



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

Cover image: Primary 1 children, St Raphael school for Sudanese refugees, Cairo, Egypt. This year our children and teens' resource, Hands Out, is raising funds to support the rebuilding and running of St Raphael school. See page 18 of *inMission 76* for more information on this free resource for use in churches, schools and youth events.

March

UGANDA

Fr 1. Pray that the current government of Museveni in Uganda might exercise its authority with even-handed honesty and have a true concern for the welfare of its own people.

Children in Uganda

Sa 2. Give thanks for the vision of Toti Jacob and the management committee in Kyangwali refugee settlement to establish a Vocational Skills Centre. The camp authorities have granted 4 acres of land and construction has begun. Pray for the resources needed to fulfil this vision.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 3. Billy Smyth and Tom Finlay from Moria Parish will be travelling to Yei and Ibba, SS, later in the month. Pray for Billy's ongoing involvement as he applies for funding so the VTC in Yei can continue to be fully operational. Pray for protection over their coming and going.

UGANDA



Madi West Nile Diocese

Mo 4. Pray for Bishop Collins Andaku today along with the whole diocesan team as they minister in so many ways to the communities in Madi West Nile.

Tu 5. Thank God for the completion of the new classrooms at Ariye Nursery School in Bidi Bidi refugee camp. Pray for God's blessings on the lives of the little ones who will be part of this school community.

Image: TPC team at Ariye Nursery

GENERAL PRAYERS

Events

We 6. As many of the CMSI family join together online to pray today, ask that God would be in the midst of our gathering.

UGANDA

Luweero Diocese

Th 7. Pray for Archbishop Kaziimba and the Church of Uganda house of Bishops as they undertake a fresh nomination process to appoint a new Bishop for Luweero Diocese. Pray for God's people to be unified during this process.

Fr 8. Give thanks for the continued work and ministry of Kiwoko Hospital. In recent months they have been experiencing heavy rains which have flooded and damaged local roads. This has impacted transfer of patients and community outreach in the area. Pray the rains will settle.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Sa 9. Ask the Lord to guide Roger as he balances ongoing family commitments with his role in CMSI. In particular please pray for his wife Fiona, adult sons Kieran and Nathan, and elderly mother, Helen, who is in care in England.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 10. Celebrate the women who have been mother-figures in your life: godparents, foster carers, helpers, teachers, mentors, guardians, those who step in when parents are struggling and who provide a mothering presence in the lives of young and old. For all of them, give thanks to God.

CMSI Mission Partners in Training

Mo 11. Pray for Andrew and Joanne Quill as they depart N. Ireland and travel to South Sudan to begin their mission partner service in Ibba Diocese. Pray for courage, strength and resilience as they say farewell to their adult children, parents and extended family.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Tu 12. A prayer for a world in turmoil: Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of peace proceed, kindle in every heart the true love of peace. Guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for all nations. May the earth be filled with the knowledge of your love. Amen

SOUTH SUDAN

Ibba Diocese

We 13. Bishop Wilson has prioritised training for church leaders this year. Pray for the ten informal church leaders who have just begun their training at Bishop Levi Theological College in Ibba, with support from CMSI link parishes.

Th 14. There remain many challenges for young people in Ibba with lack of job opportunities and further education. Pray for the development of the Vocational Training School as Bishop Wilson sees this as a way to bring hope to the youth of Ibba.

ZAMBIA

Fr 15. Pray for Zambia as they face economic hardship and there is a need for greater food security for the most vulnerable, especially in times of climate change. Pray for an end to political and economic corruption and exploitation of resources and people.



Image: Ibba Vocational Training College

CMSI FAMILY

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Sa 16. Give thanks for Anne's faithful service and for Lynn Wilson as she supports Anne in her role. Pray for renewed vision and strength as she coordinates CMSI's finances and processes daily transactions, updates financial records and responds to requests from staff and supporters.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 17. Partnership: *'the art of reciprocal flourishing'*. Thank God for enabling much flourishing through parish and diocesan level partnerships that CMSI facilitates. Pray these partnerships will grow and deepen as people work together to bring healing and wholeness in their communities.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Mo 18. *"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

St John's Seminary

Tu 19. Pray for the young ordinands at St John's preparing for future parish ministry. Pray they will grow in faith, hope and charity and may their hearts overflow with compassion, understanding and generosity as they minister and pastor God's people throughout Zambia.

CMSI FAMILY

Trustees

We 20. The Association of Mission Societies meet today in Dublin's theological college. Pray that God will envision each organisation as they seek to serve the church in mission. Give thanks for opportunities to connect with ordinands in training and for the hospitality of the college.

