church in Hungary is helping refugees fleeing Ukraine. We recognise that the situation may have changed since time of writing.*

'Shortly after the invasion of Ukraine began, St Margaret's received around 20 Nigerian medical students, who had been studying in Ukraine. Along with the students came a medical professor and her husband, Father Solomon Ekiyor, who had been an Archdeacon in Nigeria. Receiving Fr Solomon and his family was a bittersweet experience – it was wonderful to have them with us but the circumstances that brought them here were most unfortunate.

The Church in Hungary is supporting various initiatives designed to help refugees. The House of Refuge in Budapest has taken in Hungarian-speaking refugees from a Roma background, who had been living in Western Ukraine. One of the members of St Margaret's, Gordon Cross, has been running 'Ukrainian Space', a day-care centre for Ukrainian families which also offers assistance with residence permits and Hungarian and English language lessons.

Whilst Hungary has not received refugees on the same scale as countries like Poland, the Church in Hungary is supporting Ukrainian refugees who do arrive here.'

**Sunday 18 September (14th Sunday after Trinity):**

**King of kings,**

**You lead with justice and mercy.**

**May our earthly leaders embrace humility**

**And pursue justice.**

**Monday 19 September:** Let us give thanks for the clergy and congregation at St Margaret's Anglican Church in Budapest and their efforts to help refugees.

**Tuesday 20 September:** We pray for the Church of England's Diocese in Europe, which serves diverse communities across the continent and has been pivotal in responding to the recent crisis in Ukraine.

**Wednesday 21 September (Matthew the Apostle):** Let us give thanks for the life and works of Matthew the Apostle. May we be faithful witnesses to Christ, as he was.

**Thursday 22 September:** We pray for those working to promote peace in regions around the world. May we remember that to be at peace, we also need to pursue justice.

**Friday 23 September:** Let us pray for refugees seeking sanctuary from difficult and often violent circumstances.

**Saturday 24 September:** We pray for a peaceful and just resolution to the war in Ukraine.

# 25 SEPTEMBER – 1 OCTOBER

## CELEBRATING 75 YEARS

*By Davidson Solanki, USPG's Regional Manager for Asia and the Middle East*

Anglican involvement in the origins of the Church of South India (CSI) dates back to the early 18th Century. The SPG took an active role in the Indian church when the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (SPCK) transferred the missions it was responsible for at Madras, Tanjore and Cuddalore to the SPG in 1825.

Many SPG missionaries – both European and Indian – were appointed over the following decades to minister in churches, teach in schools and colleges, and work in hospitals and clinics.

The 20th Century saw the formation of the Church of India, Burma and Ceylon in 1930, bringing autonomy for the Indian Church within the Anglican Communion, which was fully supported by the SPG. Then, after many years of preparation to which SPG missionaries contributed, the Church of South India came into being in 1947.

Today the CSI is a united and uniting Church, vibrant and prophetic with ministries among children, women, youth, and Dalit, in the areas of environment, evangelism, and leadership development. It has a remarkable ministry on environment protection and promoting rights of the Dalit & marginalised communities. USPG give thanks to God for the mission and ministry of the Church of South India as it celebrates its 75 years of formation.

**Sunday 25 September (15th Sunday after Trinity):**

Almighty God,

Take away our fears.

May we follow You in all we do,

Safe in the knowledge that

We are Your children.

**Monday 26 September:** Let us pray for the Church of South India, a thriving province within the Anglican Communion. May we learn from and be inspired by their service to each other and to their communities.

**Tuesday 27 September:** We pray for the many different ministries pioneered by the Church of South India. May we emulate their vibrant and prophetic witness.

**Wednesday 28 September:** Let us pray for the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, USPG's sister society. May the work of Christian publishers in fostering theological debate and helping people on their faith journeys be valued and recognised.

**Thursday 29 September (Michael and All Angels):** Almighty God, may good triumph over evil. Let us be courageous in our pursuit of justice and bold in our faith.

**Friday 30 September (International Translation Day):** We give thanks for those who are able to translate between languages, facilitating dialogue and building relationships between peoples of different languages.

