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## WITNESS AND DISCIPLESHIP

This Prayer Diary offers glimpses of what Christian discipleship that can make a difference in our world looks like. It weaves together a rich tapestry of Christian witness lived out in response to some of the most pressing challenges of our time – migration, politics, climate justice, human rights, care and protection of the vulnerable, and reconciliation. We see not just diverse strands of discipleship, but through them are also led to the often-unacknowledged fringes – those contexts of volatility and vulnerability where discipleship is shaped.

This edition covers Pentecost, that moment in the Church's story where ordinary lives are caught up in movement of God's Spirit. Pentecost is the story of a community that becomes powerless enough to make space for God's unsettling power. After all, speaking in other tongues is also about momentarily losing control over their 'own tongues'! In such displacement one relearns discipleship as 'being and becoming in the Spirit', and discovering afresh how "power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor 12:9).

As we encounter the Spirit at work in the lives of others through this diary, my hope is that we will also 'pray ourselves into participation' in the life of the Spirit and become part of the Spirit's work in our world today.

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

# 15 MAY – 21 MAY

## ADVOCACY IN BRAZIL

Located in the capital of Brazil, the Anglican Diocese of Brasília is at the centre of political and economic decisions in the country. In February 2021, the diocese launched its own Department of Advocacy and Human Rights. Rev'd Dr. Rodrigo Espíúca was appointed as coordinator of the department. Under the pastoral leadership of Bishop Maurício Andrade, the diocese began to act on the national political scene, making the church's voice heard in debates, especially in matters relating to human and environmental rights.

In April 2021, Rev'd Dr. Rodrigo Espíúca participated in a public hearing with the Human Rights Commission of the Brazilian Chamber of Federal Deputies. During his speech, Rev. Dr. Rodrigo Espíúca highlighted the importance of the church being part of public debate, placing itself on the side of socially vulnerable people.

The creation of the Diocesan Department of Advocacy and Human Rights is an important milestone in the history of the Anglican Diocese of Brasília, as it now explicitly represents the Church in the political arena.

**Sunday 15 May (International Day of Families):**

**Holy Father,**

**We give thanks for the gift of family.**

**May we embrace those around us,**

**Remembering that we are all Your children.**

**Monday 16 May (International Day of Living Together in Peace):** Let us pray for peace. May we seek to resolve conflicts in a peaceful manner and co-exist in harmony.

**Tuesday 17 May:** We pray for human rights activists around the world. May we do our best to uphold and respect each other's dignity as children of God.

**Wednesday 18 May:** Let us pray for the Anglican Diocese of Brasília and their new Department of Advocacy and Human Rights.

**Thursday 19 May:** Let us pray for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, made up of nine dioceses across Brazil. May we learn from them and be inspired by their ministry.

**Friday 20 May (World Bee Day):** Today we celebrate bees, which play a vital role in our ecosystem. May we work to safeguard nature and put the wellbeing of the earth at the centre of our politics.

**Saturday 21 May:** We pray for the Brazilian Chamber of Federal Deputies. May Brazil's political representatives make wise decisions which challenge injustice and support marginalised communities.

# 22 MAY – 28 MAY

## MISSION IN AUSTRALIA

*Peter Burke, Manager at Mission and Anglican Community Engagement AnglicareSA*

My engagement in God's Mission emanates from a sense of being loved by God, being a disciple of Jesus Christ, and recognising the gifts of the Holy Spirit in my life.

I seek to discern God's Mission each day God gives me, through various involvements in church and community.

This includes Parish involvement in Mission Action Planning in hospitality, pastoral care, liturgy and learning, communications, and partnerships.

Through AnglicareSA, I support a small team of people who connect its many community services, aged care, and housing services with the Anglican Community with the care and justice ministries of the church.

Through the Anglican Board of Mission, I collaborate with others locally and nationally to support global mission, being mindful to learn from the missional experience of others globally to engage in mission locally.

Mission is an act of unity in diversity. It seeks to bring together things separated, disconnected or in conflict, where life in all its fullness is diminished.

