



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 the 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.

March

GENERAL PRAYERS

Events

We 1. Plug into prayer – please pray along with and for us today as we meet online to hear from Rev Helmy and his people in the Province of Alexandria. We rejoice that he is with us in Ireland and ask God to use this opportunity of partnership in person for growth of the kingdom.

ZAMBIA

St John's Seminary

Th 2. Give thanks for the seminary students who have recently returned for their second semester of study. Pray these young men will be equipped both academically and spiritually as they prepare for future parish ministry, gaining practical experience in their respective dioceses.

Fr 3. Pray for God to provide financially towards the overall costs of running the seminary as Canon Francis Mwansa and Rev Stephen Chibubi seek to manage with extremely limited resources.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Sa 4. Give thanks for the opportunity for Jenny and Billy to visit Ibba, Maridi and Yei. Jenny is with folk from Albany in Maridi. Billy is discussing vocational training developments in the three dioceses.

Trustees

Su 5. The Trustees have been working on the annual audit and updating policies. Please pray as they now prepare for Shine and the AGM. Give thanks for the commitment, time and skill they freely offer to the society.



Shine and AGM, March 22

SOUTH SUDAN

Mo 6. Bishop Levi says: "Pray for total stability in South Sudan. May God touch the hearts of the president and the holdout armed groups to resume peace talks at the St. Egidio Community in Rome. This is the only hope for the people of South Sudan."

CMSI FAMILY

CMSI Teams & Short-Term Experience Placements

Tu 7. Maridi Team (Albany): Give thanks for the team's safe arrival in S. Sudan. Pray that their time in Maridi with Bishop Moses Zungu and the church family will be a source of encouragement. May the visit strengthen the partnership and may team members be both challenged and inspired.

SOUTH SUDAN

Maridi Diocese

We 8. Thank God for the many new ideas for development in Maridi. Pray for Bishop Moses' team as they communicate their project ideas, so that plans can go forward and the community can be greatly blessed.

Th 9. Pray for the evangelism team who face risks and challenges to share God's grace and love in areas where faith in Christ is not yet known. Pray for a fruitful ministry of preaching and praying.

IRELAND

Scotts

Fr 10. Give thanks that Keith and Lyn have managed to make their new house in Armagh a comfortable home. Pray for Keith with ongoing opportunities to minister in the Cathedral and remember Lyn that she can fully settle and make good friendships locally.

CMSI Teams & Short-Term Experience Placements

Sa 11. 2nd Teams Training - Glendermott Parish: Pray for staff as they facilitate the second training session in Co Londonderry. Pray that those preparing to go overseas through CMSI will listen, learn and put into action all that the staff have imparted throughout the training.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 12. The staff team love visiting churches to talk about mission. Ask the Lord to open up further opportunities. Pray that God will bless plans to further develop the volunteer speaker team.

SOUTH SUDAN

Ibba Diocese

Mo 13. Bishop Wilson: "Pastors in Ibba are non-stipendiary but are committed and passionate about their pastoral work. So, the diocese has organised training for Pastors' wives (24 - 27 April) to help support their husbands economically and spiritually. Pray for this program."

Tu 14. The peace building program, which ended on 9th Jan, had good resolutions and recommendations. A logical frame was put together in Feb. Bishop Wilson asks us to pray for the ten-member committee that has been formed as the result of these resolutions and recommendations.

Kajo Keji Diocese

We 15. Continue to pray for the family of Bishop Emmanuel Murye and the whole diocese as they grieve the loss of a much loved and respected husband, father and spiritual leader.

Th 16. Pray for the diocesan team who will be caretakers of the diocese until the right time comes for a new bishop of Kajo-Keji.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Fr 17. Saint Patrick's Day

"May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us. May the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us. May your Salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and for evermore." St Patrick's prayer

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Sa 18. Jenny has just returned from a visit to South Sudan. Give thanks for the strengthening of friendships and inspiration these visits enable. Ask the Lord to bless those who offered hospitality and welcome.

CMSI Teams & Short-Term Experience Placements/CITI pitch

Su 19. Pray for the 6 Teams and partner visits travelling to work alongside our partners in Africa and Nepal over the coming months. Pray for staff as they arrange logistics, for teams as they fundraise, for visa applications and for God's protection in travel and health.

