



# 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.**

Cover image: Billy and Baraka fixing a bench saw, Yei VTC, South Sudan

## December

### GENERAL PRAYERS

#### Su 1. For the First Sunday of Advent

Father, let your hope arise in our hearts! Lift our eyes up to see that you alone are where our hope comes from. We invite your Spirit into this beautiful Advent season. Renew our sense of holy anticipation as we await Christ's birth. Amen

### CMSI FAMILY

#### Isabelle Prondzynski

Mo 2. Thank God for the wonderful ordination of Isabelle's brother Ferdinand to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church of Scotland. Thank God also for the opportunity of a mini family reunion in Aberdeenshire.

Tu 3. Please pray for the visit of Isabelle's cousin Thinam to Nairobi in February. It will be Thinam's first time in East Africa. Pray for safety and protection in all of their journeys.

### GENERAL PRAYERS

#### Events

We 4. As we meet again for our monthly prayer room online today, pray along with our partners in Egypt. Ask God that our time together would be informative and that we would deepen in our relationships with one another and with God.

### KENYA

Th 5. Please pray for Kenya at this time of political uncertainty and climate change. Ask that 2025 would bring peace and stability, as well as a seasonal pattern that allows crops to grow and ripen in their respective seasons, and food prices to be stable for the Kenyan population.

**Kajiado Diocese**

Fr 6. Pray for the pastors and people of Kajiado Diocese as they seek to share the gospel in word and deed. Pray for Bishop Gaddiel Lennini and all the team in the Diocesan Office.

**CMSI FAMILY****Staff**

Sa 7. Proverbs 2:9 "...you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path". Pray that Jenny will be blessed with wisdom to lead CMSI in every good path.

**CMSI LOCAL MISSION PARTNERS**

Su 8. Seme Peter has made a good recovery from his surgery in September. Give thanks for the medical care he received and ask for the Lord's blessing as he takes on full ministry duties again.



Tujisaidie School - Newbuild

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

Mo 9. Thank God for the successful completion of six new classrooms in the Tujisaidie School, with the support of Misan Cara. Please pray for the next phase of the project, furnishing these classrooms and engaging two new teachers.

Tu 10. Thank God for the recent visit by Lenka McAlinden from Just be a Child in England, which had donated 6,000 books to the Tujisaidie School and the Tumaini library.

**CMSI FAMILY****Staff**

We 11. Today is the staff Christmas celebration with games, secret Santa and lunch together. Give thanks for happy staff relations and time to enjoy the blessing of friendship.

**GENERAL PRAYERS****Events**

Th 12. It is always a pleasure to host CMSI members and supporters at our annual Christmas drop-in. Give thanks for the sense of family as we sing carols together and enjoy some sweet treats.

**ZAMBIA****St John's Seminary, Kitwe**

Fr 13. The seminary are experiencing daily power cuts making it difficult for internet access and communications in general. There are only 6 students studying this year. Pray that all 5 dioceses in Zambia will catch the vision to invest in theological training of future church leaders.

**CMSI FAMILY****Staff**

Sa 14. Pray for Gillian as she continues to support those exploring missional opportunities overseas with our Global Partners. Pray for wisdom and discernment as she and other staff journey with people seeking God's direction for their lives.



### CMSI LOCAL MISSION PARTNERS

Su 15. Toti Jacob writes: "We thank God for His protection for our families and gift of life. Thank God for the construction work of our kitchen and store for the Vocational Training College". Ask the Lord to bless the amazing efforts of the CMEC committee.

### SOUTH SUDAN

Mo 16. The long-awaited elections for South Sudan have been postponed for another two years. Pray for President Kiir, and for Archbishop Justin Badi.

### Ibba Diocese

Tu 17. Give thanks for funds received from Bishops' Appeal to assist in the running of Ibba's Vocational Training College. Pray for tutors and students there.

We 18. Pray for preparations for the annual Peace Conference and Ibba Day in January. Bishop Wilson will invite national and local politicians to meet with local community leaders.

### CMSI FAMILY

#### Staff

Th 19. Pray for Megan as she prepares for the handover of her work and awaits the arrival of her second child mid-January. Pray for God's protection over Megan, for a safe delivery and for the family as they adjust to a new arrival.

### UGANDA

#### Children in Uganda

Fr 20. Through legacy giving this year, children have received reconstructive surgery and rehabilitation, refugee families received counselling, youth leaders were trained, CMSI's bills have been paid and much more. Give thanks for all those who have remembered the society in their wills.

