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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this new edition of the USPG Prayer Diary.

Wherever and however you use it, thank you for standing with us and the global Church in prayer.

Along the way, you will read from church partners around the world also journeying in faith in the face of challenges. My prayer is that the stories and prayers within will deepen our faith, unite us as one body in Christ, and renew our commitment to justice and compassion.

On most Sundays, unless otherwise stated, we encourage you to read and meditate on the gospel lectionary reading as set out in The Revised Common Lectionary ©SPCK.

With every blessing,

Rachel Weller
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Front cover - A Gender Justice advocate leads a team meeting in Matero, Lusaka.

Inside cover - A song of praise at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Kanyama, Lusaka.

Read more on pages 12-15.

MEET OUR CONTRIBUTORS

This Prayer Diary could not exist without the thoughtful contributions and reflections from our partners around the world - some of whom are listed here. We are deeply thankful to them. Please do remember them as you pray.



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29 NOVEMBER – 5 DECEMBER

Brazil: *Radar Direitos Humanos* ("Human Rights Radar") is a podcast produced by the Anglican Diocese of Brasília to promote human rights and social justice amid environmental exploitation and land rights issues faced by marginalised groups, including Indigenous peoples.

In the face of such injustice, *Radar Direitos Humanos* creates a digital space for theologians, bishops, activists, writers, and people involved in social movements and organisations to share and to challenge listeners.

Following Brazil's presidential election in October, one episode offered a valuable opportunity to consider the relationship between faith and democracy. Another featured the Presbyterian politician Luis Sabanay, who explored the rise of religious fundamentalism and the role of evangelical churches in Brazilian politics.

Because of *Radar Direitos Humanos*, awareness of justice issues is now rising across the Anglican Diocese of Brasília. As the Revd Dr Rodrigo Espiúca, Anglican priest and lawyer, said, "democracy is built through listening and critical thinking. The podcast therefore provides space for Christians to consider what it means to being active, responsible citizens in pursuit of social justice."

PRAYERS

Sunday 29 November - First Sunday of Advent
Read and meditate on: Mark 13:24-end

Monday 30 November - Feast of St Andrew
Loving God, inspire us through St Andrew to follow Christ faithfully and share your love through service and compassion.

Tuesday 1 December - World AIDS Day Compassionate God, bless Casa A+ in Brazil as it supports people affected by HIV. We pray that stigma and discrimination is ended, and that dignity, care and hope is brought to all.

Wednesday 2 December Gracious God, bless the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, its clergy and congregations. Strengthen their witness and guide them as they share Christ's love.

Thursday 3 December Loving God, bless all who defend human rights in Brazil. Give them courage to speak truth and stand with those who are marginalised.

Friday 4 December God of peace, guide Brazil's leaders following the recent presidential election. May they serve with integrity, respect democracy, and work for the good of all.

Saturday 5 December Gracious God, thank you for the creativity that led to this podcast. May it be stewarded well to promote social justice and your kingdom.

6-12 DECEMBER

Gaza: The humanitarian and public health crisis in Gaza is no longer measured only by the immediate loss of life caused by the ongoing war, but by a deeper and increasingly 'silent crisis' which is unfolding.

People with chronic illnesses cannot access treatment, infectious diseases are spreading in overcrowded shelters, thousands are living with life-changing injuries, and an already devastated health system is struggling to provide essential services.



Over time, this is deepening poverty and creating a cycle of dependence on humanitarian assistance that could last for generations. This is why timely and effective emergency intervention is not only about saving lives today; it is also an investment in the future.

This week, let us pray together for our sisters and brothers in Palestine. As members of the Anglican Communion, we cannot look away from this 'silent crisis', and we can make a difference to those who are suffering.

By Sawsan Aranki-Batato,
Programmes Director, the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

PRAYERS

Sunday 6 December - Second Sunday of Advent
Read and meditate on: Mark 1:1-8

Monday 7 December Loving God, bring peace to the Holy Land, we pray. Protect civilians and guide all leaders towards towards lasting peace and a ceasefire.

Tuesday 8 December Compassionate Lord, strengthen the staff of Al Ali Arab Hospital as they care for the wounded and displaced. Provide the resources needed to continue the life-saving work.

Wednesday 9 December Healing God, bless the staff of St. Luke's Hospital in Nablus as they serve those in need. May every patient receive compassionate care, dignity, and hope.

Thursday 10 December - Human Rights Day Merciful God, comfort all affected by conflict and displacement. Uphold the human rights of all and provide safety, shelter and dignity for those in need.

Friday 11 December Gracious God, we thank you for USPG's partnership with the Diocese of Jerusalem. Strengthen this partnership so that together we may bring hope, healing, and compassion to vulnerable communities.

Saturday 12 December God of hope, guide the Diocese of Jerusalem as it continues to serve communities and build peace. Empower the clergy, youth, and church members to be instruments of your peace.

13-19 DECEMBER

Philippines: Advocacy for marginalised groups can take many forms. At an international gathering of Indigenous leaders, advocates, and theologians in Baguio City, hosted by USPG and partners, leaders made the historic decision to revise traditional forms of liturgy and worship to be more inclusive to Indigenous people groups.



Many Languages, One Prayer follows the familiar pattern of Evening Prayer, but brings Indigenous languages, relationships with the land, and calls for justice into its worship. Ilokano, Benguet Kankanaey and Ibaloi sit alongside English, welcoming different voices to the table into a shared prayer. The tone is both tender and challenging: the liturgy asks God to heal harm, protect Indigenous territories and waters, and help churches listen, share power and change.

Reflecting on Christ's humility and willingness to serve, the liturgy asks: "What privilege must I release? What truth must I no longer avoid?". In pursuit of peace and reconciliation, it reminds us that this journey can mean facing harsh truths, making amends and building just relationships.

The following daily prayers are extracts from the liturgy.

PRAYERS

Sunday 13 December - Third Sunday of Advent
Read and meditate on: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday 14 December God of many peoples, teach us to listen, honour and walk together. Free us from believing one culture or language is superior to another.

Tuesday 15 December Creator of life, heal the land and waters; strengthen those who protect them. Do not let poorer communities carry the cost of others' greed.

Wednesday 16 December God of justice, uphold the dignity and rights of Indigenous peoples. Help us turn our promises into faithful action.