Mission is an act of community. It involves watching and waiting with others as well as being active; to see what God is doing, to follow where God leads, and reconnect with God's unconditional love.

**Sunday 22 May:**

**Almighty God,**

**May we be united in our diversity.**

**Help us to follow Your calling**

**And to encourage others to do the same.**

**Monday 23 May:** Let us pray for the Anglican Board of Mission, the national mission agency of the Anglican Church of Australia, as they work for love, hope and justice in Australia and abroad.

**Tuesday 24 May:** We pray for AnglicareSA and its work within the Anglican community in South Australia.

**Wednesday 25 May:** Let us remember and give thanks for the work of local parishes across the world, which serve their parishioners on a daily basis.

**Thursday 26 May:** Lord, help us to focus on care and justice in all we do. May we look after each other and challenge exclusion wherever we see it.

**Friday 27 May:** May we give ourselves the time to truly discern God's mission for us, allowing ourselves to be moved by the Holy Spirit and to follow God's calling.

**Saturday 28 May:** Let us remember that we are part of a global community of mission. May we learn from and listen to each other in all we do.

# 29 MAY – 4 JUNE

## GLOBAL DAY OF PARENTS

In 2012, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 1 June as the Global Day of Parents, to be observed annually in honour of parents throughout the world.

The Global Day of Parents aims to raise awareness about the responsibility of families. This day aims to recognise and appreciate the effort of parents. It acknowledges that they are important in nurturing and protecting their children. This day encourages communities to offer supportive environments where children can grow up in happy, loving, and understanding atmospheres.

Parents have a tough task helping children through their growth and development, from early childhood through to adolescence. Parents work hard to make their children happy by organising trips, cooking meals together and working together on important projects. Parents should be open, honest, supportive and serve as a good example to their children.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the difficulties of parenthood have been exacerbated by lack of childcare, juggling home-schooling and homeworking, and trying to explain what is happening to shocked and traumatised children.

USPG works to support parents across our partner churches, through programmes focusing on households and family health in Malawi and Ghana.

**Sunday 29 May:**

**Heavenly Father,**

**May we treat each other as Jesus showed us to.**

**Let us truly act as a global family,**

**Sharing love and wisdom with each other.**

**Monday 30 May:** Let us pray for all who work in childcare. May they be supported and valued in all they do.

**Tuesday 31 May (The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth):**

Lord, may we witness to You with those whom we hold close. Help us to follow Your calling and walk alongside our fellow Christians.

**Wednesday 1 June (Global Day of Parents):** We pray for parents across the world. May they be given any support they need to raise their children in a healthy and happy environment.

**Thursday 2 June:** We pray for those who have chosen not to have children. May we recognise the dignity of this choice and not seek to question others on this sensitive subject.

**Friday 3 June:** Let us pray for the children and young adults who have grown up during the Covid-19 pandemic. May we help them to navigate this uncertain and difficult time.

**Saturday 4 June:** Let us pray for everyone who has a difficult relationship with their parents, acknowledging this in how we talk to others.

# 5 JUNE – 11 JUNE

## THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW!

*Linet Musasa, Anglican Council of Zimbabwe*

Every year, World Environment Day is celebrated on 5 June. This is an important day worldwide and the Anglican Church in Zimbabwe will join the rest of the world in commemorating the day. The impact of climate change in Zimbabwe is likely to stall the country's development and pose a serious risk to supplies of food and water. The time to act is now!

The theme for this World Environment Day is 'Only One Earth'. This theme reminds us of the responsibility we have as the Church to protect our world.

As Christians, God has given us a mandate to look after the earth as shown in scripture.

Genesis 1, v26: 'Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'"

God has given us a mandate that we should have dominion over the earth. So, it is our responsibility to preserve that which God has made and given us.

