



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: Partner visit to Kindu, DR Congo

March

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Sa 1. Give thanks for the safe arrival of Megan's 2nd daughter, Florence. Pray for the Tottens as they adjust to this beautiful addition to their family.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 2. *"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?*

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God". (Micah 6:8)

Ask God to help you step out in loving service today.

DR CONGO

Kindu Diocese

Mo 3. The recent synod of the Eglise Anglican du Congo (EAC) decided: "To mobilise the necessary resources for evangelism to grow the church from 300,000 to 1 million in the next 5 years." Pray for the Spirit's power to work as the church prioritises evangelism.

Tu 4. Pray for Archbishop Emeritus Masimango and his wife Naomie. Often travelling internationally, pray that his experience and wisdom will be of help to the global church.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Events

We 5. As we start on our annual Lenten journey together, pray for the children and young people who will engage with our new teaching resource, 'Fair Play', over the next 40 days. Pray too for those who will be meeting online for prayer with us today.

DR CONGO

Th 6. The President of Rwanda has withdrawn from the Luanda peace-process and is demanding that the Congolese government negotiate with the rebels. President Tshisekedi has repeatedly said this is a red line for DRC. Pray for the various actors who have the power to influence peace in DRC.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Fr 7. Give thanks for Anne, CMSI's longest serving staff member, faithfully serving in our finance department for almost 40 years. She is also celebrating a significant birthday today and would value prayer for ongoing stamina, strength and good health for herself and family members.

CMSI FAMILY

The Guinness Family

Sa 8. Give thanks for Paul and Alison Guinness' continued ministry in Burundi as they seek to encourage church leaders, providing tools to individuals who are sensing God's call to ministry and mission within their own context and outside the country.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 9. Pray for all connected with CMSI, that each will respond to the challenges that the time of Lent presents. Ask God to give us the ability to look at ourselves and recognise our failings, our inadequacies, and the need for God's presence in our journey of life.

RWANDA

Mo 10. Pray for the Rwanda Governance Board who last year inspected 14,000 prayer houses and closed 70% of them for non-compliance with registration, building codes, safety and hygiene regulations. Ask that they may be flexible towards congregations who lack resources to comply.

CMSI FAMILY

CMSI Short-Term Experience Placements

Tu 11. Pray for Martin Cuppage from St Mattias Parish in Killiney, Ballybrack as he undertakes a 3-week STEP placement in Shyogwe Diocese in Rwanda. Pray that Martin will develop good relationships as he trains in business management skills and mentoring.

PROVINCE OF ALEXANDRIA

We 12. Pray for Archbishop Samy Shehata as he presides over the dioceses of North Africa, the Horn of Africa, Gambella and Egypt.

Th 13. The Diocese of Egypt has developed many cultural bridging centres and the Centre for Christian Muslim Understanding. Pray for this important work towards cross cultural understanding.

Fr 14. Thank God for the growing fellowship of Sudanese Christians welcomed by the Diocese of Egypt. Pray for those who have been traumatised by the war and their journey from Sudan, and that the church may be a beacon of hope for them.

Sa 15. The church supports Sudanese refugees through schooling at St. Raphael School and children with learning disabilities through schooling at the Beacon Centre. Remember the children and teachers today and pray for life abundant for them.



Image: Sudanese congregation at All Saints' Cathedral from Facebook



CMSI MISSION PARTNERS

Su 16. Pray for the Quills as they continue providing Community Health Empowerment training and Trauma Healing for diocesan staff members and church leaders in Ibba Diocese. Pray they will see fruit from their labour and that God's people will be enriched through their ministry.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Mo 17. *Christ with us, before, behind, in and beneath us. Christ be above us, on our right and left. When we lie down, sit down and arise, Christ be there. Christ be in the heart, mouth, eye and ear of all whom we meet today. Amen.*

Image: Women's empowerment small business in Kyangwali

RWANDA

Shyogwe Diocese

Tu 18. Pray for the Shyogwe Team (Sara Cunningham-Bell, Rachel Kenny, Chris Mac Bruithin and Diane Matchett) flying out to Kigali today to join Martin Cuppage who is already visiting. Ask the Lord to bless their programme, deepen friendships and open their hearts to give and receive.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

We 19. Pray for Jenny as she chairs the Association of Mission Societies meeting today in the Col theological college, Dublin. Pray that God will bless AMS members meeting to collaborate as they serve the church in mission and make connections with the staff and students in the college.