Thursday 17 December Lord God, let no-one be ashamed of their language. Teach us to listen to elders and children, and to honour the wisdom of every generation.

Friday 18 December God of mercy, be near those who have been wounded or displaced. Give your Church courage to acknowledge harm, make amends, and change.

Saturday 19 December Spirit of truth, guide leaders and advocates. Give us wisdom and courage to share power, protect the vulnerable, and challenge harmful practices.

20-26 DECEMBER

Zambia: Zambia has one of the highest rates of gender-based violence (GBV) in the world. Nearly half of all women have experienced violence. But through of the work of the Zambian Anglican Council Outreach Programmes (ZACOP), lives broken by GBV are being turned around.

“As a case worker, I've seen many people subconsciously lock themselves up and fade away.” says Royter Choongo, National Gender Coordinator at ZACOP. “Why? Because they do not want to tell the family members what their spouse did to them. Everything just crushes down. GBV has a way of robbing you of your life.

“So, when people ask me, what has Jesus done? I say it's all a miracle. To begin to engage with the survivor, to bring them to talk and break the silence is not easy. Not everyone can do that, only with God.”



Royter with Susan, a survivor of GBV.

As we celebrate Christ’s birth this Christmas, join us as we walk alongside ZACOP in our shared journey to end gender-based violence.

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PRAYERS

Sunday 20 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent
Read and meditate on: Luke 1:26-38

Monday 21 December Lord, we lament the lives shattered by gender-based violence, the pain endured in silence, and the hope lost through trauma. Hear the cries of all who suffer.

Tuesday 22 December - Feast of St Thomas Loving God, draw near to every survivor struggling with doubt and despair. Give courage to speak, strength to heal, and wisdom to the ZACOP team who offer support.

Wednesday 23 December Lord Jesus, we thank you for the miracle of lives restored through your love and through the persistent care of Royter and the ZACOP team. Bless and keep them, we pray.

Thursday 24 December - Christmas Eve Heavenly Father, unite your Church across the world as we prepare to celebrate the light of Christ.

Friday 25 December - Christmas Day Loving God, we give thanks that you became incarnate and dwelt among us. We thank you for Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Saturday 26 December - Feast of St Stephen, the First Martyr Father God, as we bask in the joy of your miraculous arrival, may we remember at this time of year that many are lonely and suffering. Be near, we pray.

27 DECEMBER – 2 JANUARY

Zambia: In Matero, life can be difficult, but through faith in Jesus and support from the Gender Action Group, Mary* is finding hope again.

"Before joining the programme, I was happily married with two daughters. But when my husband got another woman pregnant, everything changed. He stopped supporting us and left me to care for my children and pay the rent. I washed people's clothes to earn money. It became so painful that I even thought about ending my life.

"Through the ZACOP programme, I received counselling, encouragement and financial support to develop my small business selling tomatoes, beans and other foodstuffs.

"I used to feel that Jesus was not there for me. I had no parents to lean on. But now I have Jesus. I can stand on my own and pray. I am ready to help other women and introduce them to Jesus, because He has helped me so much."



*Name changed

Give today: **christmas.uspg.org.uk**

PRAYERS

Sunday 27 December - Feast of St John, the Evangelist
Read and meditate on: John 21:19b-end

Monday 28 December - Feast of the Holy Innocents
Father, we lament the pain Mary* endured. We ask that you comfort all facing rejection and despair.

Tuesday 29 December Lord, we pray that attitudes that limit women and girls in Zambia will change, and open doors to education and opportunities for every girl to fulfil her potential.

Wednesday 30 December Lord, strengthen ZACOP as it supports women like Mary*. Surround your people with your love that others may see your power to transform.

Thursday 31 December Heavenly Father, empower Mary* to help other women and introduce them to Jesus.

Friday 1 January - New Year's Day / Naming and Circumcision of Jesus As we start a new year, we pray that we look to this year with hope for the future; free of fear and trusting in Christ.

Saturday 2 January Lord Jesus, as Mary* said, thank you that you are close to us by your Spirit and we can pray to you. Help us to never forget this precious truth.

3-9 JANUARY

Panama: How can our economies help build peace? This was a key question at a consultation in Panama City, convened by the World Council of Churches alongside ecumenical partners, including USPG.

Venetia Asare, USPG Programme Co-ordinator, shares: "It was special to meet people from different contexts, sharing stories and reflecting on how faith, economics, justice, and peace are deeply interwoven.

"A key message was that peace is inseparable from justice. Isaiah 32:17 reminds us that "the fruit of righteousness will be peace". This points to shalom: a peace rooted in right relationships, justice, dignity and care for God's creation.

"I was also struck by the Indigenous Guna understanding of Nabguana, seeing the earth as family rather than simply a resource. If creation is something we belong to, our choices matter: what we buy, where our money goes, and whose voices we listen to."

Building an economy of peace starts with us, by living more justly and allowing our faith to shape our choices.



PRAYERS

Sunday 3 January Read and meditate on John 1:10-18

Monday 4 January Lord God, help us recognise how low wages and unequal resources deepen injustice. Give us courage to challenge systems that deny people dignity and security.

Tuesday 5 January Creator God, guide us to use land, energy, and minerals responsibly. May economies protect creation and share resources fairly.

Wednesday 6 January - The Epiphany God of peace, help us see people and creation as gifts, not commodities. May your light guide us towards shalom, where all can flourish together.

Thursday 7 January God of justice, guide those making decisions about tax, debt, wages, and trade. May economic systems reduce inequality and uphold everyone's dignity.

Friday 8 January Father, strengthen your Church to speak out against economic injustice. Give us wisdom to support communities working for peace and fairness.

Saturday 9 January Sovereign Lord, guide our choices in what we buy, save, and invest. Give us eyes to see how to support fair livelihoods and responsible businesses.

10-16 JANUARY

Jordan: In a region marked by conflict and instability, young people from across the Episcopal Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East come together each year at the Provincial Youth Conference to strengthen connections and learn how to be agents of hope and change.

Shreyas, from St Martin's Anglican Church in Sharjah, UAE, discovered how listening can bring people together at the last conference in Amman, Jordan. "We come from so many different backgrounds and have so many different perspectives," he said. "But all of us can come together to make a difference for society."

Through the Difference Course, led by the Reconciling Leaders Network, participants explored how to "be present, be curious, and reimagine" their responses to the world around them.