KENYA

Mo 20. Please pray for all school students in Kenya moving from primary into secondary schools for the first time under the new Competency Based Curriculum (CBC). This transition is not easy for the schools to manage.

Kajiado Diocese

Tu 21. While famine continues to threaten communities in Kajiado, thank God for the food relief that Bishop Lenini and his team were able to distribute last November to 800 of the most vulnerable families in Imbirikani, Emaroro, Piliwa, Torosei and Olkiramatian regions.



We 22. Pray for those whose livelihoods are being devastated by drought caused by global warming. Livestock prices have collapsed: a £250 cow now sells for £4; a sheep / goat once worth £50 now fetches 80p. Pray also for Bishop Lenini as he plans training and preaching on climate change.

The Tujisaidie Project (formerly UDP)

Th 23. Please pray for the 350 students in the Tujisaidie School settling into the post-covid schedule. While famine bites in Kenya and food prices have escalated, thank God for link parishes and supporters who provide funds for hot meals for all students and teachers every school day.



Fr 24. Please pray for a promised gift of 10,000 books to be donated to Tumaini African Foundation by an English charity. The books are scheduled to arrive in July and there are several hurdles to be cleared between now and then.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Events

Sa 25. The AGM and Shine event provides an opportunity for reflecting on the activities of the past year, to review the accounts and to elect trustees. Give thanks for the way God has blessed the society and pray for God's wisdom in the decisions to be made.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Resourcing the vision

Su 26. A prayer for RTV group (and financial support): Alongside the new Strategic Plan 2022-2027, a Fundraising document is being developed. We depend upon the generosity of members and churches in Ireland to support the work of global partners and meet our organisational needs. Ask God for wisdom as we seek to manage finances well.

DR CONGO

Mo 27. Pray for the country D.R. Congo. May God bring peace in this year, 2023, so that the planned presidential elections can be completed successfully.

North Kivu Diocese

Tu 28. Pray for encouragement and strength for Bishop Isesomo who, in spite of personal losses, continues to courageously lead the church in hope and faith throughout this time of escalating unrest in North Kivu.

We 29. Pray for the children at CCD children's project who are attending school. May God bless them with opportunities to learn and develop for a bright future, in spite of the loss of family, home and community at this early stage of life.

Bukavu Diocese

Th 30. Pray for the theological education of pastors and evangelists in Bukavu Diocese. May God give wisdom and commitment of heart to all teachers and students, as well as the necessary resources.

Fr 31. Bishop Bahati says: "Pray for the preparation process of the new Diocese of Lac Tanganyika. May God show his splendour in all the activities planned in order to accomplish this plan to extend his kingdom and to grow his Church in this part of the Anglican Church of Congo."

April

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Sa 1. Pray for Gillian as she carries a busy workload. Pray for her and others involved each week with All Nations Ministries women's literacy class in St Michael's Parish, Belfast. Pray that the women from refugee/asylum seeker background would be impacted by the love of God.



GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 2. Palm Sunday: As we enter Holy week, ask that God would turn your heart again to Jerusalem – to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Ask that God would stir up the gift of faith that we would not only praise him with our lips but follow him in the way of the cross.

SOUTH SUDAN

Olo Diocese

Mo 3. Pray for the clergy training planned for 2023. Bishop Tandema aims to promote good administrative skills as well as theological understanding and spiritual formation.

Tu 4. Remember Flower and the newly selected health student, Kenneth, who are in training to support the Diocesan Health Clinic. Thank God for the support from link parishes in Ireland which enables the diocese to develop in this way.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Events

We 5. Prayer Room: As some of us gather online today, please pray that God will be at the centre of our time together. May each of us be fully present and attentive to all that God has to say to us.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Th 6. Maundy Thursday: You call us to live your life, follow where you have walked, be your presence on our streets, show compassion to the poor, support the weak, embrace the outcast, bring lives into your kingdom. Give us your strength to do all this today.