Children in Uganda

Th 20. Vocational training in tailoring, IT, vehicle mechanics, joinery, agriculture as well as family life courses, evangelistic outreach, home visits and Bible studies - all taking place among refugee communities, thanks to legacies. Praise God for these life enhancing gifts!

Luweero Diocese

Fr 21. Give thanks for Ordinands Erifazi Kyeyune and Boazi Mukalazi studying at Uganda Martyrs Seminary, Namugongo. Christ Church Lisburn continue to generously support their tuition fees. Pray they will continue to be equipped for future ministry within Luweero Diocese.

CMSI FAMILY

CMSI Short-Term Experience Placements

Sa 22. Ellen Watt, a Cardiff University nursing student from Greenisland, is undertaking a 4-week elective at Kiwoko Hospital. Pray that Ellen will learn and grow through her time in Uganda, that her experience will develop both her nursing skills and enrich her walk with God.



RWANDA

Shyogwe Diocese

Su 23. Pray for Bishop Jered Kalimba and his family as he retires from his role leading the diocese. Give thanks for the way God has blessed the diocese since he took over as leader in 1997. Pray also for the Rt Rev Louis Pasteur Kabayiza as he is consecrated today.

SOUTH SUDAN

Mo 24. Sudanese refugees have been fleeing into South Sudan in recent years. This is causing tension and localised violent attacks. Pray for solutions to the deep and complex needs of these two nations.

CMSI MISSION PARTNERS

Tu 25. Pray for Andrew and Joanne as they leave South Sudan today and fly back to Belfast to take some personal holiday and spend time with family and friends. Pray for refreshment, encouragement and enjoyment as they celebrate significant birthdays for both their parents.

SOUTH SUDAN

Ibba Diocese

We 26. Pray for Bishop Levi Theological College and Vocational Training College which provide opportunities for young people to train for their future. Remember especially the Alpha Course there, and pray for those who are growing in faith.

Th 27. Bishop Wilson: *“Ibba Diocese has 33 stipendiary or bi-vocational priests. These priests are very passionate and enthusiastic about their pastoral work. Pray for God to strengthen them and enable them to continue with their work despite the serious economic crisis in our country.”*

ZAMBIA

St John's Seminary, Kitwe

Fr 28. St John's Theological Seminary in Kitwe continues to provide training for ordinands preparing for future church leadership and ministry throughout Zambia. Pray for God's anointing as they seek to make disciples in their own communities.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Events

Sa 29. As many of our CMSI family gather in Dublin today for our Shine celebration and AGM, ask God to be in their midst. Through praise, fellowship and sharing together, ask God to strengthen bonds of love and commitment to our partners and to each another.

Su 30. Pray for all mother figures in your life today – all who have stepped into that space to provide maternal love, guidance and compassion throughout your life. Ask God to bless the mother figures in the lives of our partners today, for the beauty of their presence and constancy.

RWANDA

Kibungo Diocese

Mo 31. Pray for Bishop Emmanuel Ntanzinda and Madame Joyce, President of the Kibungo Diocese Mothers' Union and all the clergy of the Diocese. May the Lord uphold and guide them throughout 2025.



April

Tu 1. Throughout the whole of Kibungo Diocese, only 12 out of 212 churches are open due to the strict Government clampdown on building regulations. Pray for the church pastors, lay leaders (catechists) and evangelists: the closure of the churches means they have no salaries.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Events

We 2. As our monthly online prayer room meets again today, thank God for opportunities like this that enable people to connect across vast distances. What a wonderful opportunity to support one another and learn together when we are physically apart!