**Saturday 1 October (International Day of Older Persons):** Let us pray for the elderly. May their dignity be upheld and their contribution to society recognised.



# 2 – 8 OCTOBER

## MISSION IN A CRISIS

*By Father Rasika Abeysinghe, Priest in the Diocese of Kurunagala, Church of Ceylon (Sri Lanka)*

The Diocese of Kurunagala is unique in its mission and context. Its founding mission was to work among farmers/plantation sector workers/labourers and to work with people of other religions.

We strive steadfastly to acknowledge this in all our work, both day-to-day work and reacting to major events. The current economic crisis we are living through has had a huge impact on us – nobody here has experienced an event like this before. The diocese is considering this impact as we plan our mission activities. Right now, our work is split between advocacy towards transformation on a national level and being grounded on a community level. We have extended our outreach work to reach the most vulnerable in the worst affected regions.

Emergency rations are being deployed from time to time. Good mental health and the protection of children are also key areas which we are working on, through seminars and small group visits. To do this, we partner with local Buddhist temples as this enables us to reach more people.

**Sunday 2 October (16th Sunday after Trinity):**

Loving God,

Grant us patience in testing times.

May we trust in You,

That justice and peace will come to reign.

**Monday 3 October:** We pray for the people of Sri Lanka as they endure the country's worst economic crisis in decades. May they be provided for and may they find justice.

**Tuesday 4 October:** Let us pray for the Diocese of Kurunagala. May their mission and outreach continue to reach those in need.

**Wednesday 5 October (World Teachers' Day):** Let us give thanks for teachers across the world. May we recognise the value in what they do, and be inspired by the example they set for the youth of today.

**Thursday 6 October:** We pray for the work of theological institutions across the Anglican Communion. May they be supported as they train the next generation of clergy and church leaders.

**Friday 7 October:** Let us pray for the Church of Ceylon. May we be inspired by their Christian witness and advocacy for reform focused on peace and justice.

**Saturday 8 October:** We pray for church institutions which are still recovering from the Covid pandemic. May we recognise that different countries are facing different challenges related to the pandemic.

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# 9 – 15 OCTOBER

## DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD

*By Rev'd Benjamin Inbaraj, Director of the CSI-SEVA department, which runs the Church's social ministries*

Indian society has historically suppressed the social and economic development of girls. It is in this context that the CSI has launched the campaign for girl children. The Church, as a pioneering movement of the Kingdom of God, must dedicate itself to this cause.

The Church of South India's Focus 9/99 programme trains clergy and congregations in child rights and child protection. We also make sure to listen to the voices of young children, both boys and girls. One recent example of this is our Children's Synod. As part of the CSI's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, we held a two-day event for children from across South India. Around 300 children took part in the Synod, discussing important topics like how they would like to participate in church, Sunday school and educational institutions. The children then gave recommendations to church representatives on these subjects, which will feed into a conference on Child-Friendly Churches.

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**Sunday 9 October (17th Sunday after Trinity):**

Joyful God,

Let us give praise and thanks

For the wonders of your creation.

May we give thanks for all You provide.

**Monday 10 October (World Mental Health Day):** We pray for mental health workers and everyone who is struggling with mental health issues. May we all feel comfortable to discuss our mental health and to seek help when we need to.

**Tuesday 11 October (International Day of the Girl Child):** Let us pray for the wellbeing of young girls across the world. May they be supported to pursue their dreams without fear of harm, prejudice or bias.

**Wednesday 12 October:** Let us pray for the Church of South India's Focus 9/99 programme, as it promotes and protects the rights of children across South India.

**Thursday 13 October:** We pray for the social ministries of the Church of South India, which serves the diverse needs of marginalised communities across the region.

**Friday 14 October:** Let us give thanks for the success of the Church of South India's Children's Synod. May we make a conscious effort to include children in the life of the Church.

**Saturday 15 October:** We pray for those who work within UK churches to make these environments safe and enjoyable for children.