SOUTH SUDAN

Maridi Diocese

Th 21. Bishop Moses: *"Maridi Diocese has 5 students training in the Episcopal University in Juba. The diocese has struggled to make it possible for them to be there."* Thank God for the commitment of the diocese to theological education and pray for provision for these students.

Fr 22. Thank God for the completion for the 9th Diocesan Synod in Maridi last week, with special guests Bishop David McClay and Dean Geoff Wilson, from Down and Dromore Diocese. Pray for mutual flourishing in these partnered dioceses.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Events

Sa 23. CMSI's annual Shine event and AGM takes place in CITI, Dublin, today. Ask the Lord to bless all who attend and that it will be a joyful event. Pray for wisdom for the Chair of Trustees and all who are responsible for governing the society.

Su 24. Palm Sunday: *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever. Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest! Let Israel say, "His love endures forever!" and all who fear God say, "His love endures forever!" Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!*

KENYA

Mo 25. Eastern Kenya is experiencing alarming levels of heavy rain, with the weather pattern following recent El Nino conditions. While rains are welcome after the 3-year drought, the intensity can lead to flooding, threaten lives and induce widespread displacements.

Kajiado Diocese

Tu 26. Give thanks for the renovation of 5 houses on the old Kajiado High School site with support from CMSI. These will be rented out to provide sustainable income for 5 rural evangelists in Torosei, Oltiasika, Magadi, Olgulului and Mosiro where rural poverty has curtailed stipends.

We 27. Pray for Bishop Gaddiel and his team as they continue to encourage Christians in the diocese to find their hope in God, despite the immense challenges pastoralists are facing. Give thanks for the joy experienced at the New Year's worship celebration gathering in January.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Th 28. Maundy Thursday: As Jesus commanded that people should love one another, humbling himself to wash the disciples' feet, ask God to help each of us follow this act of kindness and demonstrate love in action wherever we find ourselves today.

Fr 29. *Good Friday:* Ask God to remind each of us that whatever we may suffer in this life, we are in God's arms, recognising that following God is to follow the Suffering Servant. Let that truth grant us a hope that surpasses circumstances, a peace that passes understanding.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Sa 30. Pray for Megan as she provides support to Jenny Smyth and the Board following the recent AGM, including updating company records and processing paperwork for new trustees. Give thanks for all that Megan does to help things run smoothly in CMSI's Belfast office.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 31. *Easter Sunday:* God, may we feel the warm embrace of your love on this sacred day. May the glory of Jesus's resurrection remind us that with you, nothing is impossible or without hope. We pray in your name. Amen.

April

KENYA

Tujisaidie Self-Help Group

Mo 01. Thank God for the recent donations from Miseen Cara and Electric Aid, which are making it possible to rebuild the oldest wing of the Tujisaidie School and add an upper floor. Please pray that these new classrooms will be a blessing to the students.



Tu 02. Please pray for Kathleen Anangwe, a Tujisaidie advisor, whose 23 year old son Reuben died in December 2023 after a short illness. Reuben was buried in the West of Kenya next to his late father. Please pray for Reuben to rest in peace and Kathleen to find comfort.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Events

We 03. Prayer room meets again today. Give thanks to God for technology that enables fellowship and connection with one another around the globe.

BURUNDI

Th 04. We pray that the people of Burundi will unite and that every ethnicity in Burundi will come together to honour your name. Father, we pray for forgiveness between the Hutu, Tutsi and Twa ethnicities, that peace may reign in this land.

Image: Kathleen Anangwe (right) with Isabelle

IRELAND

Scotts

Fr 05. Pray for Rev Dr Keith Scott as he goes to teach at Bujumbura Christian University in Burundi for 6 weeks. Pray for God's protection over Keith while in Africa and for Lyn back in Armagh. Pray for God's anointing as he teaches students and for clear communication and understanding.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Sa 06. Pray for Gillian as she seeks to promote Short Term Experience Placements with our Global Partners in Africa and Nepal. Pray for wisdom and insight as she follows up enquires and journeys with individuals seeking God's direction in their lives.

RWANDA

Su 07. International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda. Pray for the people of Rwanda who still bear the physical, psychological and emotional scars from the awful actions of the genocide 1994. Bless the church leaders as they continue to encourage healing and reconciliation.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Mo 08. The angel said to her, *'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God'*. As we remember the announcement of Christ's birth today, ask that God would help each of us to be open to his leading in our lives.

DR CONGO

Tu 09. The tensions in DRC have not eased; our partners report that atrocities are happening almost every week. Please pray for the family of God's people living in such traumatic circumstances over so many years.

