



praying in mission

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Welcome... to the latest edition of CMSI's prayer diary.

This booklet includes short, daily prayer prompts covering the breadth of CMSI's work and the work of our partners.

Thank you for investing in this work through your prayers.

As you use the diary, be encouraged that you do so in the company of hundreds of members of CMSI's global family uniting in prayer each day enabling us all to participate in living out the living light of Christ.

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

CMSI Prayer

May the God of Light shine brightly on the CMSI family, bringing blessing to - and through - staff, volunteers, members, mission personnel and Global Partners.

May the God of Life bring hope and renewal to those living in despair, in the places where CMSI's partners work.

May the God of Love bring healing and transformation to churches and individuals in Ireland, as they encounter God afresh and engage in his work of mission.

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

Amen.

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September

CMSI FAMILY

Resource Mobiliser

Su 1. Pray for Lucas as he continues to manage the fundraising role within CMSI and reaches out to un-linked parishes to inspire mission engagement through CMSI. Pray for him as he prioritises his workload and builds relationships with God's family throughout Ireland.

NEPAL

Mo 2. Pray for Nepal that the country would be protected from the increasing extreme weather events such as floods, landslides and droughts. Pray also for those involved in developing resilience for such climate-related disasters.

SD Church & SDSS

Tu 3. Join with SD Church as they pray about and work with their partners to purchase land and construct a new church building. Ask the Lord to bless the many SDC daughter churches and the entire leadership team.

CMSI LOCAL MISSION PARTNERS

We 4. Remember CMSI local mission partner SS as he looks forward to joining us at Ignite. Ask God to bless his preparations. Give thanks for the sponsorship that has enabled him to commence a PhD at Oxford's Centre for Mission Studies following Ignite.

Th 5. Intercede for Sundar Dhoka Saathi Sewa's regular projects, that they would go well and have a high spiritual impact. Pray for the SDSS staff, that God will preserve their wellbeing, as they work amongst people who are suffering and in trauma.

IRELAND**All Nations Ministries**

Fr 6. Give thanks for the work of ANM amongst newcomers to N. Ireland through their centre in Belfast. As they build connections with individuals and families, pray that the volunteers will continue to care both practically and spiritually for those accessing their services.

KENYA**Isabelle Prondzynski**

Sa 7. Please pray for Isabelle's brother Ferdinand, who will be ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church of Scotland in September. Pray for Isabelle and her sisters who are all hoping to attend the ordination and enjoy some family time together.

CMSI MISSION PARTNERS

Su 8. Many people in Ibba Diocese are affected by trauma. Pray for Joanne as she trains theology students from Bishop Levi College, and others, in using Bible Based Trauma Healing resources with the aim of beginning healing groups in the local communities.

DR CONGO**Bukavu Diocese**

Mo 9. Bukavu has been receiving many displaced people from other regions in Eastern Congo. Thank God for the emergency assistance the church has been able to provide and pray for Bishop Bahati as he leads the diocese through this challenging time.



Andrew and Joanne - Treats from home



Tu 10. Bukavu Diocese has completed development of a Sunday School curriculum and training for teachers. Pray that this resource will be an avenue for many children and young people to encounter God's saving grace.

Kindu Diocese

We 11. Archbishop Masimango asks for prayers for stability and peace in Kindu. Plans to relocate demobbed soldiers to the area are still under discussion at a national level.

Th 12. Pray for the young people in Kindu Diocese and for all the diocesan and parish programmes that seek to introduce them to faith and provide opportunities for discipleship and growth.

GENERAL PRAYERS**Events**

Fr 13. Our teams will meet this evening at Ignite to reflect on their experiences with our global partners. Please pray for their conversations and that this would be a helpful time of enriching reflection together.

Sa 14. As people gather from across Ireland for our annual Ignite conference in Dromantine today, pray that each person present would meet with God through their engagement with and participation in the global church family.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 15. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear his voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory; great things he hath done.

- Fanny Crosby, 1875

CMSI Teams & Short-Term Experience Placements

Mo 16. Pray for the staff team as they launch various Teams that will travel in 2025 to visit and minister alongside our global partners. Pray the right individuals will apply, and for those interviewing to have wisdom and discernment throughout the entire selection process.



Portglenone and Ahoghill Team to Ibba with Rev Joanne Megarrell.

