

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 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.

December

KENYA

Tujisaidie Community

(previously Urban Development Programme)

Th 1. Please pray for the Tujisaidie community and their neighbours suffering from steep price increases and food shortages. Remember them in your prayers as they serve increasing numbers of hungry children and parents during “morethanjustameal” on Saturdays.

Fr 2. Please pray for the students and teachers at the Tujisaidie school, starting their first normal school year since Covid in January. With the exception of just one class, they are following the new National Competency Based Curriculum.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff team

Sa 3. A few individuals are exploring mission service with CMSI for 2023. Pray for Gillian and the staff team as they walk with people sensing God’s call to minister alongside our global partners. Pray for God’s leading and direction every step of the way.



GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 4. On this second Sunday in Advent, as the purple candle of faith is lit around the world, we ask God to prepare our hearts in faithful waiting. May each of us be filled with praise for God's faithfulness to us as individuals and to the global church.

PROVINCE OF ALEXANDRIA

Mo 5. It is estimated that there are up to five million refugees in Egypt, the majority unregistered with UNHCR. The Diocese of Egypt's programme for refugees, Refuge Egypt, says: "Years of daily hardship and discrimination, compounded by untreated past traumas of war, culminate in symptoms of depression and anxiety." Pray for the Refuge Egypt team as they plan a response for refugees' mental health.

Tu 6. We give thanks to God for a generous legacy, graciously designated for the church at Port Said. This will be a wonderful ministry resource. Let us pray that God will bless the giving of these funds with an even greater legacy of people brought into the Kingdom.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Events

We 7. "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them" (Matthew 18:20). We give thanks for the opportunity to gather together online today to pray for our global partners and the concerns of their hearts.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff team

Th 8. The CMS network met in Kampala in October. Give thanks for the hospitality of CMS Africa and the mutual sharing of innovations and approaches. Jenny attended the meeting along with mission leaders from New Zealand, USA, Britain and virtually from Asia and Australia.



PROVINCE OF ALEXANDRIA

Fr 9. A constant prayer of the prison ministry team in Cairo is for those who await execution. Today we pray for those living under such a sentence, and for the team who seek to bring God's word and comfort to them.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff team

Sa 10. Give thanks for all the opportunities Roger has had over recent months for renewing contacts and making new friendships during visits to parishes for Harvest preaching and to Diocesan Synods. Please pray for safety on the roads and for God's leading when he prepares his presentations.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 11. "Rejoice! Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I say rejoice!" As these words from Philippians 4:4 resound in churches across the globe today, we ask that God would help us to claim afresh this triumphant cry. No matter what we face, no matter our personal circumstances, may each of us proclaim this joyous praise with boldness.

UGANDA

Mo 12. At the end of September a new Ebola outbreak was declared in Uganda. It is of particular concern because the strain responsible has no vaccine. Please pray that lockdowns and precautions will contain the spread of this deadly illness, and especially for health workers, women and girls who are at higher risk because they are the ones caring for the sick.

Madi West Nile Diocese

Tu 13. We thank God for the successful completion of the foundation of the new school at Ariye in Bidi Bidi refugee camp; however, the temporary school structure has been destroyed in a storm and therefore the children are presently without education. The diocese hopes to complete one classroom by the beginning of next year. Pray for success in this venture so the children can get back to learning and routine.

We 14. Jenny visited Arua in October. Give thanks that she was able to meet Bishop Collins, the Diocesan Secretary and Mickey who leads the refugee programmes. Pray for the church leaders as they balance big development plans with the needs of ongoing ministry.

Luweero Diocese

Th 15. Luweero Diocese has two theological students at Namugongo Martyrs Seminary under the sponsorship of CMSI and Christ Church Lisburn - Rev Robert Tendo and Rev Bryan Lukawbe. Pray for these new ministers as they prepare for Ordination in December, that they will lead their respective parishes with wisdom and integrity.

Fr 16. Luweero Diocese continues to run Christianity Explored courses that help people love, live and tell the good news of Jesus Christ. Pray for Rev Livingstone Mukama (Diocesan Mission Secretary) as he manages this initiative and that many will be disciplined and evangelised throughout central Uganda.

CMSI FAMILY

Board of Trustees

Sa 17. CMSI's Personnel Advisory Group (PAG) is working on several internal policies and procedures over the coming months. Pray for uninterrupted time to work on these and wisdom and direction in designing policies that reflect CMSI's core values.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 18. As the final candle of prayer and penance is lit today, we pray for peace. Many of our global partners experience unrest and violence on a daily basis – we pray especially for those in situations of conflict around the world, that God may bring peace on earth and good will toward all.