### CMSI FAMILY

#### Staff

Sa 21. Pray for Anne in her role in our Finance Department, as she and CMSI's accountants finalise the year-end audit process.

### CMSI LOCAL MISSION PARTNERS

Su 22. SS has commenced his distance learning PhD at the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies. Give thanks for the provision enabling this and ask the Lord to help him find time for both his theological training responsibilities and studies.

### UGANDA

#### Luweero Diocese

Mo 23. Give thanks for Ordinands Erifazi Kyeeyune and Boazi Mukalazi who are currently studying at Uganda Martyrs Seminary, Namugongo. Pray that they will be equipped spiritually and practically for future ministry within the Church of Uganda.



Boazi Mukalazi



Erifazi Kyeyune

### GENERAL PRAYERS

Tu 24. Thank God for today. Whatever the circumstance, God desires good things for each and every person on earth - all are made in God's image. Ask God for peace and rest today as we await the celebration of the birth Jesus.

We 25. As we celebrate the birth of Christ today, ask God to be with those who are lonely. Whether known or unknown to us, all are known and loved by God. Ask God to comfort the broken and all who are weary in body and spirit today.

Th 26. Dear Lord, we thank you for giving us St. Stephen as an example of holiness. Help us to imitate the love of you he showed in choosing to devote himself to your service as a deacon in the early Church. Give us the courage we need to follow you wherever you lead us. Amen

Fr 27. Ask God to cast bright beams of light upon the Church that, by the teaching of John the apostle and evangelist, we may walk in the light of God's truth in unity, now and for ever.

Sa 28. On this day when we recall the murder of innocent lives, let us stand before our just and holy God and, remembering the violence and injustice of our world, confess your sins in penitence and faith.

Su 29. As we close the pages of one year and begin the next chapter of our lives, ask God to help all involved with CMSI grow in faith, in wisdom and to move closer to him each and every day. Pray this for yourself and for the society as a whole.

### CMSI FAMILY

#### The Guinness Family

Mo 30. Pray for Alison as she meets regularly with Francois, the Director of Burundi Mission Alliance (BMA), as they look to provide mission placements for BMA graduates.

### IRELAND

#### All Nations Ministries

Tu 31. Pray for All Nations Ministries as they seek to make Christ known by supporting asylum seekers and refugees living in north Belfast. Pray their volunteers will have ongoing resilience and spiritual strength, as they are bombarded daily with multiple requests for assistance.



## January

### GENERAL PRAYERS

We 1. May the God of Light shine brightly on the CMSI family. May the God of Life bring hope and renewal to those living in despair. May the God of Love bring healing and transformation. May the God of Peace and Justice reign in our world until we see the Kingdom come.

### CMSI FAMILY

#### CMSI Teams & Short-Term Experience Placements

Th 2. Pray for the 3-person team travelling to Ibba, South Sudan, in a few days' time from St John's Parish, Moira. Pray their existing partnership and relationships will be strengthened because of their visit, and the team will be a blessing to the church family in Ibba.

### CMSI MISSION PARTNERS

Fr 3. Pray for Andrew and Joanne as they spend a few days away from Ibba. May they be refreshed and have God's perspective as they reflect and look ahead, seeking God's wisdom in knowing how to respond to the multitude of need around them.

### CMSI FAMILY

#### Staff

Sa 4. Pray for Roger as he works alongside clergy and other parishioners encouraging them to participate in STEPs or team visits to our Global Partners. Ask the Lord to prompt the right individuals to take part, and to bless the training sessions that will be facilitated.

#### CMSI Stars

Su 5. Give thanks for CMSI's committed and faithful members who pray, give and volunteer on behalf of the society. Pray their lives will be enriched because of their involvement with the staff team and our Global Church family.

SD Church's current building



### GENERAL PRAYERS

Mo 6. Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come! Darkness covers the earth and its people, but the radiance of God's light burns away its shadows, illuminates the smallest corner and heralds in the start of a new dawn. Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!

### NEPAL

Tu 7. Gracious God, we lift to you our brothers and sisters in Nepal. Bless all that seek the reduction of inequalities within society, that all may live with dignity, peace, and equal opportunities. We pray for wisdom and compassion for all leaders, that they may lead justly.