KENYA

Tu 17. Stand in prayer with the people of Kenya who, after 4 years of drought, suffered exceptionally heavy and prolonged rain earlier this year. This caused catastrophic flooding, over 250 deaths and widespread destruction. Intercede for those now rebuilding or re-locating their homes.

Kajiado Diocese

We 18. Pray for the mission work and many outreach activities that are scheduled for the diocese this year. Pray for the reconstruction of churches like St. Mary's Entasopia that have been severely damaged by the floods and for resilience as they struggle to reopen.



Th 19. Pray for Bishop Gaddiel Lenini as he carries out all his many daily activities. Ask the Lord to equip him with wisdom and good health in the midst of his busy schedule.

TANZANIA

Kondoa

Fr 20. Jenny was delighted to meet Bishop Given Gaula on her recent visit to Kondoa. Pray for him as he works to establish church congregations across the diocese especially in the Maasai areas. Pray for sensitivity in places where there is a strong Islamic presence.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Resourcing the vision

Sa 21. "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25

Give thanks for this precious promise and ask God to help us become the generous people he designed us to be.

CMSI Teams & Short-Term Experience Placements

Su 22. Give thanks for the four-man team from Dromore Cathedral who will be travelling to visit our partners in Maridi at the end of October for 10 days. Pray the commissioning service today will go well and their time in South Sudan will be an encouragement to Bishop Moses.

SOUTH SUDAN

Mo 23. Let's pray for Archbishop Justin Badi and his family today. General Synod, diocesan growth and international responsibilities, including GSFA, require much of the Archbishop. May God give wisdom, provision and rest as needed.

Ibba Diocese

Tu 24. Bishop Wilson has prioritised the development of Vocational Training in Ibba and is thankful for the CMSI team who were there in the summer. Pray that the students will find a hope and a future, not only in skills building, but also through a growing relationship with Christ.

We 25. Thank God for the exceptional organisational and strategic skills of Bishop Wilson and his extensive experience in local peace-making. Pray for him as he seeks to build the capacity of neighbouring Dioceses Maridi and Olo in promoting peace.

Maridi Diocese

Th 26. Thank God for the recent gift for an extensive number of bicycles and motorbikes for Maridi Diocese. Pray that archdeacons and priests who use this improved transport will be encouraged and motivated as they are able to evangelise and disciple in new areas.

Fr 27. Pray for the many schools and teachers associated with the Diocese of Maridi, ask God for life changing encounters as he uses these schools to mould young lives in faith.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Sa 28. Linda enjoys the many opportunities to speak in Sunday services at this time of year. Pray that each parish visited will be blessed, and individuals inspired to follow after our missional God.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 29. During this season of 'Creation Time', give thanks that God created the world and sent Jesus to live among us, made of the same stuff, breathing the same air, marvelling at sunrise and sunset just as we do.

CMSI Teams & Short-Term Experience Placements

Mo 30. Pray for the staff team as they conduct training with two teams travelling to Egypt and South Sudan over the coming months. Pray that those going will be open to learn, take in what they hear and recall what they need whilst in country.



Linda Abwa, Partnership Coordinator

October

CMSI MISSION PARTNERS

Tu 1. Pray for wisdom for Andrew as he seeks to provide IT resources for the future in Bishop Levi College.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Events

We 2. Today marks the first online Prayer Room of the academic year. Pray for good connectivity, both technologically and interpersonally, amongst those gathered. Thank God for this opportunity to meet across vast distances online today.

CMSI LOCAL MISSION PARTNERS

Th 3. Family fellowships take place in the homes of the Save Life Ministries team members. Give thanks for this careful discipling and ask God to strengthen faith and zeal for the vast range of ministries taking place in Koboko, refugee camps and across the border in DR Congo.



Save Life Ministries family fellowship



Toti Jacob VTC Kyangwali

Fr 4. Lovely news reached us from Toti Jacob in Kyangwali. The newly established Vocational Training Centre is up and running and very popular! Ask the Lord to provision the centre with skilled tutors and the resources required to enable the students in their learning.

CMSI FAMILY

Trustees

Sa 5. Coming to the end of the financial year on 31 October, the trustees need to approve the annual budget. Pray for wisdom as they balance competing needs and faith as they plan for the upcoming year.