Temporary school structure destroyed, Ariye, August 2022

NEPAL

Mo 19. In the wake of the November 20 federal and provincial elections, pray for the new government in Nepal that any ruling coalition may give the stakeholders of democracy reason to hope for unity and progress in the years ahead.



SDSS Pharakilo Ghar students

SD Church & SDSS

Tu 20. BJ has been doing some strategic planning with the parents and family members of several of the older children at Pharakilo Ghar Disabled Children Rehabilitation Centre. Several of them are nearing adulthood and it's time to consider the next steps in their lives. Please keep their futures in your prayers.

We 21. D (BJ's brother) spent several weeks in a remote area of Nepal last spring and has been increasing Sundar Dhoka's support of church communities and local pastors in rural areas. Keep praying for those who serve in these very difficult-to-reach areas.

Human Development and Community Services

Th 22. A Dengue Fever epidemic is affecting many lives in Nepal. Please pray for the safety of our hospital staff, for patient management and for swift recovery. Pray too for the ABBS students and their families who have been affected by the illness.

Fr 23. HDCS has begun to develop a demo plot for organic agriculture farming and for livestock promotion centre in Kotjahari, Rukum. Please pray for God's guidance and mercy upon the team and for smooth development of planned activities.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Christmas Eve

Sa 24. Over this Christmas weekend, when many of us are enjoying family, fellowship and fun, please remember those who are struggling. Whether they be known or unknown to each of us, they are beloved by God. May they know the love and warmth of their Heavenly Father today.

Christmas Day

Su 25. The immortal, invisible God became flesh and blood and bones. God incarnate, the birth of Jesus, brings a whole new way of being and knowing into the world. Please join with the CMSI family today as we praise God's holy and precious name – Emmanuel – God with us.

St Stephen's Day

Mo 26. On this, St Stephen's day, we are prompted to remember those who are struggling. As the first Christian martyr, known for his service to people in need, we ask that God would inspire us to follow Stephen's example and give to others self-sacrificially.

SOUTH SUDAN

Tu 27. We give thanks for Archbishop Justin's leadership of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. Today, let us pray for strength and encouragement for the Archbishop and Mama Joyce.

Ibba Diocese

We 28. Bishop Wilson continues to prioritise equipping his community for peace-building. Pray for a training programme for village Chiefs planned for early January, which aims to build leadership and management skills for these important community leaders.

Th 29. Bishop Wilson says: "Pray for the new intake at Bishop Levi's College and Vocational Training Centre (VTC) in January 2023. The administration of the diocese plans to train two people in auto-mechanics who will become teachers at the VTC."

ZAMBIA

Fr 30. Zambia, like many African countries, is experiencing a sharp rise in the cost of living and inflation. Pray that fuel and food costs can be reduced and remember especially the poor and vulnerable who are the ones suffering the most.

GENERAL PRAYERS

New Year's Eve

Sa 31. Looking back, 2022 has been a year of reemerging. As the pandemic recedes into memory for many of us, we know that there are those who are still feeling the effects in acute ways. Please pray for those spaces and places that are struggling in the wake of difficult days.



January

New Year's Day

Su 1. On this first day of the New Year, may God help each of us look ahead with hope and thankfulness. Please pray for the work of CMSI, SAMS Ireland and other organisations seeking to participate in God's mission through the global church. Please pray that we would experience renewal as we embark on 2023.

ZAMBIA

St John's Seminary

Mo 2. Praise God that St John's Seminary started a new academic year in September with 9 new Zambian ordinands. Pray the students will have stamina and determination to do their best as they work towards their theology degrees and future Church ministry.

Tu 3. Pray for Canon Francis Mwansa and Rev Stephen Chibubi as they continue to lead St John's Seminary in Kitwe. Give thanks for Antrim Parish's ongoing support for student fees and pray that God will continue to provide for the overall running costs of the college.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Events

We 4. "The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth" (Psalm 145:18). Although our online prayer meeting is not gathering today, we give thanks that God is with each of us, no matter where we are.

SOUTH SUDAN

Kajo Keji Diocese

Th 5. During the summer months the diocese of Kajo Keji distributed cassava stock to farmers in Bori Boma. The diocese says, "Let's pray and work together to build food security for the return of our people back home."

