



praying in mission

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Welcome... to the latest edition of CMSI's prayer diary.

This booklet includes short, daily prayer prompts covering the breadth of CMSI's work and of our partner churches.

Thank you for investing in this work through your prayers.

As you use this diary, be encouraged that you do so in the company of hundreds of members of CMSI's global family uniting in prayer each day enabling us all to participate in living out the light of Christ.

We would also encourage you to make regular use of the following **CMSI Prayer**.

CMSI Prayer

May the God of light shine brightly on the CMSI family, bringing blessing to – and through – staff, volunteers, members, mission personnel and Global Partners.

May the God of Life bring hope and renewal to those living in despair, in the places where CMSI's partners work.

May the God of Love bring healing and transformation to churches and individuals in Ireland, as they encounter Him afresh and engage in His work of mission.

May the God of Peace and Justice reign in our world. May His Kingdom come, on earth, as in heaven.

Amen

September

BURUNDI

The Guinness Family

Th 1. Paul and Alison Guinness are working with Burundian leaders seeking to facilitate Burundians being involved in cross cultural mission both within and beyond the country. Pray that God would raise up men and women who sense God's call to fulfill the great commission.

Fr 2. Pray that God would continue to help Paul and Alison know where to invest their time. Alison is one of the senior leaders in the local Great Lakes School of Theology and Leadership. Pray that they would balance their ministry involvement well with family life.



CMSI FAMILY

Board of Trustees

Sa 3. Give thanks for the new 5 year strategic plan launched this month and all those who contributed ideas. Ask God to bless the work of CMSI as trustees, staff and members begin to implement it.

Staff

Su 4. Pray for Wendy and the administrative work involved in preparing for our Ignite conference in September, that everything goes smoothly and everyone is in good health to enjoy this precious time of fellowship together.

ZAMBIA

Mo 5. Pray for wisdom and integrity in Zambia's government as they tackle extreme poverty and the cost of living crisis affecting the nation.

St John's Seminary

Tu 6. Pray for St John's Seminary as they seek to deliver theological training that will raise up educationally and spiritually equipped church leaders. Pray for Canon Francis Mwansa (Vicar General) and Rev Stephen Chibubi (Dean of Studies) as they provide leadership and mentoring to students under their responsibility.

We 7. St John's Seminary is recommencing for a new academic year in September and they are hopeful for a new intake of students. Ask God to lead the people of His calling to apply.

UGANDA

Luweero Diocese

Th 8. Luweero Diocesan women, under the Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF), are organising their first convention since the two year-lockdown. Please pray that they may have all they need, as the convention is set to commence the 3rd week of September.

Fr 9. Two diocesan seminarians, under sponsorship provided through CMSI from Christ Church Lisburn (ordinands Robert Tendo and Bryan Lukabwe), completed their studies at Uganda Martyrs Seminary, Namugongo in August. Pray that all may go well with their final placement and subsequent ordination in the second week of December.

CMSI FAMILY

Teams & Short-Term Experience Placements

Sa 10. Pray for the staff team as they begin a new cycle of planning for teams and partner visits for next year in early September. Pray for parishes who are considering teams in 2023 that all the planning, preparations and logistics will go according to God's plans.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Events

Su 11. The Ignite conference is a highlight for staff and members. Give thanks that we can meet in person again in Dromantine. Pray for the staff team in all the busyness of preparation, for His inspiration and that the practicalities will fall into place.



UGANDA

Mo 12. Uganda is a nation where employment opportunities for young people are limited. Pray they will have the chance to reach their full potential. The war in Ukraine has also caused fuel prices to rocket, which has increased the cost of living. Pray for communities struggling with these challenges.

Madi West Nile Diocese

Tu 13. Pray for the medical department of the diocese where there have been recent changes. This is an important outreach and resource for many local communities.

We 14. Thank God for parish tree wardens and for Bishop Collins who supports many climate change mitigations developed by the church. Pray that this will have impact on the quality of agricultural land and outcomes locally.

Image: Ariye nursery school, Bidi Bidi camp, Uganda

DR CONGO

Goma Diocese

Th 15. Thank God for the peace-making initiatives which have recently been promoted in Goma and pray that the hearts of believers will be united in seeking peace for all.



GENERAL PRAYERS

Events

Fr 16. Ignite extra takes place this evening. Ask for safety for all travelling to Dromantine. Pray for all the arrangements and for God's special blessing as we meet to worship together and join in the sessions.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Sa 17. Pray for Anne's ongoing work in the Finance Department as she seeks to keep up to date with her regular work activities in preparation for the end of year accounts and upcoming audit.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Volunteers

Su 18. Staff and CMSI volunteers visit parishes to speak about the global church family and our calling to share the good news of Jesus. Pray that God will inspire the message and response.