In convening young people, we see God at work raising up the next generation of leaders, of advocates for peace and hope, and of champions of justice in the Anglican Communion.



The group took part in a special Eucharist service by the Jordan River, the site of Jesus' baptism.

PRAYERS

Sunday 10 January - First Sunday after the Epiphany / Baptism of Our Lord Heavenly Father, as at Jesus' baptism when you declared him your beloved Son, let your voice of love bring hope to this broken region. May your Spirit unite us in peace.

Monday 11 January Lord, we thank you for the young people across the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Strengthen their faith and guide them as they follow you.

Tuesday 12 January God of mercy, we grieve the suffering and loss caused by conflict across the Middle East. Hear the cries of those living in fear, we pray.

Wednesday 13 January Lord, bless the facilitators and participants of the RLN Difference course. Foster curiosity and patience as they build understanding across different cultures.

Thursday 14 January God of wisdom, encourage youth leaders such as Shreyas to apply their learning, listen with compassion and serve the children and young people in their care.

Friday 15 January Loving God, we thank you for Saba Kerry, a participant in the first youth leadership course, and rejoice in his ordination as a deacon. Fill him with your Spirit, we pray.

Saturday 16 January Lord God, bless the Clergy of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, USPG, and all who support the Provincial Youth Conference. May this work equip young people to share fully in the life and mission of the Church.

17-23 JANUARY

Disagreements: An extract from a Bible Study led by Dr Paulo Ueti, Theological Advisor USPG, and the Revd Canon Dr Stephen Spencer, at the Anglican Consultative Council-19 in Belfast last year.

Acts 15 reminds us that disagreement is not new to the Church. By this point, the Christian movement was spreading beyond its Jewish roots, as Gentiles responded to the good news and communities of believers emerged across the eastern Mediterranean. This raised a deeply important question: could Gentiles follow Jesus without first becoming Jewish and observing the law of Moses? For some, this was a matter of faithfulness to tradition; for others, it risked placing a barrier in the way of those whom God was welcoming.

The disagreement caused real tension, yet Paul and Barnabas did not walk away. Instead, they travelled to Jerusalem to discuss the question with the apostles and elders. The Church gathered to listen, debate and seek a way forward together. Acts 15 reminds us that disagreement need not mean the end of fellowship, but can become an opportunity for the Church to listen carefully, discern together and seek where God is at work.

PRAYERS

Sunday 17 January - Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Read and meditate on John 1:43-end

Monday 18 January Lord God, we give thanks that disagreement is not new to your people. Help us not to fear difference, but to meet it with patience, honesty, and love.

Tuesday 19 January Lord God, teach us to listen carefully to those with whom we disagree. Help us to hear their experiences and understand what lies behind their convictions.

Wednesday 20 January God of faithfulness, help us to treasure the traditions that have shaped us, while remaining open to the ways your Spirit may be doing a new thing among us.

Thursday 21 January God who welcomes all, open our eyes to those who may feel like outsiders. Help us recognise where you are already at work and hear the voices we might otherwise overlook.

Friday 22 January Holy Spirit, guide us when disagreement feels difficult and the way forward is uncertain. Give us wisdom to discern together, courage to reconsider, and humility to learn from one another.

Saturday 23 January God of the whole Church, keep us in fellowship when we disagree. May our differences not become barriers to your mission, but may we continue to seek together where you are leading us.

24-30 JANUARY

Philippines: Sis. Marianethel Sacil, an undergraduate theology student, took part in a USPG-facilitated exchange with the Episcopal Church in the Philippines and the Iglesia Filipina Independiente.

As a student at Aglipay Central Theological Seminary in Pangasinan, I did not expect to be part of an exchange to St Paul's Theological Seminary in Guimaras, around 500km away. You should truly 'expect the unexpected'!

After a long journey, two seminarians from St Paul's greeted us at the airport. We were deeply surprised by the warm welcome despite the rainy weather.

During my stay, I attended classes, preached, joined daily Eucharistic services (at 6am!) and evening worship. There was even an ordination service and a local fiesta. I was touched when students who spoke different regional languages chose to speak Filipino so I could understand and join their conversations.

My experience was an unexpected blessing and a sign of God's guidance. It strengthened my understanding that vocation is a journey of trust and obedience, and deepened my appreciation of Christian fellowship.

PRAYERS

Sunday 24 January - Third Sunday after the Epiphany / International Day of Education God of wisdom, thank you for the gift of education. May all have the opportunity to learn, grow and fulfil their potential.

Monday 25 January - Conversion of Paul Lord God, as you transformed Saul's life and called him to a new purpose, help us embrace change and trust where you lead us.

Tuesday 26 January Loving God, bless the Episcopal Church in the Philippines and the Iglesia Filipina Independiente in their shared commitment to Christian formation and advocacy.

Wednesday 27 January Lord God, bring peace to seminarians as they trust your guidance and grow in confidence on their vocational journey.

Thursday 28 January Heavenly Father, bless seminarians and teachers. Through prayer, study, worship and service, help future ministers grow to become more like Christ.

Friday 29 January Faithful God, thank you for USPG's long-standing commitment through the Asia Theological Accompaniment Programme. Continue to bless this work and grow your Church, we pray.

Saturday 30 January As the first month of the new year ends, we commit our lives to you, Lord and ask that you renew our hope and strengthen our faith.

31 JANUARY – 6 FEBRUARY

Nepal: The Revd Prem Tamang, Dean of Nepal, recalls God's faithfulness in times of disaster following the devastating floods in August 2026.

One moment in particular sticks out to me. While delivering relief supplies to Nuwakot, our church's Disaster Management Team met Dil Maya and her two friends, three elderly women who had travelled over 100km from Tanahun District to sell baskets. It was a routine journey for their business. They arrived one day before the flood struck the area. With roads and bridges destroyed, they were stranded without money or a way home. They did not know how they would safely get back to their families.

After hearing their situation, we decided to rescue them. We brought them safely to Kathmandu and arranged onward travel. Seeing the happiness on their faces brought great joy and peace to our hearts. This experience reminded the team and I that God sees those who are in crisis and He hears their prayers. God can provide help through His people at the right time.



Helping our brothers and sisters in their time of trouble is more than humanitarian work, it is also an act of worship to the Lord.

