



# 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 partners.

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** - 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**

## December

### CMSI FAMILY

#### KENYA

**Mo 1.** Former prime minister and long-time opposition leader Raila Odinga died in October. Please pray for peace and political stability in Kenya. Pray for President Ruto and the leaders of all other parties that they may work together to build an inclusive society.



#### Kajiado Diocese

**Tu 2.** Pray for the completion of the Kajiado High School houses' refurbishment project supported by CMSI links. So far 8 out of 13 homes have been renovated, with rental income being used to support rural evangelists in Torosei, Oltiasika, Magadi, Olgulului and Mosiro.

### GENERAL PRAYERS

#### Events

**We 3.** As we meet online for our monthly prayer room today, pray that those sharing will feel the support of our prayer for their youth activities and programmes.

### Tujisaïdie Self-Help Group

**Th 4.** Give thanks for the festive opening of the new wing of the Tujisaïdie School, which took place in October. Special guests included Bishop Peter Njenga (former Provost of All Saints' Cathedral) who supported the original 350 displaced families when their homes were demolished.

**Fr 5.** Thank God that the Tumaini IT Hub is now fully operational and welcoming users, with both furniture and IT equipment in place. Please pray for Antony Njoroge and his team, and that the facility will be a blessing to the community.

### CMSI FAMILY

#### Staff

**Sa 6.** The Lord is opening a new chapter as Jenny looks forward to retirement. Give thanks for all that CMSI has meant to Jenny and her family as mission partners, and for time served as a trustee and as mission director.

### GENERAL PRAYERS

**Su 7.** On this second Sunday of Advent, we remember Jesus' coming with love and peace. Pray for our global partners who act as peacekeepers in their communities. Ask God to give them what they need to keep going.

### DR CONGO

**Mo 8.** Reports from Eastern Congo indicate that a great deal of effort is being invested to bring about peace. Pray that God will bring peace to this region.

### North Kivu Diocese

**Tu 9.** Pray for Mama Mbambu and the team at the CCD children's project who mourn the loss of two of the young babies in their care. Pray for comfort and strength to continue showing care and compassion to the children who need them.



**We 10.** Pray for the Mothers' Union members in Butembo who consistently minister to women who have been traumatised and seek to support women to generate income for their families.

### CMSI FAMILY

#### Staff

**Th 11.** *'The Lord gives strength to his people, the Lord blesses his people with peace'* Psalm 29:11 As the staff team enjoy a morning of fun and Christmas lunch together, give thanks for God's blessings on each one over the past year.

### IRELAND

#### All Nations Ministries

**Fr 12.** All Nations Ministries have been experiencing some opposition towards the ministry in recent months. Pray for God's protection and covering over the trustees and volunteers as they seek to share the love of Christ to newcomers in North Belfast.

### CMSI FAMILY

#### Staff

**Sa 13.** Pray for Megan as she continues to manage the administrative tasks in the office and provides support to the entire staff team. Pray she'll have wisdom and insight to navigate complex matters and make sound decisions.

### GENERAL PRAYERS

**Su 14.** On this third Sunday of Advent, *"Shout to the Lord, all the earth; break out in praise and sing for joy!"* Psalm 98:4 Thank God for our global partners who help us see what exuberant worship can look like.

### ZAMBIA

St John's Seminary, Kitwe

**Mo 15.** St John's Theological Seminary in the Diocese of N. Zambia have their first ever intake of women ordinands this year. Pray the entire student body will have understanding from the Holy Spirit to comprehend biblical truth as they serve together.

### GENERAL PRAYERS

#### Events

**Tu 16.** Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy some Christmas treats and time together at this morning's office drop in. Give thanks for all who support the work of CMSI in prayer, time, skills and generosity. Pray for a time of happy fellowship together.

### PROVINCE OF ALEXANDRIA

**We 17.** Thank God for Bishops' Appeal who are supporting the theological and development training of three clergy from Gambella Diocese, Ethiopia. Pray that these three faithful servants will be used mightily as God grows his church.

**Th 18.** Remember Rev. Mina who has transferred from Alexandria to Port Said. Pray for the huge ministry responsibility that he has at Port Said and for the Christians looking to him for leadership.