Fr 6. As some have returned to Kajo Keji after years in Northern Uganda, others have stayed. Pray for Bishop Emanuel Murye as he seeks to lead his people scattered throughout various communities.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff team

Sa 7. We are so thankful for Wendy Houston's contribution over the past 11 months in covering the administrative function of CMSI. Pray for Wendy as she takes up a new role with Girl Guiding Ulster as their Development Worker in the east of the province.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Epiphany

Su 8. Today is Epiphany Sunday, a day when we remember the Magi's visitation with Christ. To encounter God incarnate is to see the face of God in a whole new and wonderful way. We praise God today that Jesus provides a continued route to communion with the Almighty, no matter who we are, where we are from or what we have done. Praise God!

RWANDA

Mo 9. Give thanks that Rwanda hosted the Inter Parliamentary Union assembly in October this year bringing together delegates from 178 countries to discuss gender equality in parliament. Proportionally, there are more female members of parliament in Rwanda than any other country in the world, with 61.3% in the Chamber of Deputies and 36% in the Senate.

Shyogwe Diocese

Tu 10. Pray for the diocese as it seeks to empower youth for a bright future of the church with 33 primary, secondary and 'Technical and Vocational Education and Training' schools, plus a polytechnic college. Pray for the 6 TVET schools which equip trainees with skills in carpentry, catering, tailoring, masonry and hairdressing.

We 11. We thank God for the ongoing upgrading of church roofs and church building projects in Muhanga & Kivumu parishes, and the missionary parishes of Kiyumba & Munazi. Pray for the congregations and pastors, and give thanks for the support of CMSI link parishes in Ireland which is enabling this to happen.



Bishop Seth roofless church

CMSI FAMILY

The Global Church

Th 12. Kingdom Voices conference was a wonderful reminder of the richness of our global family in Christ. Ask God to continue to bless the partnerships that CMSI facilitates so that we may all serve him with greater joy and diligence.

Board of Trustees

Fr 13. The board of trustees meets tonight to review the audited accounts. Anne, our finance coordinator, works with great care and precision to ensure finances are managed well. Our trustees willingly give their time, skill and energy to oversee the processes. Give thanks for them all.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff team

Sa 14. Continue to remember Megan on maternity leave and for God's blessing and covering over her, Ricky and baby Aurora. Pray for Megan as she works a few Keeping in Touch days during January in preparation for returning to work in the month of February.

Resourcing the vision

Su 15. CMSI often receives request for prayer and partnership from churches struggling in situations of great need. The Resourcing the Vision group are advising on ways to increase income to the society. Pray that they will find creative and practical ways for CMSI to respond to the many requests.

DR CONGO

Mo 16. Elections are expected in DRC this year. Pray over the political situation as planning and campaigning begins. Remember the Eglise Anglican du Congo leaders as people look to them for guidance and stability.

North Kivu Diocese

Tu 17. Bishop Isesomo's request: "Pray so that God may bring peace in our region which has been under a lot of insecurity since 2014, with the massacring of many innocent civilians and many people have been displaced from their villages."

We 18. Pray for North Kivu Diocesan Council meeting which is planned for February. With their focus on evangelism and discipleship, the diocese also asks us to "pray for the work of planting new churches in new areas, which also needs financial support for getting iron sheets to cover church roofs."



BURUNDI

The Guinness Family

Th 19. The Guinness family returned to Burundi after an extended summer in the UK during which they visited family, friends, supporters and attended their annual organisational conference. Pray for them as they make adjustments which will allow for a better balance between rest and work responsibilities.

Fr 20. Paul continues to be involved in lecturing and coaching while Alison is encouraging ongoing partnership between All Nations Christian College and support for Great Lakes School of Theology and Learning. Pray for fruitfulness in their ministry and provision of an individual to provide administrative support for their work.

CMSI FAMILY

CMSI Teams & Short-Term Experience Placements

Sa 21. CMSI's first team's training is taking place today in Belfast. Pray for the staff team as they prepare and plan for the new cycle of training and for the orientation to enable team members to bond, learn together and prepare.

Su 22. STEP: Dean Geoff Wilson from Dromore cathedral is undertaking a one-month sabbatical alongside our partners in Maridi, S. Sudan from the end of January. Pray that Geoff's time in the diocese will bear fruit and serve to strengthen the strong partnership between Down & Dromore and Bishop Moses in Maridi.

