

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 the work of our partners.

Thank you for investing in this work through your prayers.

As you use the 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 living light of Christ.

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

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 God afresh and engage in his work of mission.

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

Amen.

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December

UGANDA

Fr 1. Praise God for the many grassroots projects and outreach programmes that are bearing fruit in Uganda. Ask that God would continue to be seen in the lives and faith of our partners, so that more people would come to know God for themselves.

Children in Uganda

Sa 2. Give thanks for those moments of joyful surprise when an envelope reveals notice of a legacy left in faith to CMSI. Legacy giving has enabled local churches across our global partners to extend their ministries more widely and has helped CMSI meet its financial obligations too.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 3. On this first Sunday in Advent, when entering into this time of waiting, ask God to give us all renewed hope in the expectation of someday meeting Jesus face-to-face.

UGANDA

Madi West Nile Diocese

Mo 4. Pray for the communications team based in Arua as they design and produce discipleship messages for the enrichment of the church community and beyond.

Tu 5. Thank God for the children who are able to go to the new school at Ariye in Bidi Bidi camp. Pray for God's blessing on their lives.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Events

We 6. As we meet together to pray online today, pray that God would be in the midst of our sharing. Ask that the concerns of all present would be heard and that the prayers of others would become our prayers.

UGANDA**Luweero Diocese**

Th 7. Pray for Kiwoko Hospital and staff as they continue serving the local community in Luweero. Pray for God to work in the lives of all those accessing medical services and for provision in supplying core running costs so the hospital can keep providing excellent healthcare.

Fr 8. Pray for the house of Bishops in Uganda as they seek to appoint and consecrate a new bishop who will head up Luweero Diocese. Pray for a peaceful selection process and for God's leading to the person of his choice who will replace Bishop Eridard and mama Jane.

**CMSI FAMILY****Staff**

Sa 9. Give thanks with Roger for the last 8 years of ministry he has enjoyed with CMS Ireland, asking for God's guidance and blessing in the future.

Trustees

Su 10. At this time of year the trustees are overseeing the annual audit. Give thanks for their skill and dedication and for God's provision for the society throughout its history. Pray that all involved in decision making will be bold and courageous in this kingdom work.

KENYA

Mo 11. Heavenly Father, please give the land of Kenya and her people political and economic stability. May justice be their shield and defender. May they dwell in unity, peace, and liberty, and may plenty be found within their borders.

Kajiado Diocese

Tu 12. Jesus said, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." *Luke 7:50* When we learn to trust in the creator of our souls we find rest in our lives. Even facing trying circumstances, we don't crumble because of the strength of the one that lives inside us. *Kajiado Facebook post*

CMSI FAMILY**Staff**

We 13. Give thanks for times of celebration together. The staff team will be having their annual Christmas dinner and party games today!

KENYA**Kajiado Diocese**

Th 14. Praise God for the 30th Anniversary of the diocese that was commemorated in August with a gathering in Kajiado of many hundreds for worship, bible teaching and thanksgiving.



Isabelle Prondzynski

Fr 15. Thank God that Isabelle was able to take a break in November, revisiting a couple of familiar places and friends. Pray she will have continued stamina and strength as she works alongside and supports the Tujisaidie community in Kayole, Nairobi.

CMSI FAMILY

CMSI Mission Partners in Training

Sa 16. Give thanks for the encouragement and support so far from individuals and link parishes. Pray that the Quills' link visits and chats with individuals would encourage people to go deeper with the Lord and fan into flame the gift of God that is in them.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Resources & initiatives

Su 17. Fundraising reviews are taking place across the charitable sector. Ask the Lord to bless CMSI with wisdom as income streams are reviewed. Pray for continued faith in his provision whilst continuing to handle finance in accordance with best practice.

DR CONGO

Bukavu Diocese

Mo 18. Pray for parishes who worship in uncompleted church buildings and thank God for the CMSI link parishes who partner with the Diocese of Bukavu to develop these buildings for their communities.

Tu 19. Pray for Bishop Elisha as he continues to seek ways to build up peaceful, compassionate relationships with minority groups in Uvira.

We 20. Pray for a fair and free election planned for today in DRC. May the God of the nations set the path for a leader who will be able to find solutions for the unrest in Eastern Congo.

North Kivu Diocese

Th 21. Bishop Isesomo is overseeing the work to refurbish the children's project building destroyed by fire earlier this year. Pray for completion and for new safe placements for children who need families.

Fr 22. Pray for Bishop Isesomo and the diocesan leadership as they seek to develop discipleship and evangelism programmes in circumstances where travel is risky and difficult.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Sa 23. Pray for Anne to have a good time with family over the Christmas and New Year period. Pray she will be refreshed and rejuvenated, and pray for a smooth completion of the audit process in January.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 24. As we await the festivities of tomorrow, remember those who will not be able to join with family and friends for fellowship and love. Ask that God would be especially close to those who will struggle over the next few days.