**Fr 19.** Pray for the staff at Menouf and Sadat City Hospitals, managed by the Diocese of Egypt. The government required standardisation of hospitals has been putting great demand on resources and managers within these compassionate outreach programmes.



**Sa 20.** Pray for the peace building work of the Centre for Christian Muslim Understanding and Partnership (CCMUP), in Cairo, and for those who are in the application process to join the Col Interfaith Working Group/CMSI Learning Pilgrimage to the CCMUP next year.

### GENERAL PRAYERS

**Su 21.** Mary sang, *"He has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate"*. Praise God for the many people who are faithfully serving in their local communities today.

### CMSI FAMILY

Isabelle Prondzynski

**Mo 22.** Please pray for Isabelle, as she compiles the final report and accounts for the 2-year Miseen Cara project, constructing six new classrooms for the Tujisaidie School and furnishing and equipping these same classrooms. Thank God for the wonderful grant from Mission Cara.

**Tu 23.** Continue to pray for the Matimamu members whose homes were demolished during the El Niño floods in Kenya and who are still struggling to find new accommodation and livelihoods. Pray, too, for Isabelle and others who are trying to help them.

### GENERAL PRAYERS

**We 24.** Ask God to be especially close to those who are lonely, afraid, or feel forgotten this Christmas. Ask God to help all of us look out rather than in over this festive season.

**Th 25.** Pray for our friends around the world who open their homes to those who need a safe place this Christmas. Thank God for the ways in which we are helped to better understand what generosity looks like because of these friendships.

**Fr 26.** Just as Stephen fixed his eyes on Jesus, ask God to help all of us look to him as the source of strength and unity for the church today.

### CMSI FAMILY

#### Staff

**Sa 27.** Pray that Anne will have a restful time off over the Christmas break as she prepares for the annual audit season in the New Year. Pray for our auditors, that the process will be smooth and efficient.

### CMSI MISSION PARTNERS

#### Quills, South Sudan

**Su 28.** Andrew produced a new, more culturally appropriate 'Jesus Film' in Zande, Nuer, Dinka and Bari languages, based on Mark's Gospel. These have been shared with the relevant dioceses where these languages are spoken. Pray that many will come to know Jesus through these.

### NEPAL

**Mo 29.** During this period of political transition in Nepal pray for the interim government led by temporary Prime Minister Sushila Karki – the first woman ever to hold this office in Nepal, and a former Supreme Court chief justice. Pray, too, for peaceful elections on 5 March.

### SD Church & SDSS

**Tu 30.** Give thanks for the CMSI Nepal Team who travelled to Kathmandu in November. They renewed old and forged new friendships, learnt about the ministry of SDSS and joined with the Sundar Dhokar Church family for worship, where Rev Jacob Mercer (St Brigid's, Glengormley) preached.



**We 31.** Pray for BJ and her colleagues as they plan a deaf football tournament in Kathmandu in early March. Partnering with the National Deaf Sports Committee and others, teams from each of the 7 provinces of Nepal will participate, empowering for the deaf community nationwide.



## January

### NEPAL

#### Human Development and Community Services

**Th 1.** May HDCS continue to operate with resilience and grace amid government administrative delays, and may their shared mission of health, education and community development shine even brighter in this season of renewal and hope.



**Fr 2.** Please pray for every staff member at Namuna Community Hospital, Lamjung, as they serve with dedication and compassion. Ask the Lord to grant them wisdom, safety and strength as they care for patients and uphold the mission of the hospital.

### CMSI FAMILY

#### Staff

**Sa 3.** Pray for Gillian at the start of this new year to have wisdom, discernment and courage in her role as she supports and guides those going on teams, STEP's and placements with the organisation in 2026.

**Image:** Namuna Community Hospital, Lamjung, Nepal

### GENERAL PRAYERS

**Su 4.** *May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and to turn their pain to joy.* A Franciscan blessing

### DR CONGO

#### Bukavu Diocese

**Mo 5.** The election for the first bishop of the new Diocese of Lac Tanganyika was delayed by war last year. Bishop Bahati asks us to pray for this as a priority, so that the new diocese can be established well.

**Tu 6.** Continue to pray for the internally displaced people who are seeking refuge within Bukavu Diocese, and for the Christians who are doing their best to support them with essential items.