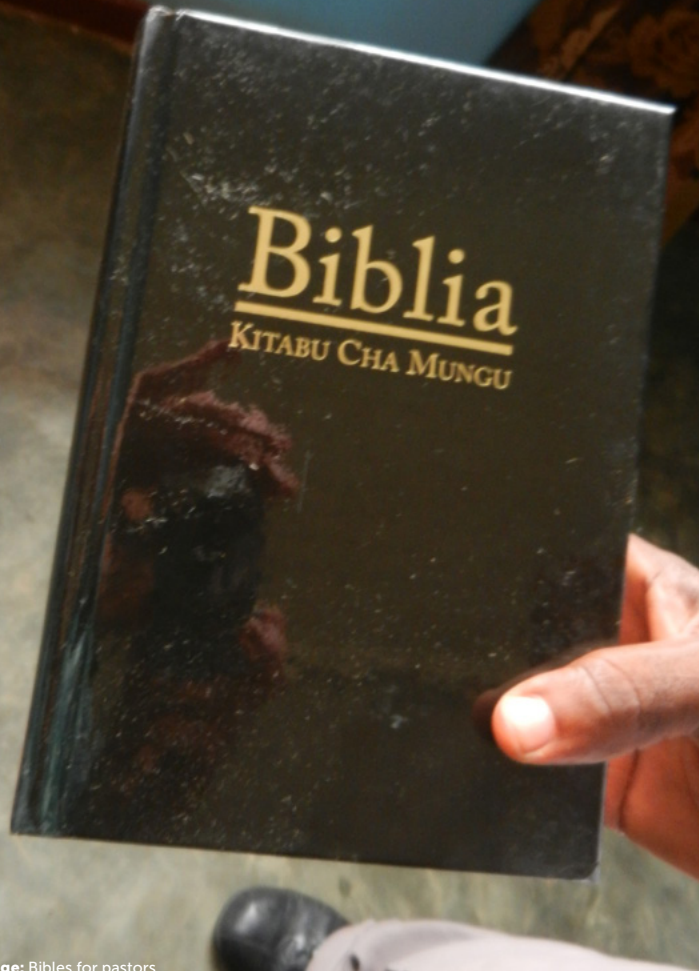


Image: Bibles for pastors

Kindu Diocese

We 10. Thank God for the clergy of Kindu Diocese, some of whom have just received their own Swahili Bible with the support of CMSI link parishes and individuals. Pray that God's word will go out and achieve his purposes (Isaiah 55:11).

Th 11. Archbishop Masimango tells us that one of the constraints for the Diocese of Kindu is poor internet access. Pray for the project planned to improve solar electricity supply and internet connectivity.

CMSI FAMILY

[CMSI Teams & Short-Term Experience Placements/CITI pitch](#)

Fr 12. Pray for the staff team as they conduct the second Teams Training via zoom with those who are visiting our global visitors in 2024. Pray for effective communication and preparation for team members, and for God's provision throughout their fundraising endeavours.

CMSI FAMILY

[Staff](#)

Sa 13. Linda is enjoying the final preparations for summer teams and events at this time of year. Pray for the interactions with team members, that God would be preparing them for deeper faith and service.

GENERAL PRAYERS

[Resourcing the vision](#)

Su 14. A prayer financial operations: With the increasing financial pressures on parishes, give thanks for the ongoing generosity of many churches who support the work of CMSI and our global partners. Ask the Lord to bless those who continue to invest in the work of mission.

NEPAL

Mo 15. Pray for dialogue between Christians, Hindus and people of other faiths in Nepal. Ask the Lord to strengthen civil leaders and government officials who work towards interfaith tolerance, religious freedom and the protection of the rights of minority communities.

SD Church & SDSS

Tu 16. Please pray for SDSS as they help organise the national wheelchair basketball tournament taking place in Pohara where 17 wheelchair teams will compete. This will take place in March in thankful remembrance of Mr. Bikash Adhikari, since wheelchair sports was his passion.

We 17. Continue praying for Pratna (D.'s little daughter) giving thanks for her weight gain and improving health. Her increased energy brings the whole family lots of joy. When she is older, she will still need surgery for her heart defect, but her family feels she is growing normally.



Image: Rukum Earthquake Damaged home

Human Development and Community Services

Th 18. Please pray for the earthquake victims in Rukum and Jajarkot as they rebuild their homes. Pray for wisdom as HDCS hospital plan community interventions in the area of mental health to support those who have been traumatised.

Fr 19. Please pray for God's guidance, wisdom, and provision as ABBS assesses the needs of people living with disabilities (PwDs) in Rukum. ABBS is eager to provide support and help to the PwDs affected by the recent earthquake.