Mo 25. 'And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord".' *Luke 2:10-11*

Praise God for the birth of Jesus.

Tu 26. On this St Stephen's Day, pray for those in situations of conflict and strife. Ask that God would grant all of us grace to love even our enemies and seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt.

NEPAL

We 27. Remember before God Prime Minister Puspa Kamal Dahal (Prachanda) leading a coalition government of 10 parties. Intercede for the political leaders that they may provide stable government for the benefit of nation and its people.

SD Church & SDSS

Th 28. Praise God for the SDSS AGM which took place in September 2023. Following a time of massive transition, the organisation is moving forward with the theme, *Be Courageous: strength to act in the face of grief*. Pray for BJ as she leads SDSS following on from the legacy of BA.

Fr 29. Give thanks for Jenny Smyth's visit to SDSS last October. She was able to renew old friendships with many of our partners, to pray together and share condolences. She also saw the Wheelchair Workshop in action.

CMSI FAMILY

Sa 30. Give thanks for Megan and the positive contribution she makes to the staff team in her administrative role. Pray for a relaxing time off during Christmas and the New Year, and for renewed stamina and strength for the busy year ahead.

CMSI Stars

Su 31. Give thanks for our committed members and supporters. Ask that God would unify those connected with the Society in Ireland and with CMSI's global partners. May they continue to grow in their relationship with God.



Roger, Rev Diane Matchett, Bishop Jered Kalimba and Jenny

January

GENERAL PRAYERS

Mo 1. Praise God for making all things new. As this first day of 2024 unfolds, pray that God would help all of us be open to new ways of hearing, seeing and being part of God's work on the ground.

PROVINCE OF ALEXANDRIA

Tu 2. The Diocese of Egypt celebrated the opening of the first office for the Global South Fellowship of Anglicans, in Cairo, last year. Pray for Archbishop Samy and also Archbishop Justin of South Sudan as this new office develops.



Archbishop Justin with Archbishop Samy
at the opening of the office of GSFA

We 3. Archbishop Samy recently baptised fifty-two new members at the Sudanese Congregation at All Saints' Cathedral in Cairo. Pray for these new church members and the community who have welcomed them.

Th 4. Pray for the staff at Refuge Egypt as they seek to manage limited resources and medical care for so many newcomers arriving in Cairo. Pray that each person seeking help will find it in the community and care of God's people.

Fr 5. Today we remember the work and ministry of Christ the King Parish in Alexandria and Rev Mina, along with his leadership team. Pray for strength and resources to work to the vision God has given the church in Alexandria.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Sa 6. As we remember the visit of the Magi to Jesus and his parents, pray that God would continue to reveal himself to the world through the global church.

Su 7. Praise God that, by the Holy Spirit, we are all invited to join as "members of the same body and share in the promise that God made through Christ Jesus." *Ephesians 3:6*

RWANDA

Mo 8. Pray for rain in Rwanda as it has been affected by the ongoing severe drought throughout the Horn of Africa; the 2023 rainy season did not bring enough precipitation. Pray that God may give sufficient rain for crops, grasses for livestock and water for irrigation.

Shyogwe Diocese

Tu 9. Praise God for the recent visit of Bishop Jered Kalimba to Ireland, where he was hosted by friends and parishes in both the Republic and in Northern Ireland. He also attended the Ignite Conference speaking powerfully about reconciliation and the importance of cell groups.



Energy Saving Stoves, Shyogwe

We 10. Pray for the innovative businesses the diocese is developing, including the Energy Saving Stove project, the water-filter project and the Pineapple Juice Factory. Ask the Lord for wisdom as they expand their reach seeking to benefit the community in a sustainable way.

Kibungo Diocese

Th 11. Praise God for the Kibungo Diocesan Council which took place in December. May God bless the decisions that were made so that the church will be built up during the whole of 2024.

Fr 12. Pray for the provision of roofing materials for 8 new churches that have recently been built in the different archdeaconries of Kibungo Diocese.

CMSI FAMILY

Trustees

Sa 13. As the trustees prepare for the annual staff board day next week, give thanks for the good relations enjoyed between the trustees and staff team. Pray that through the short communion service they will all sense the presence of the Holy Spirit empowering them for the year ahead.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 14. "But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us." *2 Cor 4:7* Give

thanks for all involved in mission through CMSI, may we work together for God's glory.

DR CONGO

Kindu Diocese

Mo 15. Just before Christmas all the Kindu Clergy attended training with the theme *How to run Ministry shaped by Jesus Christ in our Time*. Pray for these church leaders, especially those involved in the five new church plants in Kindu town.

Tu 16. Archbishop Masimango asks us to pray for the development of new training resources for children, Aô's ministry and the family Bible study programme.