#### Goma Diocese

**We 7.** Bishop Martin asks us to pray "for the roll-out of the catechism across the diocese; that this produces a deeper discipleship".

**Th 8.** Today, pray for two major construction projects about to start in Goma Diocese – a community radio station and a theological college.

### CMSI LOCAL MISSION PARTNERS

#### SS, Nepal

**Fr 9.** Pray for SS and his wife A, that they may be able to share God's truth with compassion in this time of political instability in Nepal. Intercede too for God's healing touch on their lives, and for all the logistics for SS's PhD theological studies in the UK.

#### Seme Peter, Uganda

**Sa 10.** Pray for the work of Save Life Ministries in Uganda and in DR Congo. Give thanks for all who have benefited from the skills training courses and for those who have come to faith. Pray for Seme Peter as he looks for opportunities to further his missional understanding.



## CMSI FAMILY

### The Guinness Family

**Su 11.** Paul and Alison Guinness continue to meet regularly with a few missional leaders for coaching and help with the development of their organisations. Pray these sessions will be fruitful and result in the raising up of individuals sensing God's call to a missional lifestyle.

## BURUNDI

**Mo 12.** Bring to God the worsening cost of living crisis in Burundi, which is impacting the poorest people most dramatically. Intercede for President Évariste Ndayishimiye and his officials, that they would govern justly to ease the burden on the poor.

## Gitega Diocese

**Tu 13.** Pray for the completion of the new premises for the Gitega Bible School, giving thanks for the support of link parishes and other donors enabling the installation of windows, doors and furnishings. Ask the Lord to bless the ordinands and catechists studying there.

**We 14.** Give thanks for the Armagh Diocese team that visited Gitega in September. Pray for team members Dr Keith Scott, Ven Elizabeth Cairns, Rev Derek Kerr and Davina McAllister (MU rep) as they give feedback to parishes and groups in their home area.



## CMSI FAMILY

### CMSI Short-Term Experience Placements

**Sa 17.** Pray for Keith Scott as he travels out to Bujumbura Christian University next week to begin his annual six-week teaching placement. Pray his time with students will bring forth fruit and enable the equipping of future leaders for the Burundian Church.

## GENERAL PRAYERS

### Resources & initiatives

**Su 18.** Several parishes have newly formed links with global partners. Ask God to bless all those involved with creativity as partnership plans are developed. Pray that the links will grow strong and be a blessing to all those involved and support the ministry of the church.

## CMSI MISSION PARTNERS

### Quills, South Sudan

**Th 15.** Pray that Andrew and Joanne have a refreshing break in Juba after 'Ibba Day' peace activities which took place during the week of 5th January.

## CMSI FAMILY

### Trustees

**Fr 16.** Today the staff and trustees meet in the Belfast office. Ask the Lord to grant insight and wisdom as they discuss some of the wider issues impacting the work of the society. Give thanks for the spirit of cooperation and mutual support.

## SOUTH SUDAN

**Mo 19.** Pray for Archbishop Justin Badi as he presides over the growing church in South Sudan. Thank God that many young people continue in the faith taught to them and pray that the Episcopal Church of South Sudan can bring hope and maintain faith in spite of the challenges presented by ongoing conflict.

### Ibba Diocese

**Tu 20.** Thank God for the amazing turn out at Ibba Peace Day earlier this month. Pray now for those who have returned to rural areas and other dioceses, that they will work hard for peace, inspired by what they have learned in Ibba.

**We 21.** The diocese is seeking government certification for the growing Vocational Training College in Ibba. Pray for this long process, and for the students who are learning new skills there.

### Maridi Diocese

**Th 22.** Thank God for the success of the MU goat project which has now been able to provide goats to women in the most insecure regions of the diocese: Amaki and Kozi Archdeaconries. May God bless these improvements in the lives of families in the diocese.

**Fr 23.** Pray for Bishop Moses as he oversees many effective projects within the diocese, supports a large group of clergy, evangelists and their spouses, as well as managing the long line of requests from individuals who call every day to the bishop's compound seeking assistance and help.