# 16 – 22 OCTOBER

## WORLD FOOD DAY

This World Food Day, we pray for nutritionally vulnerable children in Malawi and their families.

Year after year, the rising costs of fertilisers and the changing climate means that many families are struggling to grow enough food to eat and sell.

Some days, children are going to school on an empty stomach.

Going without food can have a serious impact on whether children will finish school. If they are well-fed, they could have the chance to make the best of their education, setting them up for real success in the future.

That's why USPG's Growing Futures Harvest appeal is raising money for the life-changing 'Food and Nutrition' programme run by the Anglican Council of Malawi.

The programme provides training in sustainable farming skills and environmental management to local families. Smallholders can join groups where they can access loans, farming equipment and resources to help them to provide fresh food for their children.

Thanks to kind donations, this programme can continue running.

Please join the Anglican Council of Malawi in creating bright futures for vulnerable children. Donate to the Growing Futures campaign today at

[www.uspg.org.uk/harvest](http://www.uspg.org.uk/harvest)

**Sunday 16 October (World Food Day, 18th Sunday after Trinity):**

**Holy Father,**

**Teach us to practise justice and equality.**

**Let us share with each other,**

**Making sure all are fed.**

**Monday 17 October:** We pray for the Anglican Council of Malawi and their service to communities across Malawi.

**Tuesday 18 October (Luke the Evangelist):** Let us give thanks for the life and works of Luke the Evangelist. May we be inspired by his Christian witness.

**Wednesday 19 October:** Let us pray for the Food and Nutrition programme run by the Anglican Council of Malawi. May the programme be successful in its aims to train farmers and provide them with much-needed equipment.

**Thursday 20 October:** We pray for people around the world who cannot afford to eat. May we work for a future where no one goes hungry.

**Friday 21 October:** Let us pray for farmers in the Global South who are having to adapt to changing climates because of global warming.

**Saturday 22 October:** We give thanks for schools which offer free and healthy food to children who would otherwise go hungry. May we support them in their service to the local community.

# 23 – 29 OCTOBER

## THEOLOGY IN KOREA

The relationship between the Anglican Church in Korea and USPG dates back to 1889, with the consecration and sending of Charles John Corfe as the first Missionary Bishop of Korea. The Church now has over 120 parish and mission Churches, four religious communities and around 55,000 members.

Over the past 30 years a significant focus for the relationship between the Anglican Church in Korea (ACK) and USPG has been through engagement in theological formation. The ACK encourages its priests to apply Scripture to historical and contemporary subjects, enabling them to put theology into practice.

A priest who is currently studying for a PhD in the Old Testament writes, 'My studies have focused on the Book of Daniel and the approach it outlines with regard to suffering and inequality. As a result of my research, I have been asked to give lectures on the Old Testament where I can share and discuss theological insights with my fellow clergy in the Diocese of Daejeon. Although not every priest in our diocese takes part in a formal degree programme, we provide an open space for everyone to study theology and share their knowledge with each other.'

**Sunday 23 October (Last Sunday after Trinity):**

**Merciful God,**

**May we be Your humble servants.**

**Let us learn of your ways,**

**Serving our communities as we put faith into action.**

**Monday 24 October (United Nations Day):** We give thanks for the United Nations and the work it does to foster international cooperation on difficult issues like trade and conflict.

**Tuesday 25 October:** Let us pray for the Anglican Church of Korea. May we be inspired by their service to the people of Korea and their commitment to peace.

**Wednesday 26 October:** We pray for theology students across the Anglican Communion. May they be inspired by and devoted to their studies.

**Thursday 27 October:** Let us pray for the growth of open and inclusive environments for theological discussion.

**Friday 28 October (Simon and Jude, Apostles):** Let us give thanks for the lives and works of St Simon and St Jude. May we emulate them in our discipleship and witness to the Good News.

**Saturday 29 October:** We pray for everyone seeking to put their faith into practice. May we be inspired by Scripture and work to serve our communities.