DR CONGO

North Kivu Diocese

Th 3. Pray over Bishop Isesomo's concerns: *"Some of our parishes are now in areas controlled by rebels. We are receiving many displaced people who fear those who massacre innocent civilians. Local church members host them in their homes. But the problem is getting food and medicines."*

Fr 4. There are now almost 80 children at the children's project in Butembo. The children are often unwell for various reasons. We are thankful for parish support for their welfare needs. Pray for the health and wellbeing of everyone in this project.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Sa 5. Pray for Gillian as she heads up the personnel department of CMSI and for her work with our Personnel Advisory Committee as they update various organisational policies and procedures over the coming months.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 6 *"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ". Galatians 6:2* Ask God for strength and endurance as we help shoulder the weight of one another's lives.

NEPAL

Mo 7. Pray for the President of Nepal, Ram Chandra Poudel, and the coalition Government of Nepali Congress/Communist UML party that they may rule wisely, and also with compassion towards Christians. Pray for the protection of the rights of all minority communities.

SD Church & SDSS

Tu 8. Give thanks for the global network of supporters who have worked with SDC leaders to identify a suitable plot of land for the new multipurpose building. Ask the Lord to bless all the fundraising efforts as well as the legal processes to allow construction to proceed.



We 9. Pray for SDC daughter churches and their leaders; for the SDSS regular projects, that they may have a spiritual impact; and for the wellbeing of SDSS staff, as they work alongside people who are suffering and traumatised.

Human Development and Community Services

Th 10. Praise God that Namuna Community Hospital, Lamjung, was able to carry out free cancer and eye screening camps and a one-day general free health camp in Dordi at the end of 2024. A total of 1,352 patients received services at these camps.

Image: HDCS Namuna Community Hospital Free Health Camp Dordi



Image: Bray Head Cross, Newcourt, Bray, County Wicklow, Ireland

Fr 11. Please pray for Chaujahari Hospital in Rukum. The timely reimbursement of claimed amount from the Government Health Insurance Board is vital in order to maintain treatment for patients without the means to pay.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Sa 12. Linda is preparing for a period of travel in May. Pray for her as she tries to complete various global partner funding agreements and reports back to link parishes.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 13. As we join together in our home congregations this morning on the cusp of Holy Week, pray for all who are pilgrimaging towards the cross with Christ: churches across Ireland, our global partners and the worldwide church. May we each encounter God in a new way this year.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Mo 14. Journey with Christ this week:

He rode on the Sunday.

He taught on the Monday.

He was oiled on the Tuesday.

He was betrayed on the Wednesday.

He broke bread on the Thursday.

He died on the Friday.

He lay dead on the Saturday.

He rose on the Sunday.

Ezo Diocese

Tu 15. Pray for each of the archdeaconries of Ezo as they seek to grow members in discipleship and reach out to people who are not yet believers.

We 16. Pray for Bishop Isaac, Mama Nora and their children. Ezo is very far removed from the children's schools and it is difficult for this young family to be apart.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Th 17. As we remember Christ's last supper today, ask his forgiveness for known and unknown sins that drive a wedge between us and God.

Fr 18. As we dwell in Friday's darkness, reflect on how you can tend to the wounds of Christ through your loving embrace of other people. Ask God for help to see new ways to serve one another as a way of serving God.

IRELAND

All Nations Ministries

Sa 19. All Nations Ministries would value prayer for those giving their time and energy in leading the organisation. Pray for David, Helen and Hudson particularly as they head up the day-to-day operations, and for God to bring people into the Kingdom through their ministry.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 20. As we celebrate Easter Sunday in our own church communities, remember that joy and praise resound throughout the global Church. Thank God that we are part of this wonderful, whole body.

CMSI LOCAL MISSION PARTNERS

Mo 21. Give thanks for SS in Nepal. Pray for his family circle. Ask God's special blessing on his marriage and home. Pray that he will be blessed with sensitivity and wisdom as he seeks to lead people to Jesus and help them grow in faith.

Tu 22. Seme Peter has struggled with periods of ill health. Pray that the Lord will protect him and his family as he holds up the shield of faith. Give thanks for all who volunteer with Save Life Ministries, bringing hope and help to many.