PRAYERS

Sunday 31 January - Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
In light of Revd Prem's reflection, read and meditate on Matthew 25:40

Monday 1 February Dear God, be close to all those affected by the floods in Nepal, especially families who have lost loved ones, homes, belongings, and livelihoods.

Tuesday 2 February - Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Loving God, we pray for your Church in Nepal. Strengthen its faith, guide its leaders, and equip its communities to shine your light.

Wednesday 3 February Dear God, we remember all who went missing or lost their lives in the floods. May their loved ones find peace and strength each day.

Thursday 4 February Dear God, help restore roads and bridges damaged by the floods. Make a safe way for communities to rebuild their lives and be connected.

Friday 5 February Faithful God, bless all relief workers, volunteers, armed forces and local organisations who continue to support affected communities. Renew their strength and guide their long-term work of recovery.

Saturday 6 February Lord, we give you all glory and thanks for protecting Dil Maya and her two friends. Bless them and the Anglican Disaster Management Team, we pray.

7-13 FEBRUARY

UK: The Revd Dr Harriet Harris MBE, Principal of Ripon College Cuddesdon, Oxford, on the role of chaplaincies.

When I go cycling I sometimes pass a farm with a board outside saying 'Growing great vegetables'. I would love a strapline like that for the chaplaincy. Could we say in just a few words what chaplaincy is and does?

The word 'chaplaincy' is often related to the story of the cape of St Martin of Tours. While serving Rome as a soldier, Martin cut his military coat in half to share with a beggar. That night, he dreamed that Christ was wearing the half-cloak. The half Martin kept became a relic housed in a sanctuary named capella, after the cape, giving us the words 'chapel', 'chaplain' and 'chaplaincy'.

This story gives chaplaincy a heritage of social justice, advocacy, hospitality and protection, all of which chaplains feel are part of what they provide, alongside a listening ear, faith or belief guidance and practice, and raising the religious literacy of institutions.

There is a raw-edge, coal-face element to chaplaincy, as people bring chaplains things they might not share with friends, colleagues, or parish priests. Non-judgemental listening, discretion, and accompaniment are our everyday provision.

Perhaps, as a former student suggested, the strapline should be: 'We are for everyone'.

PRAYERS

Sunday 7 February — Transfiguration Sunday
Read and meditate on Mark 9:2-9

Monday 8 February Loving God, give courage to those who are struggling and help them cross the threshold to seek a conversation with a chaplain. May they find a listening ear, understanding, and hope.

Tuesday 9 February God of compassion, give chaplains wisdom, resilience, and grace as they accompany people through difficult times.

Wednesday 10 February — Ash Wednesday As we enter the Holy season of Lent, we pray: Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord. (©Church of England)

Thursday 11 February God of wisdom, bless theological colleges and all teaching staff. Nurture their gifts and prepare them to serve with compassion, humility, and understanding.

Friday 12 February God of justice, guide institutions and workplaces to recognise the value of chaplaincy. Open hearts and minds to the support it offers, fostering communities where everyone feels heard and valued.

Saturday 13 February Loving God, bless all who offer, and receive chaplaincy. May its spirit of hospitality, listening and care help people of every faith and none, find hope.

14-20 FEBRUARY

Canada: Former Archbishop Linda Nicholls on the key characteristic that makes a good leader.

My formation as a Christian has deepened most through encountering those who are not like me. Moments of surprise, anger, or frustration remind me to listen first, learn from the gifts others bring, and find strength together in humility.

In my first vocation as a teacher, I lived in India and was confronted daily with assumptions and expectations formed in a North American culture of prosperity and entitlement. These needed adjusting in the face of poverty, colonial legacies, complex social discrimination, and daily challenges around water quality and availability.

When I became bishop of a diocese with Indigenous Anglican parishes, I began a continuing journey of decolonisation as they taught me how God has always been present with them. Their respect for the community, listening to all voices, and finding resilience and hope in ancestral stories and the land illuminate my baptismal promises in new ways.

When asked what characteristic in ministry is most valuable, I reply, 'self-awareness'. Seeing ourselves through others' eyes helps us discover what it means to love our neighbour as ourselves and be one in Christ. Humble listening and learning to recognise Christ in all people are essential to our vocation.

PRAYERS

Sunday 14 February - First Sunday in Lent Read and meditate on Mark 1:9-15

Monday 15 February - USPG Founder's Day We pray for the work of USPG on the day that we remember our founder, Thomas Bray. May we look back with open minds to discover new insights to inform the path we tread.

Tuesday 16 February Lord, we pray for the Anglican Church of Canada and its commitment to decolonisation. Give wisdom, humility, and courage to all.

Wednesday 17 February Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. Show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life.

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Thursday 18 February God of reconciliation, bless the Anglican Church in Canada's continuing journey with Indigenous people groups. May it be marked by truth, healing, respect, and trust.

Friday 19 February Holy Spirit, guide the development of the Sacred Circle, an Indigenous expression of Anglican faith and witness. May it enrich and strengthen the whole Church.

Saturday 20 February God of love, deepen our understanding of diversity and inclusion. Help us to listen, learn, and build a Church where all are welcomed and valued.

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A snapshot of the regions we're praying for in this edition:



21-27 FEBRUARY

Brazil: In the Diocese of the Southwest, Cristina Martins de Carvalho and fellow church members are finding small, but mighty ways to reduce waste.

"Taking part in the *Roots of the Future* course deepened my understanding that environmental care is an essential part of our Christian mission. Through the Union of Anglican Episcopal Women of Brazil, we brought together local initiatives to put this belief into practice.



"At Nazareno Church in Santana do Livramento, we encouraged people to swap disposable plastic cups for reusable mugs. We also established selective waste collection points in parishes and collected empty medication blister packs for specialist recycling.

"Getting these materials to the right facilities presented a challenge, as recycling services are not available in every municipality. A valuable step forward came when a transport company offered to do it for free.

"These efforts show how local action and partnerships can make environmental care possible. For us, protecting creation is a practical expression of faith and a responsibility we share as Christians."

PRAYERS

Sunday 21 February - Second Sunday in Lent / International Mother Language Day Read and meditate on Mark 8:31-end. If you speak another language, why not try reading a translation!

Monday 22 February Lord God, we thank you for the *Roots of the Future* course as it equips Anglican churches in Brazil and beyond to develop practical environmental projects and tackle climate injustice.