Fr 7. Good Friday: As we pause in the darkness of Good Friday, pray for a holy imagination to enter into Christ's anguish in a new way this Easter. May this help each of us to recognise the suffering of so many of God's people today and walk alongside them in spirit and in body.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Sa 8. Give thanks for Anne's many faithful years of service in the Finance Department of CMSI. Pray for Anne as she prioritises her daily workload and for renewed patience and wisdom in dealing with requests from staff, parishes and service providers.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 9. Easter Day: "He is risen! He is risen indeed – hallelujah!" Lord God, thank you for the miracle of Christ's resurrection. No matter what is happening in our personal lives, may this reality cause our hearts to rejoice with utter gladness and hope today.

SOUTH SUDAN

Yei Diocese

Mo 10. These three months will see confirmation programs in Longamere, Mongo, Yei and Nyori Archdeaconries. Pray for each believer taking this new step in faith, that God would bless and guide each one.

Tu 11. Pray for Mongo Archdeaconry as they welcome a new Archdeacon. Thank God for the church primary school there, which continues to serve families in this community.

KENYA

Isabelle Prondzynski

We 12. Isabelle will receive her niece Kathi for a 2-month visit (March – April). Please pray for this to be a blessed time. May Kathi enjoy her stay, help both Tujisaidie and Tumaini and learn from her interactions. Kathi expects to start university in September this year.

Th 13. Please pray for Isabelle's residence permit to be renewed before the beginning of May. Her renewal application has run into numerous administrative hitches and delays.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Resources & initiatives

Fr 14. Partnership links: In Philemon 1:6 we read: 'I pray that the faith you share with us may deepen your understanding of every blessing that belongs to you in Christ.'

May this be our prayer too as we relate to our brothers and sisters across the world.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Sa 15. Linda is in the midst of developing new parish links and developing itineraries for various visits to and from our global partners. Pray that all these opportunities can be optimised to bring blessing to our global partners and the church in Ireland.

Trustees

Su 16. Ask the Lord to bless our trustees with wisdom and Godly insight as they help to shape the direction of the society and support each aspect of the work.

BURUNDI

Mo 17. Bring to God the current cost of living crisis in Burundi, which is impacting the poorest people most dramatically. Intercede for President Évariste Ndayishimiye ('Neva') and his governing officials that they would be given strength as they carry out their duties.

CMSI FAMILY

CMSI Teams & Short-Term Experience Placements

Tu 18. Pray for Dr Rev Keith Scott as he travels to visit Bujumbura Christian University in Burundi from tomorrow for 6 weeks. Pray for wisdom in knowing how he can best support the staff and have ongoing input into the curriculum which can positively benefit the University.



Roger, Jenny with Emma & Johnny Lowden

BURUNDI**Matana Diocese**

We 19. Pray for the diocese as they prepare to host a global visit from Roger Thompson (CMSI Partnership Coordinator) along with Rev Johnny and Mrs Emily Lowden (Glendermott parish) from 5-18 May. May this visit be a time of strengthening relationships and learning.



Bishop Seth and Rev Yvette

Th 20. Pray for Rev Yvette Ndayirukiye in her role as President of Matana's MU. Ask God to bless the organisation as they address the issue of gender-based violence, assisting women to get education and loans through micro-finance schemes so they don't have to depend on men for income.

CMSI FAMILY**CMSI Teams & Short-Term Experience Placements**

Fr 21. Pray for Johnny and Emily Lowden as they travel to Matana Diocese to strengthen their parish link and see first-hand projects that the church has supported. Pray for protection, covering and opportunities to train pastors and engage with diocesan schools.

BURUNDI**Gitega Diocese**

Sa 22. Pray for Bishop Aimé Joseph Kimararungu as he leads the diocesan plans to initiate many quick construction projects. To date, there are 11 church buildings under construction. Expenses are very high but the need and emergency are even higher.

Su 23. Pray for church leaders and catechists as they pastor and grow the church in Gitega. Pray especially for the 13 ordained students training at Gitega Bible School and those studying at Bujumbura Christian University.

BURUNDI**The Guinness Family**

Mo 24. Give thanks for Paul and Alison as they continue serving in Burundi by seeking to encourage the church to engage in cross-cultural mission in Burundi and N. Africa. Pray for God to raise up workers who will count the cost of serving in difficult and challenging countries.