**Sunday 5 June (Pentecost, World Environment Day):**

**Creator God,**

**May we be guided by the Holy Spirit in all we do.**

**Help us to live out our faith,**

**Seeing diversity as a gift, not a barrier.**

**Monday 6 June:** Let us pray for the Anglican Council of Zimbabwe, as they respond to the impact of climate change in Zimbabwe.

**Tuesday 7 June:** Let us remember that we only have one earth and that we must act urgently to protect and support local and global ecosystems.

**Wednesday 8 June:** We pray for those who are directly witnessing the impact of climate change. May we help them to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change.

**Thursday 9 June:** Let us pray for climate activists and the climate movement. May we lend our voices to this movement, helping them to bring about positive change where possible.

**Friday 10 June:** We pray for governments and international organisations to take urgent action on climate change.

**Saturday 11 June (Barnabas the Apostle):** Today is the feast of St Barnabas the Apostle. May we remember the life and works of Barnabas and seek to emulate his peaceful ways.

# 12 JUNE – 18 JUNE

## FOCUS 9/99

*Rev. M. Benjamin Inbaraj, Director of the Church of South India's SEVA department*

Focus 9/99 is a programme in which one local church in each of the 99 districts of the five southern states of India, where the Church of South India is based, is trained along with representatives of the community on the promotion of child rights. They learn to identify and report instances of violation and abuse of the girl child to the respective State Commissioners for the Protection of Child Rights and to the National Commissioner.

The campaign is focused on rights and justice issues concerning the education, food, nutrition, and health of the girl child that will secure her future. Care providers and significant others are trained in legislation that will protect and enhance the dignity and rights of the girl child. A child protection policy is drawn up during the course of the campaign to demonstrate the Church of South India's commitment to protect the children from harm and abuse. Joining with the global initiative of the World Council of Churches and UNICEF, the Church of South India is also working on the 'principles for child-friendly churches.'

**Sunday 12 June (World Day Against Child Labour):**

**'Let the little children come to me,  
And do not hinder them.'**

**Almighty God,**

**You teach us to care for children.**

**Help us to prevent their exploitation.**

**Monday 13 June:** Let us pray for the Church of South India and their work to promote and protect children's rights.

**Tuesday 14 June:** We pray that we may be involved in making churches more child friendly. May we welcome all and exclude no one from worship.

**Wednesday 15 June:** Let us give thanks for the work being done to protect the rights of young girls. We pray for the success of the Focus 9/99 programme.

**Thursday 16 June:** Let us remember that many children do not have access to education. May we support efforts to remedy this wrong.

**Friday 17 June:** We give thanks for ecumenism and the ecumenical example shown by the Church of South India. May we remember that we have much in common with different denominations across the world.

**Saturday 18 June:** We pray for the pioneering work on child protection and ecological concerns carried out by the Church of South India. May we be inspired by our brothers and sisters there.

# 19 JUNE – 25 JUNE

## SWARUPANTOR PROGRAMME

The Church of Bangladesh's Swarupantor programme aims to encourage the growth of self-sufficient communities in the Rajshahi, Khagrachari and Netrokona districts of Bangladesh. The programme is comprised of Bible study, economic empowerment and learning and development workshops.

Across the three districts where the workshops are being held, there are 19 groups who meet to study the Bible and to pray. In total, over 340 individuals attend these meetings. The groups also save money together and store large amounts of rice so that they have food to eat during the rainy season. In 2020, over 2,000 individuals attended programme workshops and the Church of Bangladesh hopes to involve more people in the programme when there are fewer Covid cases in these areas.

Despite the impact of Covid-19, both in terms of lives lost and rising rates of unemployment, the groups have continued to offer a sense of community over the last two years. Once more members find employment, the groups will be able to save more money and support each other to a greater extent. The Church remains hopeful that the Swarupantor programme will be a success in years to come.

**Sunday 19 June:**

**Liberator God,**

**Lift up the marginalised**

**And show us the right path.**

**May we help each other to be**

**Independent and self-sufficient.**

**Monday 20 June:** Let us pray for those running the Swarupantor programme. May more communities in Bangladesh become self-sufficient and economically empowered.