Tuesday 23 February Lord God, bless Anglican churches in the Diocese of the Southwest as they reduce plastic waste and organise recycling. Encourage all involved that small acts make a difference too.

Wednesday 24 February God of life, protect the rivers of Rio Grande do Sul from pollution and ensure clean water for future generations.

Thursday 25 February God of compassion, support Brazilian communities affected by floods and strengthen efforts to prevent future disasters.

Friday 26 February Father, may these efforts inspire others in the Church and wider community to get involved and share your love and care for all creation.

Saturday 27 February Creator God, protect Brazil's biodiverse landscape, from the Amazon to the Pampa. Strengthen all who work to preserve wildlife and restore the natural world.

28 FEBRUARY – 6 MARCH

Portugal: It's estimated that over 30,000 migrants entered Portugal in 2025, most of whom arrive seeking a better life. But issues including economic pressures and a shortage of homes can make it difficult for new arrivals to settle in.

Nivia, team lead at the Maria de Magdala Mission, a ministry of the Lusitanian Church, accompanies migrants, offering practical, pastoral, and community support as they navigate social and economic barriers.



Lucero and her family left Colombia because of violence, seeking a safer and better life in Portugal. Instead, they encountered new challenges: insecure work, immigration documentation, serious health problems and the daily struggle to afford food and rent.

The Maria de Magdala Mission provided practical support at crucial moments. A lawyer accompanied Lucero's daughter to an appointment with Portugal's immigration authorities, helping her secure residency.

Despite securing residency, struggles to find permanent work remain. In spite of this, Lucero says, "We have been greatly blessed by [Nivia's] support, and we are grateful for the relief the centre has provided".

PRAYERS

Sunday 28 February - Third Sunday in Lent
Read and meditate on John 2:13-22

Monday 1 March - St David's Day Lord, we give thanks for the Church in Wales and praise you for the life and legacy of St David.

Tuesday 2 March Loving God, be close to migrants in Portugal seeking safety and a place to call home. Give them hope, security, and a sense of belonging.

Wednesday 3 March God of justice, guide migrants through what can be a scary immigration process. May they receive the support and guidance they need to secure residency and build stable lives.

Thursday 4 March Compassionate God, comfort those facing serious illness far from home, and strengthen families supporting loved ones through difficult times.

Friday 5 March Faithful God, provide for families struggling to find secure work and afford food and rent. May they find stability, dignity and hope for the future.

Saturday 6 March Loving God, bless Nivia, the Maria de Magdala Mission team, and the Lusitanian Church. Strengthen them as they offer practical help, pastoral care, and welcome to those in need.

7-13 MARCH

Tanzania: Every child deserves the chance to begin life healthy.

Farida, a mother from a village in Manyoni District, faced significant barriers during her first pregnancy. The long and expensive journey to the nearest health centre meant she missed regular antenatal care and HIV testing.

“I kept asking myself whether things could have been different if I had known my status earlier.” she recalls.

Years later, it happened that the Anglican Church of Tanzania had expanded its healthcare work closer to her village. Through community outreach, Farida accessed HIV testing, counselling and support, and was given treatment over another pregnancy.

“The biggest change for me has been learning about HIV and how to prevent mothers from passing it on to their babies, something I knew very little about growing up.” Farida explains.

This new-found confidence has made Farida a leader in her community as she now shares her knowledge with others, becoming a trusted source of advice.



PRAYERS

Sunday 7 March - Fourth Sunday in Lent / Mothering Sunday Read and meditate on Colossians 3:12-17 and praise God for someone who has modelled motherly love in your life.

Monday 8 March - International Women’s Day Lord Jesus, thank you for the dignity, strength, and gifts of women. We commit today, by your grace, to help build a world where every woman and girl can live safely and flourish.

Tuesday 9 March Lord, we pray for mothers like Farida who travel long distances for HIV treatment and maternal healthcare. Fill them with your hope.

Wednesday 10 March Loving God, protect mothers living with HIV. May each receive the care needed to give every baby the best chance of an HIV-free start to life.

Thursday 11 March Loving God, protect mothers living with HIV. May each receive the care needed to give every baby the best chance of an HIV-free start to life.

Friday 12 March Heavenly Father, replace fear and shame with courage in men reluctant to know or disclose their HIV status. Restore trust between spouses and help couples support one another.

Saturday 13 March Gracious God, we thank you for the Anglican Church of Tanzania, its dioceses and clergy. Bless all who serve and fill them with your Spirit.

14-20 MARCH

Zimbabwe: Climate change is increasingly impacting Zimbabwe through rising temperatures, recurring droughts, and shifting rainfall patterns. The Anglican Women's Fellowship (AWF) is encouraging women across the province such as Thembelani to care for God's creation and find practical ways to respond to climate change.



"My name is Thembelani, and I have been involved in church activities since childhood. Through my work with AWF, I have become an influential voice within my guild and community, and developed a strong conviction that climate change is both real and an urgent priority.

"Together, we are leading by example. As the AWF, we purchased a water dispenser for the diocese, helping to reduce plastic use by buying water in bulk. We have also encouraged others to join us in caring for our environment.

"My peers' support and shared passion have kept me motivated. It hasn't always been easy, especially when we don't have the resources to reach people in remote communities. But I'm determined to keep going and do what I can to help create a healthier environment for everyone."

PRAYERS

Sunday 14 March - Fifth Sunday in Lent Read and meditate on John 12:20-33

Monday 15 March Creator God, bless Anglican Women's Fellowship members like Thembelani and inspire us with their example to make changes, however small, to care for your world.

Tuesday 16 March Father, bless the Anglican Church of Central Africa, the Indian Ocean, and Tanzania in a joint effort to tackle climate change. Guide the leaders and advocates to promote sustainable waste practices and climate justice.

Wednesday 17 March Loving God, thank you for young climate advocates. Give them confidence, support and opportunities to make their voices heard and shape a more sustainable future.

Thursday 18 March Creator God, guide us to act responsibly and stand alongside those most affected by climate change.

Friday 19 March - Feast of Saint Joseph Today, we pray for husbands and fathers. Lord, give them the same compassion and steadfastness of Joseph that they may know courage and joy in the face of challenge.

Saturday 20 March - Earth Hour Merciful God, forgive us when we neglect your creation, waste its gifts and fail to care for our neighbours. Help us to take new steps forward.