GENERAL PRAYERS**Resources & initiatives**

Su 6. During the harvest season, the staff team are busy with Sunday speaking engagements. Pray for God's empowering as they explore CMSI's annual theme 'Wading Into Justice' with congregations across the island of Ireland, and the implications for Christian living.

**SOUTH SUDAN****Olo Diocese**

Mo 7. The diocesan team in Olo have struggled with the shocking level of inflation which has hampered projects in recent months. Pray that, in partnership with CMSI, some solutions can be found in these very difficult times.

Tu 8. Thank God for a gift for bicycles for Olo Diocese. Pray for those clergy who will be able to visit more rural areas, that they will find faith in small parishes and be able to encourage those who are faithfully serving God in isolated areas.

Yei Diocese

We 9. Bishop Levi is keen to support educational institutions in Yei. Pray for the Diocesan Education Officer, teachers in training and all who have the opportunity to interact with children through the church. May God raise up a new generation of believers through these interactions.

Th 10. Thank God for Misean Cara support for the Yei Vocational Training School. Pray for the Principal, Morris, as he seeks to achieve the vision set out to reach the most vulnerable with opportunities for skills training.

RWANDA

Fr 11. Pray for the election of the new Bishop of Shyogwe tomorrow, remembering the Diocesan Synod who will vote to select two candidates and the house of Bishops as they make the final selection. Ask the Lord to guide all involved, and to equip the person chosen for this vital role.

GENERAL PRAYERS**CITI Short-Term Experience Placements with CMSI**

Sa 12. Pray for Gillian as she pitches overseas placements to first year students at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute in Dublin. Pray for a few ordinands to be challenged and enthused to spend 4 weeks ministering alongside our global partners in 2025.

CMSI FAMILY**Staff**

Su 13. Pray for Roger preaching at St Hilda's, Kilmakee, Harvest celebration today, that he may both inform and enthuse supporters about their partners in Gitega Diocese, Burundi. →† Give him creativity to share stories of what God is doing there and to facilitate mutual support.

RWANDA**Shyogwe Diocese**

Mo 14. Pray for the success of Mothers' Union's income-generating projects such as a bakery production unit and tailoring workshop aimed at ensuring sustainability for the MU within the diocese.

Tu 15. Pray for the training of lay people who can assist in children's and youth work, and for parents that they may have the means to provide everything necessary for their children's education.

Kibungo Diocese

We 16. Pray for the three theological students being supported by Knockbreda Parish via CMSI in 2024-2025 at Uganda Christian University: Rev. Stanely MUSONERA (Nyabitare Parish), Rev. Sam

KAREMERA (Gashongora Parish), Jean Claude GATERA (Nyagatovu Parish).



Left to right Revs Jean Claude, Sam and Stanely

Th 17. Kibungo Diocese has been without a Cathedral since it was formed in 1993 but has recently decided to construct one. Please pray for God's provision, guidance and unity amongst believers for this major project.

ZAMBIA

St John's Seminary, Kitwe

Fr 18. Pray for the new intake of 1st year students at St John's Theological Seminary in Kitwe. Pray for the staff and tutors as they seek to mentor and train up future church leaders so they can disciple others in the Christian faith and teach God's word effectively.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Resources & initiatives

Sa 19. Today, two diocesan synods take place: Cashel, Ferns and Ossory; and Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe. Pray for the deliberations

at these events and for good connections with rectors and parishes for the CMSI staff attending.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 20. "I lift my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth".

Psalm 121: 1-2

As people gather in churches around the world today, may our eyes be fixed on God.

BURUNDI

The Guinness Family

Mo 21. Continue to remember Alison, her parents, sister-in-law, nephew and wider family circle as they continue to grieve the loss of her beloved brother, Andrew, back in March. Pray that through this painful tragedy that family members will be drawn to Christ.

Tu 22. The Guinness have many upcoming work meetings with Burundian colleagues and their new leaders in Africa Inland Mission's Central Region. Pray that these meetings would be fruitful.

TANZANIA

Kondoa

We 23. Derry and Raphoe synod takes place today where the new link with the Diocese of Kondoa in Tanzania will be launched. Give thanks for the visit of Bishop Given Gaula and ask God to bring great blessing to both dioceses as they learn together and support each other's ministries.

KENYA

Tujisaidie Self-Help Group

Th 24. Please pray for the Tujisaidie community, struggling with the aftermath of the El Niño floods, during which all households were affected and the Matimamu members lost their homes to demolitions. Pray for new energy and hope, and that families find new places in the neighbourhood.