## CMSI LOCAL MISSION PARTNERS

### Toti Jacob, Uganda

**Sa 24.** Give thanks for the commitment of Toti Jacob as he leads the Christian Mission Empowerment Centre. Pray for the students in the new VTC, Kololo Mothercare school and the women's empowerment programme.





#### Bishop Hassan, Sudan

**Su 25.** Bishop Hassan greatly desires the development of his clergy team. Pray for training opportunities for Nuba Mountain's clergy, and that more will hear God's call to discipleship and service.

#### RWANDA

**Mo 26.** Food security remains a huge issue in Rwanda. Please pray for a significant improvement in food supply and a drop in food prices as 35% of children in Rwanda under the age of five are chronically malnourished, according to the World Food Programme.

#### Shyogwe Diocese

**Tu 27.** Pray for the new Bishop of Shyogwe, Louis Kabayiza, as he implements a thorough review of activities within the diocese, putting together a 10 year strategic plan. Pray for the many diocesan small businesses, that they may move towards financial sustainability.

**We 28.** Pray that the government speeds up the Church Building Standards review process so that more of the 80 parishes that are currently closed may re-open. Pray for the Shyogwe door-to-door evangelism programmes that are being carried out to keep Christian communities connected.

#### Kibungo Diocese

**Th 29.** Pray for Bishop Emmanuel Ntanzinda and the staff of the diocesan office, and also his wife Madame Joyce, President of Kibungo Mothers' Union. May the Lord uphold and guide them throughout 2026.

**Fr 30.** Pray for the clergy in the diocese pastoring 36 parishes with 218 local congregations, as the vast majority of these remain closed due to building standards restrictions. This is hugely discouraging for the people and reduces pastors' pay, which is drawn from collections.

#### CMSI FAMILY

##### Staff

**Sa 31.** Linda is thankful for refreshed connections with our South Sudanese partners and asks for prayer as she seeks to share their stories faithfully for missional growth, both in parishes in Ireland and amongst our partners.

## February

### GENERAL PRAYERS

**Su 1.** On this Saint Brigid's day, ask God to strengthen what is weak within each of us so that we can be a voice for the voiceless, the wounded, the weary. Ask God for the calm and quiet that heals and listens so that we can grow in greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

### DR CONGO

#### Kindu Diocese

**Mo 2.** Pray for the youth who make up so much of the church in Kindu Diocese. Finding employment is very difficult, and life challenges can make many feel hopeless. Pray for the church's youth empowerment programmes with CMS Africa.

**Tu 3.** Thank God for the faithful witness of hundreds of parishes throughout Kindu Diocese. Weekly discipleship, Mothers' Union, primary and secondary schools, welfare assistance for those in need and Sunday worship make the church a shining light in each community.

### GENERAL PRAYERS

#### Events

**We 4.** As the prayer room meets online today, praise God for this digital meeting point that facilitates sharing and fosters deeper relationships each month.

### SOUTH SUDAN

#### Olo Diocese

**Th 5.** Pray for the family of Bishop Tandema who have been through tremendous difficulty as his eldest daughter experiences serious ill health.



**Fr 6.** Thank God for excellent progress on the first of two water boreholes for Olo Diocese. This will improve the health of two villages and decrease the risks which women and young girls face when gathering water from rivers.

### CMSI FAMILY

#### Staff

**Sa 7.** Pray for Emma as she finishes CMSI's newest teaching resource. Ask God for stamina at this final stage in a long process. Pray, too, that she will be able to enjoy a good rest with her family once the project is launched.

### CMSI FAMILY

#### CMSI Stars

**Su 8.** We give thanks for CMSI's members who faithfully pray, volunteer and give to the work of the society. Pray they will have stamina and strength in their individual churches as they seek to encourage ongoing support for the work of our global partners.

**Image:** Bishop Tandema Mama Nora and granddaughter.

## UGANDA

**Mo 9.** Pray for the nation of Uganda, that both government and church leaders will uphold justice, defending the oppressed and most vulnerable in society. Pray that churches will be rooted in truth, sound doctrine and resist false teachings.

### Children in Uganda

**Tu 10.** Legacies are a very important income stream for CMSI. Praise God for all who remember the work of the society in their wills. These gifts enable us to respond to a wide variety of requests for missional support.