Rev Caroline, Goma Diocese

Goma Diocese

We 17. Bishop Martin Gordon tells us: "living in rebel-held territory has become a fact of life in 5 of our 7 archdeaconries". Please pray today for clergy and church workers who live and travel in these areas to share the gospel of hope.

Th 18. Pray for the Church Clinic Project planned for Goma, so that outreach through care and compassion can be realised as part of the ministry of the church there.

GENERAL PRAYERS**Resources & initiatives**

Fr 19. Pray that throughout 2024 the global church links forged through CMSI may be deepened and strengthened to bring fresh impetus and vision to ministry and mission in Ireland and with the global partner churches.

CMSI FAMILY**CMSI Mission Partners in Training**

Sa 20. Pray for the Quills as they continue with their preparations to leave for Ibba and final visits to their remaining link visits. Pray for refreshment and encouragement as they go on a short retreat from 6th - 8th Feb prior to their Commissioning Service next month.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 21. Ask God to help each of us claim for ourselves the promise to Moses: "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." *Exodus 33:14*

BURUNDI

Mo 22. We pray that every people group in Burundi will come together in unity, for forgiveness and reconciliation. May peace reign in this land. We pray for those still suffering trauma and sadness, that God will meet them in their sorrow and heal their brokenness.

Gitega Diocese

Tu 23. Give thanks for the Gitega church planting initiative with 15 new churches currently under construction. The local Christians invest greatly in outreach and while the initial building work is complete, please pray for help to meet the huge outlay on iron sheets for roofing.



Bugama Church, Gitega, under construction

We 24. Pray for the children's ministry in Gitega, giving thanks for the 655 children who participated in vacation Bible Schools in St Mark's Parish and St Luke's Cathedral in 2023.

Matana Diocese

Th 25. Give thanks for the support for Matana from Glendermott Parish (Derry & Raphoe). Pray for Rev Robert Boyd and Rev Johnny Lowden as they lead the parish to formulate a partnership plan.

Fr 26. Give thanks for the grant from Miseen Cara that has enabled the diocese to obtain new equipment for making simple videos and recording interviews. Ask the Lord to bless this initiative so that more stories of faith may be shared.

CMSI FAMILY**Staff**

Sa 27. Pray that Jenny will find times of reflection and renewal so that she will continually be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit in the decisions she needs to make. Give thanks for the wonderful staff team who work with commitment and joy.

**GENERAL PRAYERS****Resources & initiatives**

Su 28. As the team speak in congregations across Ireland, ask that God will open up new opportunities to share the powerful learning we are gleaned from the global church with those here, at home.

CMSI FAMILY**CMSI Teams & Short-Term Experience Placements/CITI pitch**

Mo 29. Pray for the staff as they begin preparing individuals to go on short term placements or teams throughout 2024. Pray that people will be equipped and engaged during the 3 training sessions and go with an attitude of being open to learn with humility and grace.

NEPAL**Human Development and Community Services**

Tu 30. Pray for HDCS as they develop the organisation's capacity for better effectiveness, impact and sustainability. Please pray for God's leading, wisdom, and guidance over all staff involved. May they be able to perform well, reach their goals and also adapt to change.

We 31. Please remember the special needs education centres Asha Bal Bikas Sewa (Hope for Child Development Services) as the parents of the children struggle to make ends meet financially. Please also pray that the ABBS centres receive adequate financial support.

February**GENERAL PRAYERS**

Th 1. On this St Brigid's Day, pray for all those who are wounded and weary, those we know and those we do not know. Ask that God would strengthen what is weak in each and every one of us.

KENYA**Tujisaidie Self-Help Group**

Fr 2. Thank God for several recent visitors to Tujisaidie and Tumaini, bringing greetings, prayers, love, and a donation of some 6,000 books for the Tumaini library.

Sa 3. Pray for John Omondi and the 320 staff and children at Tujisaidie Centre School. Pray too for Antony Njoroge as he oversees the completion of the Tumaini Centre of Excellence 3rd floor.

GENERAL PRAYERS**Resources & initiatives**

Su 4. We are thankful and excited to launch the 2024 Children's Resource focusing on migration. Give thanks for Emma's work in compiling the material and ask the Lord to bless many children and their teachers as they engage with it.

KENYA**Isabelle Prondzynski**

Mo 5. Please pray for the school construction project, bringing three extra classrooms to the Tujisaidie School, with facilities for language and computer teaching, as required by the new curriculum.





Tujisaidie pupils at the Tumaini Library

GENERAL PRAYERS

Events

Tu 6. As the CMSI staff team prepares for the first prayer room of 2024 tomorrow, ask that God would be in the midst of planning and preparations and that those who join the lunchtime event online will be able to do so with little technical difficulty.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

We 7. Remember Linda today as she works alongside our partners in DRC, South Sudan, Egypt and Northern Uganda. Pray that she will facilitate fruitful relationships with CMSI link parishes.