21-27 MARCH

Barbados: At Society Plantation, students are learning to uncover the traces of lives hidden beneath the soil, helping to honour the memory of people who were enslaved on the Codrington estates.

Twenty students from Barbados Community College recently spent two weeks investigating the land around Codrington College. Using ground-penetrating radar, LiDAR and drones with infrared sensors, they mapped features beneath the ground before moving into the fields to investigate potential archaeological discoveries. They marked out test pits, excavated carefully and recorded and processed artefacts, learning how scientific research can help recover neglected histories.

The work carries a deeper significance. From 1710, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, USPG's predecessor, owned the Codrington estates, where hundreds of enslaved African people were forced to labour. Today, uncovering their stories and identifying ancestral burial places are essential steps towards acknowledging this painful past.



As students gain these skills, they are helping ensure that those whose lives shaped Barbados are remembered, not forgotten.

Find out more:
www.codringtonproject.org

PRAYERS

Sunday 21 March - Palm Sunday / International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
Read and meditate on Mark 11:1-11

Monday 22 March God of justice, help us remember the lives of those enslaved on the Codrington estates as people loved and known by you.

Tuesday 23 March God of wisdom, bless the students and researchers at the archaeological school. Guide their work as they uncover hidden histories and help us understand the past.

Wednesday 24 March God of compassion, we lament the suffering and injustice endured in Barbados and beyond. Give us courage to face this painful history honestly and work towards healing and reconciliation.

Thursday 25 March - Maundy Thursday My Lord and my God, who for love of the world gave us the eucharistic mystery, teach us to see you in broken bread and outpoured wine, and so to recognise you in the faces of those neglected by society.

Friday 26 March - Good Friday Oh suffering Saviour, we lament the weight of our sin you bore. Remind us of the depths of your love for us.

Saturday 27 March God of truth, may this work restore dignity to those denied it and inspire future generations to pursue justice and remembrance.

28 MARCH – 3 APRIL

Philippines: The land of Oriental Mindoro, an island in the Philippines, is home to the Indigenous Mangyan community. But livelihoods are under threat as the government may take the land to build a military camp amid wider tensions with armed insurgent groups.

Popoy is a young gardener and caretaker in Mindoro where he lives with his wife and young daughter. Through the Abundant Life and Care for Creation programme, supported by the Iglesia Filipina Independiente and USPG, Popoy tends farmland and grows sweet potatoes, cassava and coconuts which provide him with an income.



The political situation in this part of the island has got more tense in recent months. “Sometimes it’s too much and he has almost given up.” explains Deacon Sharon.

Even when all seems lost, we believe in a God who sees and can work miracles into everyday lives. This Easter we celebrate that Jesus never gives up, and we pray for divine intervention for Popoy and his community.

Stand with the Mangyan people and give today:
lent.uspg.org.uk

PRAYERS

Sunday 28 March – Easter Sunday
Read and rejoice at Mark 16:1-8
Risen Jesus, thank you for bringing hope when all seems lost. Help us to trust that you never give up on us.

Monday 29 March Loving God, be close to Popoy and his family in their uncertainty. Give them strength to keep going and hope for the future.

Tuesday 30 March - International Day of Zero Waste
Creator God, thank you for the gifts of the earth. Help us to waste less, use what we have wisely and care for your creation.

Wednesday 31 March God of justice, protect Indigenous Mangyan communities and their homes. Help them to live in safety, dignity and peace.

Thursday 1 April God of compassion, bless all who work alongside communities facing hardship. Give them strength and wisdom to help others build a better future.

Friday 2 April Jesus, be near to all who feel overwhelmed and ready to give up. Remind them that they are not alone and that your love never fails.

Saturday 3 April God of new life, help us to nurture hope wherever we can. May our words and actions help others flourish and bring new growth to the world.

4-10 APRIL

Safe Water: Water blesses, cleanses, and sanctifies in rituals across the world's faith traditions. It is the singular symbol religions share.

But do we honour water when it is a leading cause of disease, malnutrition, and childhood death?

In thousands of healthcare facilities, pregnant women must bring their own water as they bring new life into the world. Millions of women and girls are at risk on deserted paths, as the weight of hauling water crushes their bodies and futures. Without safe water, the cycle of poverty endures.

When Jesus said, "I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink" (Matthew 25:35), water was no luxury; it was life itself. That's no less true today.

Faith-based organisations bring food to the hungry. We must bring water to the thirsty, too. As the Anglican Communion works to increase access to safe water in schools and healthcare facilities in need, it blesses not only water in prayer, it blesses the child who thirsts.

By Susan K Barnett - Founder, Faiths for Safe Water

PRAYERS

Sunday 4 April - Second Sunday of Easter
Read and meditate on John 20:19-end

Monday 5 April - Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary Lord, we pray for a greater wonder as we follow you. Like Mary, may we embrace unexpected events and trust in your sovereign plan.

Tuesday 6 April Lord Jesus, forgive us when we take water for granted. Open our hearts to its preciousness and guide us to protect this gift for all.

Wednesday 7 April - World Health Day Lord God, may every school and healthcare facility have access to safe water, protecting children from disease and helping communities flourish.

Thursday 8 April Lord Jesus, we lament mothers giving birth without safe water and girls carrying heavy buckets to collect it. Transform and heal these injustices, we pray.

Friday 9 April Jesus Christ, you call us to give drink to the thirsty. Encourage churches and faith-based organisations to bring safe water to those who need it most.

Saturday 10 April Gracious God, we pray for the Anglican Communion and all working to improve access to safe water.

11-17 APRIL

North India: In Jharkhand, women's voices are being heard and are helping to shape key community-wide decisions.

Traditionally, women were excluded from Gram Sabha (village council) meetings. Only one male representative from each family attended, while women were excluded from participating in discussions that directly affected their lives. On top of this, issues heavily affecting women including domestic violence were often dismissed as private family matters that did not necessitate community-wide action.

For the past eight to ten years, the Church of North India (CNI), through its Synodical Board of Social Services (SBSS), has supported women and men in Jharkhand through workshops to build awareness of fundamental rights and empowering women to speak up and claim their rights.

Around 15-20 women now attend the weekly community meetings and are encouraged to participate in discussions. The establishment of eight committees within the Gram Sabha, explicitly including women, ensures that their perspectives are integrated into into the decision-making process.

The Gram Sabha, in turn, has begun to give these matters the attention they deserve.