### Madi West Nile Diocese

**We 11.** Pray for the media team who work hard in the diocese to disseminate gospel messages, bring solid bible teaching and encourage people in faith.

**Th 12.** Thank God for the success of the urban refugee programme so far. Pray for the diocese as they seek to strategise how to continue and expand the benefits to more displaced people and refugees.

### Luweero Diocese

**Fr 13.** Give thanks for the continued ministry of Kiwoko Hospital in rural Uganda. Pray they will continue to provide professional healthcare to every patient who accesses their services. Pray that God will provide for their needs and that the faithful support of many partners continues.

## CMSI FAMILY

### Staff

**Sa 14.** Pray for Roger as he preaches in link parishes sharing inspirational stories from the partners in Nepal, which he visited in November, as well as Burundi, Kenya and Rwanda. May the Lord bless the friendships he has with clergy and mission supporters in those parishes.



## CMSI MISSION PARTNERS

### Quills, South Sudan

**Su 15.** Many young people leaving school are unable to read in their own heart language (Zande), including the Bible. This limits who can be trained as a facilitator in Bible-based Trauma Healing. Pray for wisdom and guidance for the diocese as it faces this problem.

## CMSI FAMILY

### Trustees

**Mo 16.** As the trustees meet remotely today they will be discussing the annual audit report and making preparations for the AGM on March 14th. Ask the Lord to grant them wisdom as they ensure full compliance with charity law.

## CMSI FAMILY

### The Guinness Family

**Tu 17.** Pray for the Guinness children Jeremy, Grace and Lydia who are attending a local French speaking school in Bujumbura. Alison is also teaching them English homeschool in the afternoons and Lydia, their youngest, is enjoying now having her own learning programme.

## GENERAL PRAYERS

### Resources & initiatives

**We 18.** Praise God for the completion of our new teaching resource for children and teens. Ask God to help us know best how to share this opportunity for young people to connect with and learn from the global church.

**TANZANIA****Kondoa**

**Th 19.** Give thanks for the report given by Bishop Andrew Forster at the Derry and Raphoe Synod in October giving feedback about his partner visit to Kondoa with his wife Heather. Bishop Andrew said they were greatly impressed with the vitality of the Tanzanian church and their prayers.

**Fr 20.** Pray for the programme of theological education for clergy which is the first priority for Kondoa Diocese. Church leaders come from both Christian and Muslim backgrounds and communities, and the diocese aims to be a builder of peace between the two faith communities.

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

**Sa 21.** Pray for 4 medical elective students who are preparing for placements in Kiwoko Hospital in July along with two STEPers who hope to go to Egypt at Easter. Pray their time with our partners will strengthen their faith as they experience the richness of being part of global church.

**GENERAL PRAYERS**

**Su 22.** At the start of Lent, ask God to guide each of us in spirit and in truth, to better serve one another. Ask God to open hearts and minds in ways that will allow others to experience God's generosity, love, mercy and grace.

**BURUNDI****Matana Diocese**

**Mo 23.** Pray for Rev Yvette Ndayirukiye in her role as President of Gitega 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.

**Tu 24.** Pray for ways to counteract the exodus of youth from the diocese to the city due to unemployment. Intercede for the technical school which provides training in carpentry/ building/ electrical engineering skills and pray for job creation through income-generating cooperatives.

**SOUTH SUDAN****Yei Diocese**

**We 25.** The students at Bishop Allison Theological College are being prepared to serve the church and their communities. Let us pray that God will teach them his truths and empower them to excellent teaching, discipleship training and pastoral care of the church in Yei Diocese.



**Th 26.** Pray for Bishop Levi as he oversees the coffee project and he and his team share their experience of farming coffee with other dioceses in order to help them develop their own income generating projects.

**Ezo Diocese**

**Fr 27.** Bishop Isaac and Mama Nora are visiting partners in England this week, and we look forward to having them visit Northern Ireland next week. Pray for many to hear the stories of Ezo Diocese and to respond collaboratively.

**Sa 28.** Pray for the diocese as the people and clergy work together to develop helpful infrastructures like the Bishop's house, diocesan offices and the school.





**Image:** Bishop Peter Tujisaidie festive opening



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