ZAMBIA

Th 8. Give thanks for the work and ministry of the Anglican Church throughout Zambia. Pray for excellence in stewardship of the resources that God has provided to his people, and that church leaders will use these gifts for extension of his kingdom.

St John's Seminary

Fr 9. Pray for the student body of St John's Anglican Seminary, Kitwe, as they return to college after an extended break over Christmas and New Year. Pray for diligence in their studies and open hearts to hear from God, applying their learning practically in their lives and parishes.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Sa 10. Pray for Emma in the midst of a busy spell at CMSI. May she make time to rest so that she can continue to work with joy and enthusiasm.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 11. Holy God, receive all we bring before you this day and bring us also to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face of Jesus Christ our Lord.



Children worshipping
in Kindu

CMSI FAMILY

Trustees

12. The Trustees are preparing for the upcoming AGM on 20 March. Pray for the Lord's presence in all the board meetings, that the decisions made will be glorifying to him and contribute to the quality of CMSI's work.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Tu 13. Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for it is from your goodness that we have this day to celebrate on the threshold of the Season of Lent. Tomorrow we will fast. Tonight we feast. We thank you for the abundance of gifts you shower upon us. Amen

We 14. Today is the first day of Lent. Ask that God would help us to lean into the gift of love that is being given so fully and freely as we begin again our annual pilgrimage towards Easter.

SOUTH SUDAN

Th 15. Bishop Wilson writes: "Our country is preparing for election in 2024. This proposal is received by other political parties with mixed feeling. So pray for the process of this election and for the oneness of mind and peaceful election."

Ibba Diocese

Fr 16. Pray for the ongoing impact of the community peace and reconciliation programme which took place in January. Pray for those who have suffered as the diocese supports them to move forward in hopefulness and peace.

Sa 17. Bishop Wilson: "At such a difficult time in our country people are hopeless, living in fear, socioeconomic needs are not met, serious upsurge of insecurity, we encourage Christians to cast their anxiety to God because God cares for his people." Pray for this situation today.

CMSI FAMILY

CMSI Mission Partners in Training

Su 18. Pray for Andrew and Joanne as they are commissioned this evening in preparation for Mission Partner service in the Diocese of Ibba, South Sudan. Pray it will be a wonderful celebration of God's leading, provision and protection as they step out in faith in serving him.

Staff

Mo 19. Pray for Gillian in this busy season as she balances multiple roles and responsibilities within the Society - for stamina and strength and reliance upon God in all things.

SOUTH SUDAN

Maridi Diocese

Tu 20. Bishop Moses says: "Pray for Chaima Christian Institute for more provision and accommodations for students, as the college will be hosting students from 6 dioceses of Western Equatoria Internal Province."

YVTC broken fence soon to be upgraded



We 21. Maridi Diocese is administering a peace project aimed at young people and community leaders. Pray for those heading up the programme and for the influence of the Prince of Peace on the hearts of all involved.

Olo Diocese

Th 22. Bishop Tandema tells us "The Diocese has New Testament translated into Avokakya Language and the translation of the Old Testament is in process." Let us pray for this most valuable of Bible translations.

Fr 23. Olo Diocese has an ambitious strategic plan focusing on evangelism and discipleship. Pray for the Spirit's empowerment as the clergy work together towards the diocesan goals.

BURUNDI

The Guinness Family

Sa 24. Pray with Paul and Alison as they continue discussions with a couple of churches about linking with them as a family to provide pastoral care and financial support. They need new regular supporters to enable them to continue ministering in Burundi.

CMSI FAMILY

CMSI Teams & Short-Term Experience Placements/CITI pitch

Su 25. Pray for CITI Ordinands or medical students who may be undertaking placements this year with one of our global partners. Pray they will be blessed and be a blessing while making the most of their time learning from those ministering in challenging contexts.

SOUTH SUDAN

Yei Diocese

Mo 26. Thank God for the funds received to assist in securing the Vocational Training School compound. Pray for that important project as the diocese aims to provide a safe and welcoming place for returning refugees to study income generating skills.

Tu 27. Pray for Rev Nelson as he works towards growth and development of the coffee project. The aim is to bring sustainability to the diocese through coffee production.

IRELAND

Scotts

We 28. Pray for Keith as he travels out to Burundi to teach and supervise students at Bujumbura Christian University in March for 6 weeks. Pray for the students to engage well and understand Keith's limited French and for Lyn as she remains in N. Ireland.



GENERAL PRAYERS

Th 29. On this 'extra' day, take time to pause and thank God for the good things in each of our lives, for meeting us in the ordinary and for being the one who schedules rest as part of life's rhythm.

Tujisaidie knitting success, Kenya, 2023



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