BURUNDI

Mo 23. We bring to God the massive injustices of the climate emergency whereby countries such as Burundi – which has one of the lowest per capita carbon emissions of any country in the world – are suffering the worst effects of global warming.

Gitega Diocese

Tu 24. Pray for Madame Bénigne Kimararungu in her role as President of Gitega Mothers' Union. They have 1,200 members and currently 200 of these are working as educators under the Women's Literacy Project (funded by Bishops' Appeal). After training, each volunteer facilitates literacy classes for 20 others in their local area.



Bénigne Kimararungu & Jenny Smyth, August 2022

We 25. Pray for Kabanga Parish, one of ten newly-constructed churches which form part of the diocesan church-planting strategy. Ask for God's blessing on Rev. Salvator Niragira and the 1,450 members who have worked hard to improve their place of worship. They are currently constructing a new roof with support from CMSI link parishes.

Matana Diocese

Th 26. Pray for Bishop Seth Ndayirukiye as he casts the vision for outreach and church planting in the diocese. Ask the Lord to bless the 32 parishes (including 4 new missionary parishes) – each with between 5 to 10 congregations and the 58 pastors serving 65,000 Christians.

Fr 27. Pray for ways to counteract the exodus of young people from the Matana Diocese to the city due to unemployment. Intercede for the technical school which provides training in carpentry/building/electrical engineering skills. Also pray for job creation through income-generating cooperatives.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff team

Sa 28. Linda is keen to facilitate link parishes to engage broad groups of parishioners in their link partnership. Pray for well-established link parishes as they look towards refreshing and reigniting partnership links.

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Scotts

Sun 29. Keith is planning to visit Burundi in May 2023 to explore the possibilities of being able to provide learning support to Bujumbura Christian University, along with academic supervision to students. Pray for the necessary plans and preparation to take place and for God's leading in this new venture.

SOUTH SUDAN

Maridi Diocese

Mo 30. Bishop Moses plans to spend the first three months of the year in pastoral visits throughout the diocese. He hopes also to include a visit to refugees from Maridi, who worship in camp parishes in Northern Uganda.

Tu 31. We are grateful for gifts of solar batteries and laptops to Chaima Theological Institute from Holywood Parish. Pray for the deacons in training there, and for improvements needed in the married accommodation block.



Bishop Moses, KV, August 2022

February

Olo Diocese

We 1. Pray for Rev. Lam at the health clinic which the diocese has been developing. Pray also for the two trainee health workers supported through CMSI to study in Maridi; they will be a resource to the clinic in years to come.

Th 2. There has been a great deal of development in Olo, led mostly by the diocese. However, livelihoods are still difficult and basic needs are a struggle. Pray for the Mothers' Union who work hard with women to empower them towards building income generating skills.

Yei Diocese

Fr 3. Bishop Levi and his team are pushing forward with the coffee growing project. Thank God for support which is helping to establish the plants and pray for sustained conditions for good growth.

Sa 4. Students will soon be commencing a new term at the Yei Vocational Training College. Pray for the management committee, Morris Lokolomo and all the teaching staff, plus Billy Smyth as they all work together for skills and spiritual development in the lives of these young people.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 5. Friday marked the recommencement of ordinary time. As we reflect on this phase in the church's year, we remember once again that every day provides an opportunity for each of us to turn again to God. We pray today that more people around the world would come to know God through encountering the global church in their midst.

KENYA

Mo 6. Pray that 2023 will bring sufficient rainfall to Kenya after three

years of persistent drought due to climate change. Please pray that there will be sufficient food in Kenya and that the population will be saved from a widespread famine.

Kajiado Diocese

Tu 7. Pray for the pastoralists losing their livestock as Kenya is suffering a major drought, with famine already hitting parts of the country and food prices rising everywhere. Climate change is seriously impacting weather patterns, with major effects on food production and upon wildlife.

We 8. Ask the Lord to bless Ven Naftaly Lemooke who works for Anglican Development Services in Naika serving communities living in the ACK Dioceses of Nairobi, All Saints cathedral and Kajiado. Pray for the ongoing programmes of emergency food distribution in Kajiado, that they may reach the most needy.



Ven Naftaly Lemooke

GENERAL PRAYERS

The Global Church

Th 9. In the autumn Jenny took part in the Council for Mission strategic planning workshop. Give thanks for the great facilitation and discussion, and pray that God will bless the work of the council as it encourages mission in the parishes and globally.