Fr 25. Thank God for the new wing of the Tujisaidie School, supported by Misesan Cara. Please pray for the necessary accounts to be completed, so that a second-year grant can be accessed to furnish and equip the new classrooms in line with the new Kenyan curriculum.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Sa 26. Anne is busy preparing for CMSI's end of year accounts, ensuring the monthly figures and reports are up to date. Pray she will have dedicated work time to get everything ready for our accountants in preparation for the audit.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 27. "Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest; sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love".

- T. Chisholm (1923)

Let's praise God for his constancy today.

PROVINCE OF ALEXANDRIA

Mo 28. Thank God for the accreditation of the Alexandria School of Theology, which now includes the Nuba Mountain Bible Institute and St. Frumentius College, Gambella, Ethiopia. Pray for students to be prepared for missional ministry and to follow God's call to the nations.

Tu 29. The Diocese of Egypt continues to develop medical ministry through the Harper Memorial Hospitals at Menouf and Sadat City. As new government targets are introduced, pray that standards and accreditation required to continue caring for all sectors of the community are achieved.

We 30. Today, let's pray for Archbishop Samy as he leads the Province, and for Mina and Kristen who work hard in the partnership department to collaborate with partners like CMSI.

Th 31. Pray for young people across the Province of Alexandria who are seeking meaning in their lives. Pray especially for Rev Mina at Christ the King Parish, Alexandria, as he helps them find opportunities to build skills and ask questions about faith at the youth training projects.



Tujisaidie School classroom in new wing

November

GENERAL PRAYERS

CMSI Teams & Short-Term Experience Placements

Fr 1. Pray for the team from Drumbeg Parish as they visit our partners in the Province of Alexander for 1 week. Pray for God's leading as they build relationships, and that the team would be a source of encouragement and support to the various ministries they visit within the diocese.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Sa 2. Pray for Megan during this busy administrative season as she collates and sends out CMSI's annual disbursement letter to parishes around Ireland and prepares for the up-and-coming inMission and Prayer Diary mailing day at the end of November.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 3. As churches gather across Ireland and around the world today, pray in particular for CMSI link parishes who walk alongside our partners prayerfully and practically. Ask that God would be in these relationships and that learning together would bring about mutual flourishing.

KENYA

Isabelle Prondzynski

Mo 4. Thank God that Isabelle's house in Kenya was not severely damaged by the El Niño floods earlier this year. Please pray for the necessary repairs to be carried out once the house has dried out sufficiently.

CMSI MISSION PARTNERS

Tu 5. Pray for the Quills as they plan to have a mini break away from Ibba this month to reflect, relax and be refreshed.



Jebel Kujur from MAF guest house, Juba, where Andrew and Joanne stay

GENERAL PRAYERS

Events

We 6. Thank God for the opportunity to meet together online today. Pray for our partners, for those gathered and for the staff team as we listen, learn and talk with God together.

NEPAL

Human Development and Community Services

Th 7. Please pray for Rukum Hospital which has Government approval to become a 100-bed hospital, with 120 staff. As they treat low-income patients free of charge, please pray that Government Health Insurance funds will be forthcoming, as there are now severe cash-flow problems.

Fr 8. Please pray for the Kotjahari model farm, Rukum, as it recovers from the long unseasonal drought earlier this year. Ask the Lord for protection as the monsoon rains are forecast to be 50% more intense than usual.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Resources & initiatives

Sa 9. Pray for Emma as she travels to Portarlinton to conduct a workshop at the Nearthú Children and Families Ministry Conference today. Ask that those gathered would be enthused to engage with the global church and CMSI's resources.

Su 10. On this #remembranceday, pray for all those around the world caught up in conflict and violence. For individuals and groups seeking to establish peace and justice, ask God to give them strength and courage.

UGANDA

Mo 11. Pray for the government of Uganda, that God may reveal himself to those who make decisions, particularly legislation regarding the care of the most vulnerable within society. Pray for the Church to be a positive voice within communities, teaching God's word in and out of season.