CMSI FAMILY**Trustees**

Sa 20. The trustees meet five times a year online and in person to attend to the governance of the society. Remember the chair, David, and all those who oversee and make decisions to ensure CMSI is operating properly and fulfilling its missional purposes.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 21. As God's people meet together today, pray for those who are not free to meet openly for worship and prayer. Ask God to be especially close to those who are alone and in need of fellowship today.

CMSI FAMILY**CMSI Mission Partners**

Mo 22. Pray for Andrew and Joanne as they continue to put down roots in Ibba, South Sudan, and for physical, emotional and spiritual strength as they adapt to a new culture, languages and environment.

Tu 23. Pray for the Quills as they seek to build good working relationships with Bishop Wilson Kamani and the diocesan staff team in Ibba, South Sudan. Pray for the Bishop as he sets out their work priorities in the coming months while they adjust to learning Zande and Juba Arabic.

KENYA**Isabelle Prondzynski**

We 24. Isabelle will be joining some former classmates at a reunion in Heidelberg on 4 May; this will be her first time to meet them since 1969. Please pray that it be a joyful occasion and thank God for these enduring contacts.

Th 25. Thank God for the recent birth of Isabelle's second grand-nephew, Josiah Lincoln, the first child of her nephew Theodore. Please pray that he grows up in good health and wisdom.

CMSI FAMILY

Fr 26. *'You are all very blessed to be working in such a supportive team,'* Trustee Geoff Wilson commented at the annual Staff Board Day. Indeed, the staff are aware of this wonderful privilege. Ask that God will continue to stretch our faith and expand our vision.

Staff

Sa 27. Jenny: *'Please pray for me as CMSI navigates the increasingly complex world of charity legislation, especially as the society works across the two jurisdictions on the island of Ireland'.*

TANZANIA

Kondoa

Su 28. Bishop Given Gaula of Kondoa held a conference for all his pastors and their wives. CMSI was able to facilitate retired Bishop Taama of Kajjado to give the Bible expositions. Accompanied by his wife, they ministered great blessing. Praise God.

PROVINCE OF ALEXANDRIA

Mo 29. Continue to pray for the prison ministry team in Cairo. The clergyperson in charge has been ill for some months. Pray for his recovery and for the team as they continue to visit and encourage prisoners.

Tu 30. Pray for the various students at Nuba Mountains Bible Institute Cairo, for their theological and practical training along with their personal spiritual formation.

May

GENERAL PRAYERS

Events

We 01. Praise God for opportunities to pray together. As the CMSI family meets online for our monthly prayer room today, ask that God would guide our conversation and learning together.



PROVINCE OF ALEXANDRIA

Th 02. Thank God for the appointment of the first Bishop of the new Diocese of Gambella. Pray for Bishop Jeremiah Paul as he undertakes his ministry with the various communities in the region.

Fr 03. Mrs. Madelaine is leading the Education Office of the Diocese of Egypt and asks for prayers for the growing Sudanese School. CMSI parish links and Children's Resource will be supporting this important resource for refugee children.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Sa 04. Emma: As the academic year draws to a close, pray that Emma would be able to enjoy the gentler pace of the coming months, leaning into God for rest and renewal.

CMSI FAMILY

CMSI Teams & Short-Term Experience Placements/CITI pitch

Su 05. Give thanks for the Team from Ahoghill and Portglenone Parishes who will be visiting the Diocese of Ibba in July. Pray for the staff team as they prepare and support individuals going there for the first time, and for all the preparations to go smoothly.

GENERAL PRAYERS*Resources & initiatives*

Mo 06. *'See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?'* Isaiah 43:19

With CMSAfrica and AsiaCMS, CMSI is supporting 3 new local mission partners! In Uganda, Kyangwali, Toti Jacob; in Koboko, Seme Peter; and SS in Nepal. Praise God for these 3 men of mission.

RWANDA*Shyogwe Diocese*

Tu 07. We give thanks for the growth of Boys' and Girls' Brigade in the diocese - 157 new members took part in a grand enrolment ceremony and parade on Christmas Eve. These will train others to establish more companies in all parishes, using music as a tool for evangelism.

We 08. We thank God for the ongoing upgrading of church roofs and building projects in Runda and Gahogo parishes. Pray for Rev Clement Bikorimana and Rev Charlotte Mukamwiza and their congregations, and give thanks for the CMSI link parishes in Ireland who are supporting them.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Th 09. Ascension Day: Creator God, who formed humanity from dust, breathe in each of us again. Revive us, purify us, set our hearts on fire for you today.