KENYA

Isabelle Prondzynski

Fr 10. Thank God that Isabelle's niece, Kathi, will be spending two months with her as part of her gap year before joining university in the autumn. Pray Kathi will be a blessing to the Tujisaidie community and her time in Kenya will have a positive and lasting impact on her.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff team

Sa 11. Anne will be checking final details with our accountants so that the draft accounts will be prepared for the next meeting of the board of trustees. Pray for clarity of thought and a smooth and satisfactory completion of the annual audit.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 12. On this day of rest, we pray for unity and community amongst God's people. When days are dark and spirits flag, may we find peace with God. When times are good and spirits sing, may we find our souls in tune with the Creator. Lord of heaven and earth, may each of us find our identity in you today.

Resources & initiatives

Mo 13. As the next 5-year strategic plan is implemented at CMSI, we ask that you would support us in our aspirations and desires. May our vision and mission become your vision and mission. Ask God to help tune all our hearts in one accord.

NEPAL

The Zimmerman Family

Tu 14. The Zimmerman's current 3-year assignment will end in October 2023 after several months visiting supporting churches in Ireland and the US. Please pray for guidance for Mark and Deirdre as they consider what God is leading them to next.

We 15. Please continue to pray for Mark and Deirdre's input at Patan Hospital, and for Deirdre's establishment of standards and guidelines for the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics as the hospital prepares to recruit a Nepali head of department.

DR CONGO

Bukavu Diocese

Th 16. Bukavu Mothers' Union are seeking to help vulnerable children into education and to provide nutrition for those whose

families are struggling. Pray for the women involved in this vital family support and for the resources they need.

Fr 17. The diocese has made mental health support a priority. Let us remember to pray for those who continue to suffer the consequences of trauma and their families who wish to support them.

CMSI FAMILY

CMSI Stars

Sa 18. Give thanks for our core members who support, pray, engage and give regularly to the overall work of CMSI. Pray for our 'Stars' that they will continue to stand up and be counted, and be inspired to help CMSI to keep going and growing throughout the year ahead.



KENYA

Isabelle Prondzynski

Su 19. Pray for the planned visitors and teams to Tujisaidie who have been waiting for this chance since before 2020. Pray that all arrangements will fall into place and that the visitors will be richly blessed by their interactions with the community.

DR CONGO

Goma Diocese

Mo 20. Education is an ongoing priority in Goma. Pray for the diocese as they seek to develop and refurbish existing and new church schools.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Shrove Tuesday

Tu 21. Tomorrow sees the start of Lent. As we stand on the cusp

of another Easter season, may we unite in prayer for God's global church. In expectation and waiting, we cling with hope to an unchanging and ever-loving God.

Ash Wednesday

We 22. "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). Today we remember our deep need of God's forgiveness and band together with Christians all around the world in repentance and adoration. Thank God for his mercy and gracious love.

DR CONGO

Kindu Diocese

Th 23. Bishop Masimango is keen to see theological education developed in Kindu town. Pray for his team as they teach and for the spiritual development of each student.

Fr 24. Mama Naomie sees the great need for skills building, income generation and spiritual care of vulnerable women in the community. Pray for her as she leads the Mothers' Union programmes aimed to assist.



Bishop Masimango and Mama Naomie

CMSI FAMILY

Staff team

Sa 25. As Emma continues to bed into life at CMSI, we ask that you would pray for her. May she continue to serve the team as best she can, with joy and enthusiasm each day.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 26. On this first Sunday in Lent, we remember Jesus' temptations in the desert. When things are difficult and resources are scarce, it is so difficult to remain confident in God. We thank God today that Jesus' life and experiences demonstrate God's identification with us in our struggles and weakness.

RWANDA

Kibungo Diocese

Mo 27. Ask the Lord to bless Bishop Emmanuel Ntanzinda as he leads the diocese with a vision of growth and evangelism. When it was founded in 1993 there were just 17 parishes. By God's grace they have grown and now have 36 parishes with 218 local congregations, and run 33 schools.

Tu 28. Pray for the 8 Kibungo ordinands and pastors currently training at East Africa Christian College in Kigali, 3 of whom are supported through a CMSI parish link: Serget (Akanyinya Sub Parish) and Theonest (Kigina Parish) are studying for a BTh, while Revd Ngoboka Augustin (St Peter's cathedral) is on the Post Graduate DipTh programme.



Rev Ngoboka Augustin



New Ariye school foundations, Uganda, August 2022



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