We 23. Toti Jacob is working hard to complete the government registration processes for the Vocational Training College he started in Kyangwali. Give thanks for the new opportunities this offers to refugees in the settlement in carpentry, building and vehicle mechanics.



Th 24. As Bishop Hassan ministers in Sudan, pray for wisdom and discernment as he seeks to bring the message of hope to many whose lives have been shattered by war.

CMSI MISSION PARTNERS

Fr 25. Pray for Andrew and Joanne Quill as they are currently in the UK on holiday. Pray for times of rest, refreshment and for God's leading as they consider his priorities for their lives and ministry when they return to Ibba next month.

CMSI FAMILY

Trustees

Sa 26. Following the AGM in March, pray for all the trustees of CMSI as they seek to guide and oversee the society, praying particularly for the new trustees taking on this responsibility. Give thanks for the faithful service of those who have retired from the board.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Resourcing the vision

Su 27. *'You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous... and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.'* 2 Cor 9:11 We come before God in deep thankfulness for all the generous individuals and parishes enabling CMSI to equip the church in mission.

SOUTH SUDAN**Maridi Diocese**

Mo 28. Pray for the rural clergy of Maridi Diocese as they seek to serve God faithfully whilst trying to support their families. May they see fruit from their ministries to the glory of God.

Tu 29. Pray for the ministry of 550 members of the Mothers' Union from across the diocese who recently joined to fellowship, learn and empower one another in their spiritual journeys and roles within the community.

Olo Diocese

We 30. Thank God for the completion of community midwifery training for Flower Bismark and her work in the new clinic building. Pray for Kenneth as he completes his community health studies so that he might join her in the work.



Image: Kenneth community health student Olo

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

Th 1. Pray for Bishop Tandema and his team as they seek to improve infrastructures for their community. May God's love abound to those who benefit from the services the church is building.

CMSI FAMILY**Staff**

Fr 2. As Emma continues to enjoy the opportunities that working for CMSI offers, ask God for guidance as she discerns how best to use her time to serve and honour God.

CMSI FAMILY**Isabelle Prondzynski**

Sa 3. Isabelle requests prayer for Lucy Irungu and Kathleen Anangwe of Tujisaidie, travelling to Ireland in May to visit link parishes and organisations. Pray that all formalities go smoothly and that the visitors bring blessings to each place they visit.

**KENYA****Tujisaidie Self-Help Group**

Su 4. Pray for Lucy Irungu and Kathleen Anangwe flying soon from Nairobi to begin a 3-week visit to parishes across this island. Ask the Lord for travelling mercies and good relationships with their partners.

Mo 5. Continue to pray for Naomi Maingi, the librarian of the Tumaini Library, who will take her exams in May to gain her certificate qualification in librarianship. Thank God for the Tujisaidie School outings to the Nairobi Safari Walk that took place in February and March.

Image: Lucy, Isabelle and Kathleen at Tujisaidie

Kajiado Diocese

Tu 6. Pray for Bishop Gaddiel Lenini and all the clergy of the diocese as they continue to encourage people to find their hope in God, despite the immense challenges pastoralists are facing.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Events

We 7. Pray for all those gathering online for our monthly prayer room today. Ask God for good connectivity so that we can listen and learn together as part of the global church family.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Resources & initiatives

Th 8. Pray for CMSI staff attending the General Synod in Naas from 8-10th May. Ask God to bless their conversations so that parish partnerships are strengthened and new connections made.

CMSI FAMILY

CMSI Stars

Fr 9. Praise God for our amazing members who pray and give of their time and resources to the work of the society. Pray they will continue to be actively involved in our work, promoting it throughout Ireland and in their parishes.

CMSI FAMILY

Staff

Sa 10. Pray for Roger as he coordinates a number of team visits to and from our global partners during 2025, including a Nepal team which he will be leading in October/November this year.

CMSI FAMILY

Trustees

Su 11. Pray for the work of the trustees as they ensure that CMSI continues to operate in accordance with the Charity Regulator's guidelines with the changes operant under the Charity Amendment Act 2024.