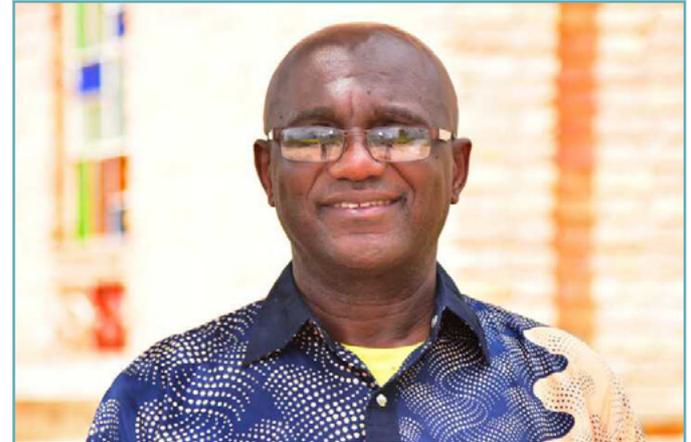
RWANDA

Mo 19. Rwanda President of Rwanda Paul Kagame once said that, "prayers are not enough to put [Rwanda] where it needs to be if national values are not put into action". Ask God to encourage Rwandan leaders in church, community and government to keep working to overcome malnutrition and poverty that still affects large numbers of the population.

Image: Ignite invitations

Shyogwe Diocese

Tu 20. Pray for the parish of Muhanga who are currently unable to gather for worship services because the church building doesn't meet government standards of hygiene, safety and durability. After the crisis of the Covid-19 pandemic, the congregation has been constructing a new church which, with support from a CMSI link parish, is about to be completed.



We 21. We celebrate with Bishop Jered Kalimba on reaching his 25 years anniversary as bishop on 14 August, and for the 30 years anniversary of the inauguration of Shyogwe Diocese! Ask the Lord to bless him, and his wife and grown up family.

Kibungo Diocese

Th 22. Pray for Bishop Emmanuel Ntazinda as he visits many parishes in the diocese to help strengthen the church after closure during the Covid-19 lockdown, and to confirm a number of Christians.

Image: Bishop Jered Kalimba, Shyogwe Diocese, Rwanda

Fr 23. Pray for the pastors and lay leaders in our diocese who are conducting home-to-home evangelism visits in order to reach those who haven't returned to church after the lockdown, and to strengthen the weak ones. Pray for strength, God's wisdom and favour as they visit those homes.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Sa 24. Emma is in post and enjoying being part of the CMSI community. Please pray that she would continue to integrate well.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Resourcing the vision

Su 25. A prayer for RTV group (and financial support):

Psalm 54:4 'Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me.' Give thanks that God has provided for the work of CMS Ireland for over 200 years. Ask that we will rely on Him for all the society needs to fulfill our calling.

NEPAL

Mo 26. "A melting pot of diverse races, numerous languages, and religions, Nepal is rich in its varied culture. We are a progressive nation and we don't look back - Jai Nepal!" (from the Nepali national anthem). Pray for unity and respect amongst the people, and ask the Lord to protect the church from prejudice and persecution.

SD Church & SDSS

Tu 27. Please continue to pray for BJ as she heads up SDSS maintaining the legacy of her late husband, seeking to serve adults and children with disabilities in love. Pray for the team at SDSS, and at SD Church – including BK and G.



We 28. Please pray for the SDSS office IT upgrade project, the temporary IT technician who is carrying out the assessment of needs and the installation of new computers, software, server and WiFi systems. This is essential to enable the smooth running of all the ministries in the organisation.

SOUTH SUDAN

Yei Diocese

Th 29. Pray for the week of witness in October and the council meeting in November.

CMSI FAMILY

Board of trustees

Fr 30. The Board of trustees meets today. Give thanks for the time, energy and skills offered to the society and ask God to guide them as they meet to conduct CMSI business.

October

CMSI FAMILY

Teams & Short-Term Experience Placements

Sa 1. Pray for Rev Mina Helmy from Alexandria as he undertakes a one month internship with Hillsborough Parish throughout October. Pray his time with Canon Bryan Follis and parishioners will bear fruit and help to strengthen the two way partnership between the Province of Alexandria and Hillsborough.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Harvest

Su 2. *As the trade winds blow over thirsty plains,
My soul will sing to the Lord,
And the storm clouds pour with reviving rains,
My heart gives thanks to Him.
Every season whispers the mystery,
The glorious rhythm of life,
Till the harvest comes from the boundless goodness
Of the Father's hand.* (Stuart Townend)

Give thanks to the Lord of creation for the wonderful gift of a fruitful earth.