The Guinness Family

GENERAL PRAYERS**Tu 25. Saint Mark the Evangelist**

CMSI's Strategic Plan states that 'God's mission mandate remains: we are called to play our part in God's mission to restore, redeem and transform.' Ask God to inspire you with his Holy Spirit as you seek to fulfil your calling in the great commission.

DR CONGO**Kindu Diocese**

We 26. Bishop Masimango asks us to pray for the theological college, especially for new tutors to replace those who have left over recent years.

Th 27. Pray for Mama Naomi and the Mothers' Union who continue to work hard at income generating projects to bring fresh hope to women and their families struggling to meet the basic needs of their children.

Goma Diocese

Fr 28. Goma Diocese has wonderful plans for a new health clinic to serve their community. Pray over various applications which they have made to receive funding for this important project.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Sa 29. Pray for Roger's forthcoming visit to all four global partner dioceses in Burundi and Rwanda in May. Pray for travelling mercies as he goes to Matana Diocese, Burundi, on 5 May and then to Gitega, before crossing over to Rwanda to visit Shyogwe and Kibungo.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 30. Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, together witnessing to his love on every continent and island. Amen

From A New Zealand Prayer Book



Kingdom Voices
celebration service

May

UGANDA

Mo 1. Schools in Uganda have finally returned to normal schedules and the classroom in 2023, following the covid 19 pandemic. Pray for students and teaching staff to readjust and that pupils will be able to catch up and make up for lost time.

Children in Uganda

Tu 2. Legacies: What wonderful things have flowed from the generous legacies left to CMSI over the years. Give thanks for those who have left gifts in this way and for the kingdom work enabled in many places.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Events

We 3. Prayer Room: Thank God for the gift of technology that enables us to connect between places, whether near or far. When we can't meet easily in person, this provides a space to be together. As many of us gather today online, we thank God for this wonderful opportunity to be with one another.

Luweero Diocese

Th 4. The selection committee managing the appointment of the next Bishop of Luweero is expecting to complete its obligations by the end of April. Pray that the process will go smoothly and pray for Bishop Eridard and Jane as they prepare to retire this coming summer.

Fr 5. The ordination and commissioning of new Church ministers ended successfully in December. Pray that these new leaders will settle well in their various parishes. May they lead with wisdom and integrity as they disciple God's people and reach out in their local communities.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Sa 6. Continue to pray for Megan as she settles back into her role as Administration Coordinator following a year off on maternity leave. Pray she can maintain a healthy work/life balance and continue to make a positive contribution to the overall work of CMSI.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 7. Out of darkness and into light – as each day continues to lengthen and darkness dwindles, we praise God for this world of changing seasons. The soil speaks of growth and renewal and so we ask that God would do a similar work in our hearts today.

RWANDA

Mo 8. Food security remains a huge issue in Rwanda. Please pray for a significant improvement in food supply and a drop in food prices. According to the World Food Programme, 35% of children in Rwanda under the age of five are chronically malnourished.



Kibungo Diocesan Office Staff

Shyogwe Diocese

Tu 9. Pray for the 80 diocesan schools and colleges which are struggling to provide school meals for their 31,154 learners due to the huge rise in food prices and other necessities. The government gives no financial support which makes them immensely vulnerable.

We 10. We thank God for the ongoing upgrading of church roofs and church building projects in Muhanga, Kivumu, Kiyumba and Munazi. Pray for the congregations and pastors, and give thanks for the support of CMSI link parishes in Ireland that are enabling this to happen.

Kibungo Diocese

Th 11. Pray for Bishop Emmanuel Ntanzinda and the staff of the diocesan office. May the Lord uphold and guide them throughout 2023.

Fr 12. Pray for clergy pastoring 36 parishes with 218 local congregations. Pray also for the teachers and pupils in the 33 church schools. These operate in four districts in the Eastern Province of Rwanda: Ngoma, Kayonza, Kirehe, and Rwamagana.

BURUNDI

The Guinness Family

Sa 13. Pray for Paul's continued study of the Kirundi language as he seeks to build deeper relationships with church leaders and seminary students. Pray for Paul and Alison as they try to balance ministry and family life.