Kibungo Diocese

Fr 10. Pray for Bishop Emmanuel Ntanzinda and Madame Joyce, President of the Kibungo Diocese Mothers' Union. May the Lord uphold and guide them throughout 2024.

Sa 11. Pray for the staff and students of Gahima Primary School, giving thanks for the new premises that has been constructed with support from CMSI and other international donors.



Tu 14. Mama Mbambu continues to be presented with small children left helpless in villages where attacks have left no others alive. Pray for homes where these little ones might find healing and security.

Bukavu Diocese

We 15. The diocese struggles with administrative resources and this impacts communications and coordination. Pray for Bishop Bahati as he seeks to find the resources required.

Th 16. Mental Health is a key component of Bukavu Diocesan ministries. Pray for the mobile mental health clinics and the trauma care provided by the health team.

Image: Bishop Emmanuel & Rev Festo at the new Gahima School

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 12. *'Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction'.* 2 Timothy 4:2

Ask the Lord to bless all who are asked to preach on behalf of CMSI, that God's message will be clearly communicated.

DR CONGO*North Kivu Diocese*

Mo 13. Bishop Isesomo asks us to pray that people will come to know Jesus through the ministries in North Kivu Diocese.

Goma Diocese

Fr 17. As we pray for Goma today, we remember the situation of unrest here and throughout Eastern Congo. Pray for Bishop Martin as he leads the diocese through this time of insecurity.

Sa 18. Bishop Martin says: *"We are looking to provide some health provision in the context of a trauma-healing project we are applying to implement with church leaders and displaced children and adolescents in Bujari."* Let us pray for those who will benefit from this project.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 19. Pentecost: *'Flowing and glowing, brightness in our darkness, power in our weakness, peace in our troubled lives. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.'* Diana Ng-Sutherland

BURUNDI

The Guinness Family

Mo 20. Pray for God's provision for the Guinness family as they continue ministering in Burundi. They need to see their financial support boosted by 25%. Pray for individuals and churches to be challenged to give in response to their shortfall in funding.



Image: Mdme Bénigne with Bishop Aime Joseph

BURUNDI Gitega Diocese

Tu 21. Pray for the Gitega Mothers' Union giving thanks for the 26 new members who were enrolled recently. In her address Mdme Bénigne Barendegere (President) said, *"the growth of Mothers' Union in parishes should go hand in hand with the growth of the Church."*

We 22. Pray for Gitega Diocesan Secretary Rev. Can. Médard Irutingabo. Part of his role involves training church communities in clean water use and springs maintenance, explaining that caring for God's creation implies caring for local resources including water supply facilities.

Matana Diocese

Th 23. Pray for Rev Yvette Ndimahoro, President of Gitega Mothers' Union. Ask the Lord 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.

Fr 24. Pray for the growing partnership between Derry and Raphoe's Glendermott parish and the Diocese of Matana. Ask the Lord to bless Rev Johnny Lowden, curate of Glendermott, and the parish partnership group, including Joanne Miller, manager of *"Another Chance"* community shop.



Image: Rev Johnny Lowden & Joanne Miller



CMSI FAMILY

CMSI Stars

Sa 25. Pray that God would bless the various initiatives to increase support for CMSI's core Mission Resource Fund. Pray particularly for our members that they will continue to advocate for CMSI's work and catch the vision for hosting community fundraising events.

Image: Bishop Gaddiel at Kajiado New Year's Gathering 2024

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 26. Trinity Sunday: One God, eternal trinity, be near to us the people formed in your image, and close to the world your love brings to life. Lord we pray for your church throughout the world, for those that are thriving and those that are struggling. Be in our midst.

SOUTH SUDAN

Olo Diocese

Mo 27. Bishop Tandema has prioritised clean drinking water for the community in 2024. Pray for the diocese as they seek to raise support to sink a borehole for safe water.

Tu 28. Pray for Mama Norah and the Mothers' Union as they seek to encourage women in their walk of faith and empower them to care for their families.

Yei Diocese

We 29. Pray for Bishop Levi as he leads the diocese in some major ministries and plans including the coffee project and the Yei Vocational Training College. Pray for the whole diocesan team as they work together on these things.

Th 30. Today please hold in prayer the many people returning to Yei from refugee camps in Uganda. They return with few resources, to homes which may have been destroyed or taken over by others. Pray that the church will be a place of refuge as they process their trauma.

CMSI FAMILY

Trustees

FRI 31. Deuteronomy 12:28 *'Be careful to obey all these regulations...'* As CMSI takes great care over the governance of the society, pray that the work will not be too onerous, so that time and energy remain focussed on the missional purposes of God's kingdom.



Image: Asia CMS Executive Director Rev Chan NamChen and his wife Millie



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