DR CONGO

Kindu Diocese

Mo 3. In October there will be a reorganisation due to the new Diocese of Kalima. Bishop Masimango especially asks for prayers for delegates who will travel in overcrowded vehicles due to increasing fuel prices.

Tu 4. Kindu Diocese has established a new area of mission outreach on the road to Kalemie. Pray for the people in Kibombo area as the church seeks to ignite passion for Christ and build faith communities here.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Events

We 5. As the monthly online prayer meeting starts again after the summer break, ask that God will strengthen these prayer connections and bless those who meet.



KENYA

Tujisaidie Project (formally "Urban Development Programme")

Th 6. Please pray for the students and staff at the Tujisaidie School as they start the final term of the short school years following the covid closures. Two classes will

take final examinations at the end of this term which will determine their future secondary education. Please pray that this time will not be too stressful for them.

Fr 7. Ask the Lord to bless Rev Jonny Campbell-Smyth and George Heaney from the United Parish of Ballyclare and Ballynure who will be travelling to Nairobi from 7-18 October. Louise Githire visited the parish during Kingdom Voices. Pray for relationships to be strengthened and for deepening mutual understanding.

CMSI FAMILY

Teams & Short-Term Experience Placements

Sa 8. During Johnny Campbell-Smyth and George Heaney's time in Nairobi, they will visit the Tujisaidie community. Pray that their time in Kenya will enable the parish to have a fuller understanding of the ministry in Kayole.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Harvest

Su 9. *When the crops have failed and the fields are bare,
My soul will cry to the Lord.
When the hungry know only death's despair,
My heart will look to Him.
For the call goes out from the heart of God
To share with those in need;
As we feed the world we reflect the goodness
Of the Father's hand.* (Stuart Townend)

Give thanks that the Lord sees all human need and ask that we may have merciful hearts.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff team

Mo 10. 10-12th Oct Jenny travels to Uganda to attend the CMS Network meeting in Kampala and to visit projects supported by the Children in Uganda legacy. Pray that her visit will be helpful and bring encouragement.

Tu 11. Pray that in this busy season of speaking engagements Linda will have good communications from Global Partners and inspiring encounters with link parishes.

Ireland

We 12. Roger will be attending Derry and Raphoe synod today. Pray that the discussions will be fruitful, that there will be unity of purpose and a good opportunity for CMSI to connect with rectors from across the diocese.



DR CONGO

North Kivu Diocese

Th 13. Bishop Isesomo: "Pray so that God may continue to reinforce the faith of many people who are spiritually very tired because of the atrocities they are living in."

Fr 14. North Kivu are already preparing for Diocesan Council which will take place in February 2023. Pray for all that needs to be done and all those who will participate.

Ireland

Sa 15. Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh synod meets today. Pray for Bishop Ferran as he leads. Ask God to inspire new parish links through CMSI with our global partners to enhance the life of the church and ministry. Pray for Linda as she represents CMSI at the synod.

Scotts

Su 16. Give thanks that Keith and Lyn have settled into their new home in Armagh. Pray that it will be a place of welcome and hospitality. Pray also for potential opportunities to be explored in relation to providing ongoing support for one of our partners in Eastern African.

DR CONGO

Mo 17. CMS Africa meeting is holding a consultation in Kampala with partners in DR Congo. Pray for wisdom as they discuss how the church can be an agent of community reconciliation through the word of God. Jenny hopes to participate.

Image: Bishop Isesomo interview at KV, St Anne's Cathedral



NEPAL

The Zimmerman Family

Tu 18 . During October, please pray for the straight forward processing of the Zimmerman's visa renewal to continue to stay in Nepal. At this time they will also be making decisions and submitting applications related to Benjamin's move to college in the US in summer 2023.

We 19. Give thanks for the formal establishment of Patan Hospital's new dietetic department and for the recruitment of talented young dietetic staff. Pray for God's wisdom for Deirdre as she leads the expansion of services and guides the new staff.

Th 20. As the impacts of climate change become ever more evident, remember our partners who minister in areas facing impacts of drought, floods, wild fires and acute food shortages. Ask God to show us how we can better care for the earth and share resources more equitably.