**Tuesday 21 June:** We pray for the Church of Bangladesh and the dioceses of Barishal, Dhaka and Kushtia. May we support the Church as they seek to be salt and light to the people of Bangladesh.

**Wednesday 22 June:** Let us pray for those around the world who have been affected by the economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. May they be supported to find secure and fair employment.

**Thursday 23 June:** We pray for churches and religious organisations who have been adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. May we offer partnership and support to them wherever possible.

**Friday 24 June (The Birth of John the Baptist):** Today we remember the birth of John the Baptist. Let us give thanks for his preaching and witness.

**Saturday 25 June:** We give thanks for the Word of God. May we set aside time to study and reflect on the Bible each and every day.



# 26 JUNE – 2 JULY

## ETHICS AND LEADERSHIP

*Andy Flannagan, Executive Director of Christians in Politics*

We shouldn't disconnect ethics from leadership. Politics isn't just about getting things done, and when you study any organisation, you'll discover they are built in the image of their leaders. Just like business leaders, political leaders establish the culture and are role models and influencers of the public square.

If, as Genesis says, we are created in the image of God (Imago Dei), then we are called to govern because He governs. And we are called to govern in a way that represents Him to the world. The link between governance and character shouldn't be bypassed, as it often is in our current public square.

At Christians in Politics, we believe in the importance of developing character and being true to the 'distinctive mark' we've been given by God. Yes, we are made in the image of God, but our character develops over time only through accountable relationships and discipleship. Our hope is that the next generation of public leaders is better supported and nourished than the previous generation. Our hope is that they will have people alongside them holding up their arms and calling them back to the Imago Dei engraved in their lives.

**Sunday 26 June:**

**King of kings,**

**Teach us how to be humble and caring leaders.**

**May we be wise in our decisions and**

**Thoughtful in our actions.**

**Monday 27 June:** Let us give thanks for the work of Christians in Politics. May we encourage our fellow Christians to get involved in the decision-making process.

**Tuesday 28 June:** We pray for good relationships between churches, local communities and Members of Parliament. May they work together for the common good.

**Wednesday 29 June:** Lord, give us the courage to stand up for what is right. As the Church, may we let our voices be heard on political issues which affect us all.

**Thursday 30 June:** We pray for greater accountability and transparency in the political sphere, with trust and dignity at the heart of political processes.

**Friday 1 July:** Let us pray for the work of Christians in Parliament as they support MPs, peers and the many parliamentary staff who work in the Houses of Parliament.

**Saturday 2 July:** We pray for the grace and honesty to disagree well. May we respect and love each other, starting conversations from a place of care and consideration.

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# 3 JULY – 9 JULY

## TACKLING POVERTY

*Niall Cooper, Director at Church Action on Poverty*

All of us can help end poverty in this country. As Christians we are invited to celebrate a vision of life in all its fullness.

And we can end poverty. Even in these daunting economic times, we have the wealth, expertise and resources to refashion our society so that everyone can live with dignity, agency and power.

2022 marks 40 years since Church Action on Poverty was founded, but rather than dwelling on past achievements, we are using the anniversary to look ahead.

For millions of fellow citizens, things are likely to get significantly harder over the coming months as they face the biggest drop in living standards for a generation. In these difficult times, where do we find our hope?

That is why, over the coming years we will be working with people and communities struggling against poverty across the UK to build dignity, agency and power together. Our goal is to expand the Your Local Pantry network to over 200 member-run Local Pantries, enabling over 30,000 members to access good quality food, giving them dignity, choice and hope.

**Sunday 3 July (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.**

**Monday 4 July:** We pray for all who work to provide food for those living in poverty.

**Tuesday 5 July:** We pray and give thanks for the work of Church Action on Poverty over the last 40 years.

**Wednesday 6 July:** Lord, please help us to be bold and speak truth to those in power about the hardships of living in poverty.

**Thursday 7 July:** We pray for the physical and mental wellbeing of all people struggling to meet the rising cost of living.