PRAYERS

Sunday 11 April - Third Sunday of Easter
Read and meditate on Luke 24:36b-48

Monday 12 April Loving God, guide and strengthen the new Chief Coordinator and the programme team of CNI SBSS. Grant them wisdom and courage to serve the community effectively.

Tuesday 13 April Lord God, nurture tolerance and peaceful coexistence across India. Guide leaders to act with wisdom, compassion, and justice.

Wednesday 14 April Creator God, remember those working in the fields amid difficult weather and crop failures. Grant favourable conditions and protect their livelihoods.

Thursday 15 April Lord, teach us to approach one another with humility and respect. Challenge attitudes that silence women, and help women and men work together so every voice is heard and valued.

Friday 16 April Gracious God, bless the Church of North India's Synodical Board of Social Services. Strengthen all who serve to challenge inequality and build just, inclusive communities.

Saturday 17 April Gracious God, we thank you for USPG's long-standing partnership with the Church of North India. Bless this shared ministry as it promotes justice, empowers communities, and brings hope to those in need.

18-24 APRIL

Madagascar: The Rt Revd Dr Razafindralambo Samitiana Jhonson, Bishop of Toliara, on walking alongside one another to create change.

As a Christian and a bishop, I believe the Church must be present with people, listen to their problems, and share responsibility for the communities in which they live. Both the saying and walking are important. People want to see not just what their leaders say, but also their commitment.



In Makati, ten kilometres from Toliara, we have seen a very positive change. This is a very poor community where people often eat sweet potatoes and throw away the skins because they do not know how to reuse them. They have now decided to meet with the local authority and organise a communal dustbin. This has also led to rubbish collections and making compost.

For me, this is an example of how change is possible when we work with people. The church cannot remain within its four walls. We must go outside to be with people and help them understand their community, family, and individual responsibilities. Through the restoration we have in Jesus Christ, the spirit of love and care can bring change in what we do.

PRAYERS

Sunday 18 April - Fourth Sunday of Easter
Read and meditate on John 10:11-18

Monday 19 April Gracious God, we pray for the Anglican Church of the Indian Ocean and Bishop Razafindralambo Samitiana Jhonson as they live to serve you.

Tuesday 20 April Loving God, help the Church to go beyond its walls, listen to people's needs, and share in their struggles through the love of Jesus Christ.

Wednesday 21 April God of compassion, inspire communities and local authorities in Madagascar to work together, share responsibility and bring positive change.

Thursday 22 April - Earth Day Lord God, teach us to care for your creation by reducing waste, reusing resources, and protecting the environment.

Friday 23 April - The Feast of Saint George Faithful God, give us courage to stand alongside those in need and put our faith into action through love and service.

Saturday 24 April Loving God, we thank you for the positive changes in Makati, Madagascar. Bless all who work together to manage waste and work towards cleaner communities.

25 APRIL – 1 MAY

UK: The rise of Christian nationalism raises difficult questions about faith, belonging, and how Christians should respond to growing political division.

We are in a crisis of agency: people feel subject to forces beyond their control, with decisions taken elsewhere about us, without us. We are told to optimise our lives and that we can achieve anything, yet this can lead to exhaustion, distraction, anxiety, resentment, and rage.

Authoritarian figures promise to restore control and order, but direct anger towards scapegoats rather than addressing the underlying political economy and systemic injustice.

There are lessons from struggles against slavery, industrial capitalism, Jim Crow, and apartheid. These involved organising people, building networks of trust, creating unions and cooperatives, and restoring agency.

We need to ask people what they love and what they feel they are losing. Grief can become grievance. The challenge is the soul stretching but soul magnifying work of being faithful, hopeful, and loving people: answering despair with hope, suspicion with trust, and a culture that has given up caring with love.

By Luke Bretherton - Regius Professor of Moral and Pastoral Theology at the University of Oxford, as featured at Greenbelt Festival 2025.

PRAYERS

Sunday 25 April - Fifth Sunday of Easter / Feast of Saint Mark Read and meditate on John 15:1-8

Monday 26 April Gracious God, protect refugees and asylum seekers amid changes to UK asylum policy. Guide our leaders to uphold human dignity, justice, and compassion.

Tuesday 27 April God of justice, remember families struggling with rising living costs. Inspire our leaders and communities to address poverty and inequality.

Wednesday 28 April Merciful God, amid political division and hostile rhetoric about immigration, help us resist scapegoating and recognise the humanity of every person.

Thursday 29 April God of hope, remind us that none of us is alone, that we all have gifts to share, and that small acts of kindness can bring us closer together.

Friday 30 April Loving God, help us answer despair with hope and suspicion with trust, in a culture that sometimes feels to have given up caring with love.

Saturday 1 May - Feast of Saints Philip and James Faithful God, inspired by Saint Philip's invitation to others to "come and see", help us welcome others to find life in you.

2-8 MAY

South Asia: Young Christians gathered for the South Asia Christian Youth Network in the hills of Nepal to explore how faith motivates them to care for God's creation, taking home fresh ideas and a renewed sense of responsibility.



Under the theme *Created Wonder and Called to Care*, the gathering brought together young people from different churches and countries. For Beriyl Yeshamala, from the Church of South India's Karnataka Northern Diocese, the experience prompted a fresh appreciation of the natural world: "I understand more now that I am the creation of God, and so is everything around me."

The Revd Abel Punnoose, from Kerala, took away a personal commitment to action. "Creation care, first of all, starts with me," he said, resolving to make lifestyle changes and include more creation care in his sermons.

For USPG's Nadia Sanchez, Regional Programme Co-ordinator for Asia, the visit was also an opportunity to strengthen relationships with church leaders and young people. Supporting this network reflects USPG's commitment to ecumenical partnership, listening to young Christians and building connections that can turn shared faith into practical action for creation.

PRAYERS

Sunday 2 May - Sixth Sunday of Easter
Read and meditate on John 15:9-17

Monday 3 May Lord God, thank you for each participant in the South Asia Christian Youth Network gathering in Nepal. Please grow their knowledge of you.

Tuesday 4 May Creator God, open our eyes to the wonder of your world. Help us recognise that we are part of your creation and share responsibility for protecting it.

Wednesday 5 May Gracious God, inspire us to make practical changes in our daily lives and church communities to reduce waste, protect nature and care for the environment.