# 30 OCTOBER – 5 NOVEMBER

## BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW

*By Rev'd David Rajiah, Diocesan Prayer Coordinator for the Diocese of West Malaysia*

On 8 April 1970, the Diocese of West Malaysia was created from the Diocese of Singapore and Malaya.

In 1996, the Province of South-East Asia, consisting of the Dioceses of Sabah, Sarawak, Singapore and West Malaysia was created by the Archbishop of Canterbury as the 37th Province in the Anglican Communion, thus making the Anglican Church in the region self-governing, self-supporting and truly indigenous.

From 2021 to 2030, the Diocese of West Malaysia's theme is 'Behold, I make all things new'. Focusing our ministry on this theme, we are working to cultivate a prayer movement within the diocese, encouraging every church in the diocese to start a prayer group. We also hold regular prayer meetings either in-person or online and diocesan prayer gatherings every Wednesday online. We pray in Tamil, Chinese, English as well as Malay and Austronesian languages.

Many members of our churches are committed to praying for at least five individuals they know – this means we are all connected in a chain of prayer. More infrequently, the diocese leads prayer walks and prayer drives, taking different routes through each state of West Malaysia while praying. As a diocese, prayer is at the heart of our spiritual life.

**Sunday 30 October (4th Sunday before Advent):**

**'For the Son of Man**

**Came to seek out and save the lost'.**

**May we remember that**

**No one is beyond redemption.**

**Help us to put aside our prejudices.**

**Monday 31 October:** Let us pray for the Diocese of West Malaysia and the communities it serves.

**Tuesday 1 November (All Saints' Day):** Let us give thanks for the lives and legacies of the saints who have gone before us. May we seek to be like them in our witness and devotion to the faith.

**Wednesday 2 November:** We pray for the Province of South-East Asia, its member churches and its 98,000 members across the region.

**Thursday 3 November:** Let us give thanks for the power of prayer. May we put aside time each day to pray and reflect.

**Friday 4 November:** We pray for countries like Malaysia, where Christianity is a minority religion. May everyone be treated respectfully and have their freedom of religion and belief protected.

**Saturday 5 November:** We give thanks for those working to protect freedom of expression, belief and speech. Let us not take our freedoms for granted but pray for our brothers and sisters in other countries to be free.

# 6 – 12 NOVEMBER

## A NEW COMMANDMENT

*By Sue Claydon, Chair of the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship*

Two of the definitions of armistice are ‘a state in which there is no war’ and ‘peace’. This week Armistice Day remembers not only the ending of war in 1918, but also all the victims of wars in the 104 years since. When we look at what ‘peace’ means, it is more than the absence of war.

An essential factor in peace-making is reconciliation, which takes full account of justice and is built into all aspects. This is not an easy or quick process. It takes commitment and time. 2022 has seen war in many places. The victims of war have filled our media but have we the commitment to work to see the tragic consequences of war cease?

While the impact on humanity of violence is clear to see, the work of those who are following the call to be peacemakers around the Anglican Communion is rarely emphasised. Jesus gave a new commandment, ‘You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.’ This week let us think about how as individuals and churches we can truly follow this commandment.

**Sunday 6 November (3rd Sunday before Advent):**

**‘Though the mountains be shaken and**

**The hills be removed,**

**Yet my unfailing love for you**

**Will not be shaken**

**Nor my covenant of peace be removed,” says the Lord.**

**Monday 7 November:** We pray for guidance for the leaders of the nations and those who work internationally and make us all subject to Christ’s just and gentle rule.

**Tuesday 8 November:** Bring release to those with abiding memories of hurt and injury, especially in the Yemen, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Ukraine and all those places where peace seems so elusive.

**Wednesday 9 November:** We pray for all those working for peace within families, communities and nations, give them courage and strength in often difficult situations.

**Thursday 10 November:** Strengthen us to stand for all that is just and true and right. We pray for the Anglican Peace and Justice Network.

**Friday 11 November (Feast of St Martin of Tours):** Today we celebrate the feast of St. Martin of Tours, we give thanks for his bravery in refusing to fight and instead following his faith.