**Friday 8 July:** We give thanks for the generosity of poor and rich as they support charities working with the disadvantaged.

**Saturday 9 July:** We pray for our political leaders that they may learn to make better provision for those living in poverty.

# 10 JULY – 16 JULY

## PARTNERS IN MISSION

The USPG Partners in Mission scheme is an opportunity to join one of our global church partners in their local mission. Through the scheme, you are able to partner with one of seven churches around the world with 100% of your donations funding their vital local programmes. There are two ways to take part in the scheme, you can support as an individual, or you can join as a church to fund your chosen partner's life-changing work.

We are currently in the process of launching new materials for each of our Partners in Mission churches. You will have access to a special web page for your partner church, where you can find the latest programme updates and prayer requests. You'll be able to read stories from local people whose lives have been transformed by your donations. The web page will also contain handy downloadable resources to help you make the most of your fundraising.

If you are already a Partner in Mission, look out for an email with all the latest updates. If you would like to join the scheme and help to transform lives across the world through God's love, you can sign up at [www.uspg.org.uk/partners-in-mission](http://www.uspg.org.uk/partners-in-mission).

**Sunday 10 July:**

Loving Lord,

Guide us as we partner in mission.

May we be sensitive and considerate

As we live out our mission alongside our fellow Christians.

**Monday 11 July (World Population Day):** We pray for everyone living today, in the knowledge that we are all made in God's image.

**Tuesday 12 July:** Let us give thanks for partnership. May we cherish the joy of being and working together.

**Wednesday 13 July:** We pray for our partners in Malawi and their community health programme.

**Thursday 14 July:** Let us pray for our partners across Bangladesh and India. May we learn from their thriving churches and walk alongside them in mission.

**Friday 15 July:** We pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania and give thanks for the work they do to prevent the transmission of HIV/AIDS.

**Saturday 16 July:** Let us pray for churches working in ecumenical partnerships in their communities. May they work well together to be a faithful presence in their local areas.

# 17 JULY – 23 JULY

## TURNING POINT

The Diocese of Kurunegala in the Church of Ceylon runs a capacity-building programme with support from USPG. This programme is conducted under the guidance of the Rt Rev'd Keerthisiri Fernando, Bishop of Kurunegala, and Archdeacon George Melder.

As part of the programme, Bishop Keerthisiri led a session on the fundamentals of capacity-building: Tell, teach, tend, treasure and transform. Other sessions focused on self-motivation for different groups within society, particularly focusing on how children motivate themselves and gain self-confidence.

One child taking part in the programme said, 'Today is a turning point in my life because I have been able to recognise my abilities and talents. I also learnt how to see my weaknesses as positives. I want to say thank you for this awesome experience, helping us learn about the life skills and abilities that we need to be good adults.'

Another child added that, 'As students we never see the seriousness and importance of life skills - we just do what we are told. This training programme taught us how important it is to set a plan to motivate ourselves as well as others. We need to be bold and strong. Moving forwards, I hope to be a good communicator, collaborator, critical thinker and creator.'

**Sunday 17 July:**

**Inspiring God,**

**May we encourage all around us.**

**Help us to motivate others**

**And be role models in our communities.**

**Monday 18 July:** Let us pray for the Church of Ceylon, which serves the people of Sri Lanka. May they be blessed and supported in all they do to care for communities.

**Tuesday 19 July:** We pray for the Diocese of Kurunegala and their capacity-building programme. May they teach, tend, treasure and transform churches within the diocese.

**Wednesday 20 July:** Let us give thanks for teachers and mentors who inspire and encourage young adults and children in their daily lives.

**Thursday 21 July:** Let us pray for the children in the Diocese of Kurunegala, and across the Church of Ceylon.

**Friday 22 July (Mary Magdalene):** Today we celebrate the feast of Mary Magdalene. May we give thanks for her life and resolve to include people of all kinds in the life of the Church.