KENYA

Kajiado Diocese

Fr 21. Pray for the current rainy season (October and November) to be fruitful, after two years of failed rains. Pray for the reservoirs to be filled and the fields to be watered so that the next crop will be plentiful and the people have enough to eat. Please pray for the inhabitants of the famine affected regions and the suffering wildlife.

Image: Zimmerman family

Sa 22. Pray for Bishop Gaddiel Lenini who pastors a diocese roughly the size of Northern Ireland with 49 parishes, 160 congregations and 77 clergy. Ask the Lord to bless his ministry amongst the mainly rural Maasai population herding cattle, sheep and goats, and also in the significant conurbations such as Kajiado Town.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Su 23. Pray for Gillian in the coming months as she manages her current workload and takes on new responsibilities, while seeking to keep our current volunteers connected and engaged with the overall work of CMSI.

KENYA

Isabelle Prondzynski

Mo 24. Thank God that Isabelle was able to visit her brother Ferdinand and his family in Aberdeenshire in June. Please pray that she may be able to catch up with her sisters Aglaja and Pia in the near future.

Tu 25. Thank God for Louise Wambui Githire's safe return from Ireland, where she participated in Kingdom Voices. We give thanks that she was able to visit two link parishes and enjoy the wonderful reception she got there.

SOUTH SUDAN

We 26. Pray for the primate of South Sudan, Archbishop Justin Badi. He has many responsibilities in leading the church in South Sudan and working towards peace and reconciliation in the nation.

Maridi Diocese

Th 27. Bishop Moses and Mama Rejoice plan to travel with an encouragement team to visit refugees in Northern Uganda in November. Pray for the journey and for a great ministry of hope to those the team will spend time with.

Fr 28. Rasolo Archdeaconry has seen a great deal of insecurity and displacement of young people. The MU and evangelists are planning a mission visit there – pray for them.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Sa 29. Pray for Roger as he prepares to visit Burundi and Rwanda in 2023. This will be his first visit, so please ask the Lord to foster good relationships with the four CMSI global partner dioceses and to gain a clear understanding of the contexts in which the churches there are operating.

Partnership Links

Su 30. Links with parishes across Ireland are deeply valued by our global partners. Give thanks for these precious relationships and ask that more will be established.



Image: Flower, Olo Diocese, South Sudan

SOUTH SUDAN

Olo Diocese

Mo 31. The Olo community has little medical support or infrastructure. Pray for the church as they hope to strengthen the small clinic in Olo and for Flower who is studying health and midwifery so that she can serve in the clinic.

November

SOUTH SUDAN

Olo Diocese

Tu 1. The diocese is still working towards building the cathedral to completion and purchasing a much needed diocesan vehicle. These seem impossibly huge projects – pray that God will enable the diocese to develop in this way.

DR CONGO

Bukavu Diocese

We 2. Please pray for the Bukavu Diocesan Synod. Delegates will gather 2nd – 7th November for fellowship and decision making.

Th 3. Continue to pray for all the preparations for the new Diocese of Lac Tanganyika and Bishop Elisha Tendwa who is progressing the plans. Pray for vision and for the resources needed.



SOUTH SUDAN

Yei Diocese

Fr 4. Thank God for the good start to the coffee project so far and continue to pray for the success of this sustainability project in the diocese.

Image: Coffee seedlings, Yei Diocese, South Sudan

CMSI Family**Staff**

Sa 5. Continue to remember Megan on maternity leave and for God's blessing and covering over her, Ricky and baby Aurora.

Su 6. As the Anglican Communion Bishops share news from the Lambeth Conference with their dioceses, pray that God will help us to strive for truth and unity as we seek to serve Him in this struggling world.

NEPAL**Human Development and Community Services**

Mo 7. Please pray for God's blessing over HDCS and for favour with the government of Nepal. Please pray for open communication and understanding from government agencies to enable staff to carry out our work according to their vision, mission, and planning.

Tu 8. Please pray for the renewal of visas and labour permits for international staff at Kathmandu International Study Centre (KISC). Pray also for the safety of the EQUIP team as they continue to travel to project areas.

IRELAND

We 9. The Association for Mission Societies is a forum to encourage cooperative working and shared support for mission of the Church of Ireland. As they meet today in the Col Theological Institute, pray for productive discussions and good connections with the staff and students too.

**BURUNDI****Matana Diocese**

Th 10. Give thanks for Bishop Seth and Reverend Yvette Ndayirukiye who were able to travel to Belfast for the Kingdom Voices event in August, as well as visiting Mossley and Glendermott Parishes. We praise God for the encouragement and input they were able to bring through seminars, sermons and interviews.