**Saturday 12 November:** Let us pray that our hearts may be open towards our neighbour. And for those who persecute us, or intend, or would like to harm us – then we are directly following Christ’s commandment. Help us to work together for the common good.

# 13 – 19 NOVEMBER

## LIVING TOGETHER IN PEACE

PROCMURA stands for the Programme for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa. USPG has provided an annual grant to PROCMURA since it started back in 1959, helping the organisation to build relationships between people of different faiths across Africa.

Despite the challenges of working in a context where the Covid-19 pandemic is not yet truly over, PROCMURA has been able to carry on with its work over the past year. 2021 saw the organisation launch a Master of Arts programme in Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations with the Protestant University of Central Africa in Cameroon to enable the development and training of clergy from Benin, Togo, Cameroon, Guinea, Senegal and Burkina Faso.

PROCMURA also teaches young people the importance of religious tolerance. The organisation organised a Youth Symposium on Religious Tolerance, Radicalisation and Violent Extremism in East Africa which brought together 100 Christian and Muslim university students from 22 universities across Kenya, Uganda, Malawi, South Sudan and Tanzania. The success of this event led to the creation of interfaith clubs within many of these universities.

On a local level, PROCMURA continues to host interfaith meetings and guide communities in how to live together in peace with people of different faiths.

**Sunday 13 November (Remembrance Sunday):**

Peaceful God,

Teach us to forsake division and violence.

Let us serve each other in peace,

And live side by side in harmony.

**Monday 14 November:** Let us pray for PROCMURA and its mission to build bridges between Christians and Muslims in Africa.

**Tuesday 15 November:** We pray for interfaith initiatives around the world. May we seek out friendships with people of other faiths and learn more about other religions.

**Wednesday 16 November (International Day for Tolerance):** Let us be inclusive and accepting of each other, whatever our differences may be.

**Thursday 17 November:** We give thanks for religious studies and religious education teachers, who work to improve young people's understanding of a diverse range of religions and cultures.

**Friday 18 November:** Let us pray for the success of the Protestant University of Central Africa's Master of Arts programme in Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations.

**Saturday 19 November:** We pray for interfaith societies at universities around the world. May they lead to lasting friendships between people of different faiths and backgrounds.



# 20 NOVEMBER – 26 NOVEMBER

## PROPHETIC VOICE OF THE NATION

*By Bishop Matthew Mhagama, from the Diocese of South-West Tanzania in the Anglican Church of Tanzania*

The nation of Tanzania is going through a time of change. In a nation where the economy is weak, the Anglican Church of Tanzania has a great opportunity to touch people's lives spiritually and physically, offering them comfort and healing.

One of the ways the Anglican Church of Tanzania has been a healing presence for the wider population is through its service in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Not only has the Church offered counselling to those in fear of the disease, but it has also actively challenged misinformation around vaccines and built trust in medical institutions. For example, broadcasting radio adverts to encourage people to get the vaccine and working closely with government officials to spread accurate information through the churches.

By speaking out against misinformation and showing care for the population of Tanzania, the Church can be a prophetic voice to the nation. The Church has a wide range of opportunities to open the eyes of the people and to show God's purpose for the nation. It is God's time.

**Sunday 20 November (Christ the King):**

Oh Lord I have heard of your fame;

I stand in awe of your deeds;

Lord, revive your work over the years,

That we may know your purposes for us.

**Monday 21 November:** Almighty God, we thank you for the service of missionaries. May we remember their work and grant us the ability to do mission well.

**Tuesday 22 November:** Let us remember the evangelists working in difficult circumstances. May they be resilient, act honestly and be supported in their service.

**Wednesday 23 November:** Lord, help church leaders to stand faithfully as a prophetic voice to the nations.

**Thursday 24 November:** Let us pray for the leaders of Tanzania to serve impartially and revive the economy for the benefit of all.

**Friday 25 November:** We thank God for the Christian organisations that support the Church's efforts in various ways in building His kingdom.

**Saturday 26 November:** Let us pray for the revival and reformation of the Church in Tanzania.

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