**Saturday 23 July:** Let us pray for those who lack confidence and those who struggle to motivate themselves for the day ahead. May we be encouraging in our words and supportive in our actions.

# 24 JULY – 30 JULY

## THE WAY TOWARDS HEALING

*Shin Seung-min, National Council of Churches in Korea*

The Korean people's greatest pain is division. A Korean poet says, in his poem, 'The Centre of the Body': *'The centre of the body is not the thinking brain, nor is it the breathing lungs, nor is it the heart pumping blood. The place in pain, where you cannot help but touch, the wounded place, to that place our whole mind is moving.'*

27 July 2023 marks the 70th anniversary of the Korea Armistice. During the last seven decades, Korean people have lived under a state of war, hating and killing each other. 70 years is enough, and now it is time to end the war.

In July 2020, more than 375 religious and civic NGOs launched the 'Korea Peace Appeal' campaign to end the Korean War and conclude a Korea peace agreement. This campaign will continue until July 2023, aiming to collect 100 million signatures. The NCCK is responding by urging its partner churches to join in the campaign and gather as many signatures as possible.

**Sunday 24 July:**

**'Blessed are the peacemakers,**

**For they will be called children of God.'**

**Peaceful God,**

**May we seek unity and resolve division.**

**Monday 25 July (James the Apostle):** Today we give thanks for the life and works of St James the Apostle. May we follow Jesus' call with the faith and conviction he showed.

**Tuesday 26 July:** Let us pray for the National Council of Churches in Korea, a thriving example of ecumenism, as they work together to promote peace.

**Wednesday 27 July:** We pray for unity in difference. May we celebrate the diversity of our churches and communities as we journey together.

**Thursday 28 July:** Let us pray for the success of the Korea Peace Appeal. May the world take notice of this campaign and renew global efforts for peace.

**Friday 29 July:** We pray for the people of Korea. May divisions in the country be resolved in a fair and peaceful manner.

**Saturday 30 July (International Day of Friendship):** Let us celebrate friendship. May we build connections with those in our local communities and in our communities of faith around the world.

# 31 JULY – 6 AUGUST

## REFUGEE SUPPORT IN POLAND

*The Rev'd David Brown, Chaplain of the Anglican Church in Poland, spoke to USPG earlier in the year about the conflict in Ukraine and how it has affected churches in Poland. We recognise that the situation may have changed since time of writing.*

There are many refugees from Ukraine who have travelled to Poland. These people come from all sections of society and some of them have existing links to family and friends in Poland. Many thousands of refugees don't have such links and are simply trying to find a safe place to stay. Major train stations are used as transit points for refugees with volunteers from many different organisations offering basic supplies there.

Our chaplaincy is small in number, so it is difficult for us to take collective action. Instead, individuals from our congregation are volunteering at help centres and providing shelter for refugees, who are often shocked and traumatised by their experiences. It can also be a struggle for both refugees and their hosts to acclimatise to each other. The chaplaincy continues to hold daily services and offer pastoral care and support to all affected by the current situation and those in Poland who are facing problems unrelated to the conflict in Ukraine.

We recognise that the fallout from the situation in Ukraine will pose long-term challenges in the coming weeks, months and years. Our chaplaincy will be here to offer support wherever possible.

**Sunday 31 July:**

**Welcoming God,**

**You taught us to befriend the stranger.**

**May we offer hospitality and support**

**To all in need.**

**Monday 1 August:** Let us pray for the Diocese in Europe and give thanks for the support they provide for refugees.

**Tuesday 2 August:** We pray for the Anglican Church in Poland which serves communities in Warsaw, Krakow and Gdansk.

**Wednesday 3 August:** Let us pray for the people of Ukraine as they rebuild their lives in the wake of the war with Russia.

**Thursday 4 August:** We pray for the Anglican community in Russia. May we remember those who do not support the Russian conflict and who are being persecuted and imprisoned for their views.

**Friday 5 August:** We pray for the countries neighbouring Ukraine, that they respond to the refugee crisis with warmth and humanity.