CMSI Teams & Short-Term Experience Placements/CITI pitch

Su 14. Pray that CMSI would see an increase in the number of people applying for mission service. Pray that staff preaching and our presence at mission events throughout Ireland will bear fruit. May we hear from individuals who are sensing God's leading into mission.

UGANDA**Madi West Nile Diocese**

Mo 15. Pray for the medical outreach of Madi West Nile Diocese, both for leadership of the various hospitals and clinics and for the administration of this ministry.

Tu 16. The diocese is at the forefront of supporting and reaching out to people from S Sudan and DRC in nearby refugee camps. Pray for the team as they travel long distances and must comply with strict camp restrictions to engage in this vital ministry.

NEPAL

We 17. In the wake of the terrible air crash in Pokhara earlier this year, pray for safety for travellers in Nepal. Storms and mountainous terrain can be dangerous and equipment faulty. Pray especially for the family of Anil Shahi, founder of Radio Apostle Pokhara, who died in the crash.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Th 18. Ascension Day: Risen and ascended Lord, you came down to lift us up. On this day of ascension, we ask that you would continue to lift us in our struggles, in our tiredness, out of sadness and into joy. Help us to live with confidence and trust in your unending love and forgiveness.

NEPAL**The Zimmerman Family**

Fr 19: The Zimmerman family are planning to end their service in Nepal in the summer. Please pray for this major transition for the whole family as they leave their home, jobs, friends and community of several decades.

CMSI FAMILY**CMSI Stars**

Sa 20. Give thanks for our CMSI Stars who are encouraged to pray and support the overall work of CMSI and our Global Partners. Pray they will remain connected and engaged with CMSI and renewed

in their vision and love for mission. Pray for God to raise up a new generation of Stars.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 21.

God of power

May the boldness of your Spirit transform us,

May the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,

May the gifts of your Spirit equip us to share the gladness of your saving love

In Christ our Lord, Amen

NEPAL**The Zimmerman Family**

Mo 22. Patan Hospital is recruiting a permanent dietitian who will join the current team of 3 and a new head of the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics. Give thanks for these important developments and pray for Deirdre as she guides the process and mentors staff.

SD Church & SDSS

Tu 23. Give thanks for the Nepal Christian Disability Network conference which was organised by SD Church in early March. Over 200 church leaders and community representatives attended. Participants gained awareness, developing networks to address issues of people with disabilities.



Disability Awareness Conference SD Church

We 24. Please pray for pastor BK and his wife G as they continue to serve the congregations connected to SD Church. Thank the Lord that they were able to recover from dengue fever earlier in the year, but please do continue to pray for good health.

Human Development and Community Services

Th 25. Lift up Vijay Manandhar, coordinator of HDCS Afno-FM radio ministry, and ask the Lord to bless plans to operate a Christian radio station in every province of Nepal. Currently they broadcast in 5 provinces and hope to open a new station in either Gandaki or Lumbini.

Fr 26. Pray for Hemantha Shrestha and the staff of HDCS model hospital in Lamjung. The hospital serves 200,000 people in 4 districts treating an average of 90,000 patients each year. Many are victims of landslides or earthquakes. Those who can't afford treatment are served for free.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Sa 27. As Emma looks forward to a quieter phase in the summer season, please pray that she will benefit from a rest and time with friends and family.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Events

Su 28. The Day of Pentecost: Pray for the annual mission Sunday opportunity at St Columba's College today in Whitechurch, Dublin. A CMSI speaker will be seeking to challenge the student body to engage in integral mission. Pray that God would draw close and speak into their lives as they consider God's call.

PROVINCE OF ALEXANDRIA

Mo 29. St. Cyprian College, in Tunis, was established in 2018 for the theological training of future leaders of the North African Anglican communities. Pray for the new term just beginning for the bachelor and diploma students.

Tu 30. Pray for the leadership of the Anglican Church as it takes up the role of leading the Egypt Council of Churches for two years, 2023-24.

We 31. Archbishop Samy is excited about the development of mission in Chad. Pray for the new churches that are being established there.





Billy Smyth in Yei VTC, South Sudan



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cmsi annual theme

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