DR CONGO

Bukavu Diocese

Mo 12. The displacement of people throughout the diocese is still significant and puts huge pressure on the church. Pray for relief for families who are hosting many displaced people.

Tu 13. Pray for Bishop Bahati as he seeks partnership for Bible training and various medical initiatives of the diocese. Pray that lives will be blessed through the diocesan plans.

Goma Diocese

We 14. Pray for the CMS Africa conflict hub worker in Goma, and for the decision of the EAC to develop a Department of Justice for the church. May God bless the desire to see lives transformed in areas of conflict.

Th 15. Pray for Bishop Martin as he leads the church in Goma in a time of political uncertainty. The training of clergy has encouraged him in recent months: *"We are seeing real transformation in our students with a greater sense of call, godly character and competence in theology and ministry."*

TANZANIA

Kondoa

Fr 16. Parishes in Derry and Raphoe Diocese are raising funds to support the Bible College in Kondoa to improve facilities and support students in training. Investing in church leadership is vital to the growth of the church and in discipleship. Ask God to bless this initiative.

Sa 17. Pray for Bishop Andrew Foster as he prepares to visit Bishop Given Gaula in August, to confirm the diocesan partnership between Derry and Raphoe and Kondoa. Pray for the confirmation services that the bishops will be leading, and the candidates.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Su 18. God gives us good things, even in the most difficult of circumstances. Where you see God's light and love today, give thanks.

BURUNDI

Mo 19. Ask the Lord to bless the elections – parliament, senate and local council – in May. After bad experiences of past elections which resulted in violent conflicts, please pray for a smooth, transparent, peaceful and democratic process that promotes social cohesion.

Gitega Diocese

Tu 20. Pray for the completion of the construction of Gitega Bible School which is a centre of clergy training and discipleship based on St Mark's parish campus. Ask the Lord to bless the 23 students enrolled for training and their new Principal, Rev. Alexis Ndayiragije.

We 21. Pray for the clergy and their spouses' retreat in March, that this may be an opportunity for all clergy within the diocese to receive spiritual renewal and encouragement.

Matana Diocese

Th 22. Pray for Bishop Seth Ndayirukiye as he travels widely throughout the diocese, asking for travelling mercies on rough roads. Remember too his wife, Rev Yvette Ndimahoro, in her role as President of Gitega Mothers' Union as they support women in remote rural parishes.

Fr 23. Pray for the clergy and lay leaders of the diocese as they minister in difficult times when prices of essential goods are rising steeply and fuel for transport is increasingly scarce.



CMSI FAMILY

The Guinness Family

Sa 24. Continue praying for the Guinness Family ministering in Burundi and particularly for spiritual and physical protection over their family life and 3 children, who have experienced periods of sickness over the past year.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Resources & initiatives

Su 25. CMSI staff love to receive invitations to speak in services and to groups interested in the global church. Pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire them as they prepare for these opportunities and that bonds of fellowship across the world church will be strengthened.



Image: Road in Mukono, Uganda

UGANDA

Mo 26. While the population of Uganda is primarily Christian, the spiritual and physical needs of the country run deep. Pray the Church will have a vision to continue to share the gospel widely.

Madi West Nile Diocese

Tu 27. Pray for the Urban Refugee programme which the diocese has initiated. Training began in January. We pray for development of skills and transformation of lives.

We 28. Pray for the media centre of the church, that their programming will be useful for evangelism and discipleship of the wider community.



DR CONGO

Yei Diocese

Th 29. Pray for the Yei Vocational Training School as the management committee prepare to meet tomorrow.

Fr 30. Give thanks for the Pastors' Wives Conference earlier this month. Pray for the women who were able to attend, that they will be encouraged and strengthened for all the challenges they face.

CMSI FAMILY

Isabelle Prondzynski

Sa 31. Thank God for the visit from Isabelle's cousin, ThiNam, who stayed with her for two weeks in February enjoying trips around the Nairobi area and time with the Tujisaidie community. Please pray for ThiNam, who will be retiring from her EU job at the end of June.

Image: YVTC graduation



Image: Kivu Diocesan accountant with CCD children



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