**Saturday 6 August (The Transfiguration of Our Lord):** Today we celebrate the completely human, completely divine nature of Jesus. We give thanks that He came down to be with us, perfection in our midst.

# 7 AUGUST – 13 AUGUST

## INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

*Dorothy deGraft Johnson, a Law student from Ghana*

Irina Bokova, (Director-General of UNESCO), in a statement celebrating International Youth Day, said ‘Young people are not just our future; they are also our present.’

International Youth Day, observed in August each year, is an international day that celebrates, recognises and empowers young people throughout the world to make contributions to their communities and the world at large. The planet is presently home to the biggest generation of youth in history. Young individuals represent optimism and many more capabilities for the future.

Unfortunately, this potential is frequently stifled. Many young people over the world are smothered by poverty, sickness, a lack of resources, lack of access to education, health and job opportunities among others. Many young people’s goals, opportunities for growth and world-changing potential are limited.

As we mark another anniversary as a community and a church that cares for the youth just as Jesus did, let us hold on to the faith and work towards that day when the world will be open for the youth to explore and grow, hopefully reaching their full potential. Happy International Youth Day!

**Sunday 7 August:**

Living Lord,

May we all be filled with the energy of youth.

Let us not be stuck in our ways,

But embrace and adapt to change.

**Monday 8 August:** Let us pray for young people across the Anglican Communion. May we encourage them to fully engage in the life of the Church and treat them with dignity and respect.

**Tuesday 9 August:** We pray that young people are increasingly recognised as the present rather than the future.

**Wednesday 10 August:** Let us pray for youth movements, such as the Young Christian Climate Network, who are challenging existing structures and offering hope for the future.

**Thursday 11 August:** We pray for university students and young adults finding their way in life. May they be guided by the Holy Spirit in all they do.

**Friday 12 August (International Youth Day):** Today we celebrate young people and the perspectives they have to share. May we listen to them and act on their words.

**Saturday 13 August:** Let us pray for ordinands of all ages. May they be supported at the beginning of their ministry.



# 14 AUGUST – 20 AUGUST

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN DURGAPUR

*Raja Moses, Project Coordinator of the Anti-Human Trafficking Project, Diocese of Durgapur, Church of North India, offers a prayer for protection.*

Lord, we pray for your blessings and intervention in the areas of life where there is severe abuse of human beings by way of human trafficking, which is a type of modern-day slavery.

Father, we pray for the Anti-Human Trafficking Programme of our Diocese. We pray for those who lead the programme; that they would lead with wisdom and discernment. We pray for our mission-field workers who tirelessly work even sometimes at the cost of their own lives being threatened by human traffickers and anti-social elements in the areas where they work.

Lord may your protection be upon each of our field workers. May they who serve in the area of Anti-Human trafficking, come to know you and your love more personally. We pray for your provisions in the area of resources, both material and human. As we reach out to rescue and rehabilitate the women and children who are victims of human trafficking in places like Malda, North and South Dinajpur, we pray that your Holy Spirit would guide, protect and lead our Anti-Human Trafficking Team.

**Sunday 14 August:**

Lord of all,

May we uphold the dignity of all Your children.

Let us be defenders of what is right

And friends to the dispossessed.

**Monday 15 August (The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary):**

Today we celebrate the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. May we be inspired by her story and encouraged by her words.

**Tuesday 16 August:** We pray for the work of the Anti-Human Trafficking Project in the Diocese of Durgapur. May we support this initiative to identify human trafficking and support victims of human trafficking.

**Wednesday 17 August:** Let us pray for the Diocese of Durgapur and their service to communities in Malda, North and South Dinajpur.

**Thursday 18 August:** We pray for all those working to prevent human trafficking worldwide.

**Friday 19 August:** Let us pray for the work of the Clewer Initiative which works to raise awareness of and prevent human trafficking in the UK.

**Saturday 20 August:** We pray for refugees, seeking shelter and safety as they have been forced out of their homes. May we offer them whatever pastoral and practical support possible.

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