CMSI FAMILY**Staff**

Tu 12. Jenny will attend the Church of Ireland Council for Mission meeting today. Praise God for the council's commitment to supporting global church visits which strengthen bonds of fraternity. "Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters". Hebrews 13:1

UGANDA**Madi West Nile Diocese**

We 13. Pray for the medical ministries managed by Madi West Nile Diocese, that in moments of greatest need all who are treated there will be comforted and find hope in Christ.

Th 14. MWN has a fresh strategy to help those who are living as refugees, not only in camps but also those living with extended family within the diocese. Pray for Bishop Collins, DS Nasser and Refugee Officer Mickey Ai'baku as they seek to support the most vulnerable in their community.

Children in Uganda

Fr 15. We are always greatly encouraged when a letter arrives informing of a legacy left to the society. Give thanks for all who have written a will in faith. Legacy giving is a vital part of CMSI's income and enables so much missional work through local churches across the world.

Luweero Diocese

Sa 16. Give thanks for the new appointment of Bishop Wilson and Rachel Kisekka as they head up the overall ministry in Luweero. Continue praying for the various ministries within the diocese,

including Apollo School, Kiwoko Hospital, The Esther Project and Christianity Explored.

DR CONGO

Su 17. There is ever growing tension and violence in Eastern Congo. If you are unable to join us to pray in person at Killyman Parish this afternoon, please spend some extended time praying for peace in DRC, and for our brothers and sisters who minister in such challenging circumstances.

North Kivu Diocese

Mo 18. Bishop Isesomo gives thanks for the successful completion of the National Conference of the Eglise Anglican du Congo (EAC) in Butembo during the summer. Pray for all those who are now back in their parishes seeking to live out the evangelism and discipleship strategies of the EAC.

Tu 19. Pray for Mama Mbambu and the children in the diocesan children's project. Pray that they will find a sense of safety which allows them to process their trauma, and that they will receive healing through a relationship with Christ.



Legacies support Shalom ministries. These Shalom folk are demonstrating creation care, cleaning the streets of Kotido enacting loving service, one of the 5 marks of mission



CMSI members supporting Marketplace

We 20. Pray for Bishop Martin, and Mama Claudaline (wife of the late Bishop Desire) who are both involved in a new venture of CMS Africa seeking out collaboration and support for discipleship in areas of conflict.

Th 21. Pray for the ongoing development of a new diocesan clinic in Goma for which we were able to secure Bishops' Appeal funding.

BURUNDI

Fr 22. Pray for the people of Bujumbura as they continue to recover from devastating floods overflowing from Lake Tanganyika, and for those living near the great lakes as this area is prone to conflict with the war in DR Congo and tensions in Rwanda.

CMSI FAMILY

CMSI Stars

Sa 23. We give thanks to God for our members, for their unwavering support and dedication through prayer, giving, attending events and raising up the profile of CMSI. Pray God's blessing over each and every one who considers themselves to be a part of the CMSI family.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 24. As people around the world gather today for worship, ask God to be especially close to those who are unable to meet with

others. Whether illness, persecution or conflict - may they feel part of God's global church family, joining in spirit if not in body.

CMSI FAMILY

Trustees

Mo 25. The Board of Trustees meet regularly to oversee the operations of CMSI. Give thanks for David Reynolds who serves as chair and the good relationships between the trustees and staff. Jenny greatly values the oversight and best practice assurance they offer.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Tu 26. Collaborative working is central to CMSI's strategic plan. Today the Mission Agencies Partnership big meeting takes place. Praise God for the wide range of ministries represented and ask him to envision us all for his kingdom work.

BURUNDI

Gitega Diocese

We 27. Pray for Rev Arsène Mafurebe and the people of St Mark's, as they work towards the holistic transformation of communities. Pray also for the dean and staff at Gitega Bible school as they seek to build up the next generation of well-equipped Christian leaders.

Th 28. Pray for the St Luke's Cathedral extension project in Gitega that has progressed to the roofing stage. Pray also for two deacons currently studying at Bujumbura Christian University - Edward and Antoine.

Matana Diocese

Fr 29. Pray for the Mothers' Union members in Matana whose crops were destroyed by heavy rain earlier this year, for the repair of schools and churches who were damaged by flooding.

Sa 30. (St Andrew's Day) Pray for the continuing construction of the new St Peter's Cathedral and other churches in Matana, and for Bishop Seth as he has to travel to Confirmation services while there is an extreme shortage of fuel in Burundi.



Save Life Ministries cassava harvest



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