Fr 11. Give thanks for the Mothers' Union session that Revd Yvette was able to attend during Kingdom Voices addressing the challenges of gender-based violence. As President of Matana MU, pray for the Lord's enabling for that organisation as they strive to make education, loans/micro-finance schemes more widely available to women so they don't have to depend on men.

CMSI FAMILY

Teams & Short-Term Experience Placements

Sa 12. Pray for staff as they offer the opportunity for overseas placements to first year students at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute mid-November. Pray that God will be preparing the hearts of those in training for ministry, to experience Church life in a global context.

Su 13. Nigel Quinn from Drumbeg Parish is visiting Cairo from 14th - 19th November. The parish are involved in supporting the Diocesan Prison Ministry Team. Pray Nigel will be a source of encouragement to the team who visit Kanater prison weekly to see how the parish can support their work.

BURUNDI

Mo 14. "Our Burundi, worthy of our tenderest love, may God, who gave you to us, keep you ... under the shield of unity, in peace, joy and prosperity." (From the Burundi national anthem)

Gitega Diocese

Tu 15. Give thanks for the visit of Bishop Aimé Joseph and Mama Bénigne Kimararungu to Northern Ireland in August for the CMSI Kingdom Voices event. Ask the Lord to bless all the new relationships that were created and to strengthen long-standing ones that were renewed.

We 16. Pray for the 24 parishes and 25,000 Christians in the diocese. Intercede for the clergy and lay catechists as they seek to plant new churches, encourage people into ministry and upgrade church buildings to meet new government regulations.

SOUTH SUDAN

Ibba Diocese

Th 17. The training centre in Ibba is expanding to provide carpentry and masonry skills for students. Pray for this exciting development for young people in the area.

Fr 18. MU Cordinator Roda Futuyo is planning a leadership and management course for thirty MU leaders. Pray for her as she plans and for all the leaders as they attend.

CMSI FAMILY

Trustees

Sa 19. Pray for our trustees to give thanks for all their support and the many skills that each has to contribute to supporting and steering our new strategic plan.

Su 20. Personnel Advisory Committee (PAC): continue praying for members of PAC (Rev Geoff Wilson, Ruth Mann, Hilda Connolly, Maureen Clarke, Jenny Smyth) as they provide ongoing support into the updating and forming of our organisational personnel policies and processes in the term ahead.

DR CONGO

Mo 21. Please continue to pray earnestly for peace and political wisdom in the growing tensions in Eastern Congo and neighbouring countries, especially in light of the election planned for 2023.

Tu 22. Pray for evangelists and youth workers ministering at the Peace Centres of the Eglise Anglican du Congo. The grief in the communities they work with is staggering and yet they offer real hope in Christ.

UGANDA

We 23. Due to climate change the small plots allotted to refugees in camps in Northern Uganda have been failing to produce their normal yield. Pray for the Episcopal Church in South Sudan as they seek to respond to their people still in the camps.

IRELAND

Th 24. The Church of Ireland Council for Mission meets today. Ask the Lord to inspire and guide the council as they seek to help parishes share the good news of Jesus and His transforming love.

KENYA

Fr 25. Please pray for the newly elected President of Kenya and all the other elected members. Pray for a peaceful transition, for the losers to accept their defeat and for the new government to have the will and the energy to build up the country and uplift its people.

CMSI FAMILY**Staff**

Sa 26. Pray for our partnership co-ordinators Linda and Roger to support them in their work and especially for forging connections with new link parishes across Ireland.

CMSI STARS

Su 27. Give thanks for all the faithful members of CMSI who have committed to pray for and support the work of the society through gifts and volunteering. Ask the Lord to bless them and grow the membership base.

**PROVINCE OF ALEXANDRIA**

Mo 28. Thank God for the wonderful graduations of students from Alexandria School of Theology and the Nuba Mountain Bible Institute over the summer, pray for those taking the next step into all kinds of ministry in Egypt and throughout the Middle East.

Image: Alexandria School of Theology graduates 2022

Tu 29. Pray for those in prison who are being assisted by the prison ministry team. Remember especially those facing the death sentence and the team who seek to minister to them.

We 30. After the recent opening of the Christian Muslim Relations Centre, Bishop Mouneer asks us to pray for new leaders who will be interested in taking on this ground-breaking ministry.



Image: Barry, one of the CMSI volunteers, at Ignite.



Image: Mechanics students, Vocational Training College, Yei, South Sudan



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CMSI new annual theme

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