Thursday 6 May - Ascension Day Holy Father, as you raised your Son to heaven, may we rejoice in the knowledge that we will one day be raised with Him too.

Friday 7 May God of unity, bless USPG, the South Asia Christian Youth Network, and our church partners across the region. Deepen our relationships and help us turn shared faith into action for creation.

Saturday 8 May Lord God, we pray for young Christians to grow deeper in love for you that they may see and appreciate more fully your goodness.

9-15 MAY

Angola and Mozambique: There is something special about meeting other Anglicans from across the world, especially when you both speak the same language...and it's not English!

"It was a real honour for me to be a part of the Youth Advisory Council in Luanda" says Caio, pictured in the middle in white, a staff member at the Anglican Cathedral in Brasilia.



"Representing Brazil alongside Nelson from the Lusitanian Church in Portugal, I got to meet church leaders and young people from across Angola and Mozambique. Together, we shared experiences of what church is like, youth ministry, and how the Church can be a prophetic voice and respond to current, ongoing issues like gender-based violence. Thanks to USPG for facilitating this opportunity.

"As someone who loves hymns, singing familiar favourites with Christians from another part of the world was a real joy. Sharing Communion was equally special and reminded me that we are united as Christ's Church around one table.

"I left encouraged by the friendships formed and the possibilities of working together across our Lusophone Anglican family."

PRAYERS

Sunday 9 May - Seventh Sunday of Easter / International Mother's Day Read and meditate on John 17:6-19

Monday 10 May Lord God, we thank you so much for the opportunity for Caio and Nelsen and the youth council in Angola and Mozambique to come together and build lasting friendships.

Tuesday 11 May Lord, fill Archbishop Vicente Msosa, Bishop Filomena Teta, and all leaders of your Church in Angola and Mozambique with your love. Strengthen them with wisdom, courage, and compassion.

Wednesday 12 May Loving God, bless young people across the Lusophone Anglican network to share their gifts and strengthen the life of the Church.

Thursday 13 May Lord, strengthen the bonds formed in Luanda so that the Lusophone Network may work more closely together to "act justly and love mercy" (Micah 6:8).

Friday 14 May - Feast of Saint Matthias Lord God, we humble ourselves in your presence. Imprint your character on our hearts so that we may love as you do.

Saturday 15 May - International Day of Families Thank you, Lord Jesus, for the worldwide family of believers. Grow your church, we pray, that more may come to know of your saving grace.

16-22 MAY

Pentecost: In recent years, we have begun to talk about the 'attention economy'. It operates at many levels, from the current US president's use of social media to habitual, endless doomscrolling.

To whom or what we pay, or *give*, our attention matters. It matters a great deal. Paying attention lies at the heart of what it means to be a Christian community. We see this right at the very birth of the Church, at Pentecost: On that day people gathered from across many nations in Jerusalem where they *hear* the disciples proclaiming the story of Jesus and the radical message for what it meant to live as a diverse, egalitarian community.

Pentecost is not just about speaking, it is about attending, not just about tongues, but also - eyes and ears. This quality of attention is especially important in bridging the gap between people, when there is significant difference in life experience, power, culture or context.

By The Revd Canon Dr Duncan Dormor,
General Secretary of USPG

PRAYERS

Sunday 16 May - Pentecost "I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord." Psalm 104:33-34

Monday 17 May Holy Spirit, we're sorry for when we distract ourselves and our attention is turned from you. Help us to be attentive to your presence and to reorient our hearts towards you.

Tuesday 18 May God of all people, open our eyes to those whose voices are too often unheard. Help us to listen with patience and compassion.

Wednesday 19 May Heavenly Father, give us the courage to listen to people whose experiences differ from our own. May we seek understanding rather than rush to judgement.

Thursday 20 May Lord God, free us from the noise and distractions that crowd our minds. Make space in our hearts to hear your voice.

Friday 21 May Lord God, help us to recognise the gifts and wisdom that others bring. May our differences draw us closer together, not drive us apart.

Saturday 22 May Holy Spirit, renew in us the spirit of Pentecost and the glorious truth that we are one in Christ.

23-29 MAY

Global Theology: Akanksha Samuel, Assistant Professor at Allahabad Bible Seminary in Uttar Pradesh, North India, shares an update on her grant-funded research.



I am currently pursuing a PhD at the Queen's Foundation, Birmingham, UK, in partnership with the School of Religion and Theology at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

My research, titled "Myth and Ritual as Instruments of Inner Reconstitution: An Interdisciplinary Reading of Ezekiel 40-48," explores how Ezekiel's vision of the restored temple offered hope, renewed identity, and a vision of order to a community experiencing displacement and loss. Through this study, I hope to contribute to biblical scholarship and the life and ministry of the Church, particularly in the Indian context. Thanks to USPG's recommendation, the generous grant I received from the St Augustine Foundation has been a tremendous blessing. It has made it possible for me to pursue this doctoral journey and eases the financial burden of higher education while I continue to care for my two daughters.

As an Anglican woman, theological educator, and mother, I am deeply grateful for this support, which strengthens not only my academic vocation but also my commitment to serve the Church through teaching, research, and ministry. I pray that this opportunity will equip me to contribute meaningfully to theological education and the wider mission of the Church in India.

Start your journey: **uspg.org.uk/feast**

PRAYERS

Sunday 23 May - Trinity Sunday Read and meditate on John 3:1-17

Monday 24 May Loving God, we thank you for the St Augustine Foundation and the way you have opened doors to make this research possible.

Tuesday 25 May Faithful God, strengthen Akanksha as she balances her studies, ministry, and motherhood. Grant her wisdom and perseverance.

Wednesday 26 May God of wisdom, bless the teaching staff at Queen's Foundation and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, and all who support Akanksha's theological journey.

Thursday 27 May Lord, strengthen theological education around the world, equipping students and teachers to serve their communities with wisdom, faith and compassion.

Friday 28 May Loving God, bless USPG's Fellowship of Anglican Scholars of Theology (FeAST) network. May this exchange enrich theological learning, nurture global connections, and strengthen the Church's mission.

Saturday 29 May Lord God, may this research reveal how faith can bring hope, renew identity and offer a sense of order to communities experiencing displacement and loss, particularly in the Church in India today.



Popoy and his wife face an uncertain future on their land in Oriental Mindoro.

Read more on pages 42 and 43.



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