#### SD Church & SDSS

We 8. Ask the Lord for wisdom as the church needs to find a permanent home. Pray for the team, including overseas supporters, who are currently looking at potential sites, and also for those raising money in the next few months to purchase land.

Th 9. After severe floods from the Bagmati River inundated the Sundar Dhoka neighbourhood of Lalitpur, Kathmandu, give thanks that SDSS was able to provide crisis relief for some of those affected, rescuing three families and offering temporary accommodation for two of these.

**CMSI FAMILY****The Guinness Family**

Fr 10. Paul's father Frank has been having major health problems in recent months. Pray for his medical team as they perform ongoing tests. Pray too for Alison's family as they continue to grieve the sudden death of her brother.

**CMSI FAMILY****Trustees**

Sa 11. As the staff and trustees meet today, ask the Lord to bless their time together, envision them and strengthen their sense of common purpose.

**CMSI FAMILY****Resource Mobiliser**

Su 12. Pray for Lucas as he continues to support CMS Ireland with fundraising alongside his fulltime studies.

**DR CONGO**

Mo 13. Thank God for the success of the postponed gathering of Eglise Anglican du Congo Conference in October. Pray for Archbishop Ande as he leads the church in a time of continued insecurity for DRC.

**North Kivu Diocese**

Tu 14. Pray for Mama Mbambu and the growing number of children at the children's project. Pray also for Rev. Emmanuel, her husband, who has been unwell.

We 15. Pray for Bishop Isesomo as he progresses his vision for strong discipleship in North Kivu Diocese.

**Bukavu Diocese**

Th 16. Pray for the Parish of Minova in the very north of Bukavu Diocese. The area is hosting thousands of displaced people from Goma, and the church and its school are seeking to support and help.

Fr 17. Bishop Bahati is concerned with the process of electing the first bishop for the new Diocese of Lac Tanganyika. Pray that the process can go ahead as hoped, and for a suitable leader for the new diocese.

**CMSI FAMILY****Staff**

Sa 18. Emma is in the middle of a busy season in her work for CMSI. Pray that she would have clarity of mind as she continues to create the new teaching resource for churches and schools.

**GENERAL PRAYERS**

Su 19. As we meet in our places of worship remember that "When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up." 1 Corinthians 14:26

**RWANDA**

Mo 20. Please pray for President Paul Kagame's leadership to continue bearing fruit during his new mandate, and for the government to have the resources and effective measures to combat the growing threat of the Marburg virus.

**Shyogwe Diocese**

Tu 21. Pray for the upcoming STEP visits to the diocese by CMSI link parish supporters: Martin Cuppage from St Matthias, Ballybrack, will be conducting business training for local leaders and Rev Chris Mac Bruithin from Castlerock & Dunboe will be visiting theological colleges.

Rev Chris Mac Bruithin





We 22. Please pray that church members may have the ability to build new churches and renovate those in need of repair. Pray also for the diocese to have the resources to support our theology students, so that more pastors can meet the government's educational requirements.

#### Kibungo Diocese

Th 23. Give thanks for the diocesan synod and ordination of deacons and pastors that took place last month. Pray that the decisions from the synod will help the diocese reach remote areas bordering with Burundi.

Fr 24. In Kibungo Diocese, more than 170 churches are currently closed due to lack of facilities that the government of Rwanda is requiring. Ask that the Holy Spirit of God will keep talking to the pastors and people so they remain united with the Lord.

#### CMSI FAMILY

##### Staff

Sa 25. Linda has recently communicated her Global Partners' project priorities for this year, to their link parishes. Pray for parishes as they consider what support they might be able to raise for their partners in 2025.

#### CMSI FAMILY

##### Staff

Su 26. The Totten's are settling into new routines as a family of four. Pray that there would be harmony in their home as they get to know the newest member of their family.

#### DR CONGO

##### Kindu Diocese

Mo 27. Bishop Masimango continues regular travel around the diocese and internationally. Pray for refreshment and excellent support from his diocesan team.

Tu 28. The Mothers' Union continue with outreach to women and prison ministry. Pray that these opportunities will lead to many finding hope in Christ.

#### Goma Diocese

We 29. Pray for peace in Goma as the situation remains tense and insecure.

Th 30. Pray for Bishop Martin as he leads Goma Diocese with an emphasis on evangelism and social care.

#### CMSI FAMILY

##### CMSI Teams & Short-Term Experience Placements

Fr 31. Pray for the staff team as they begin training several teams and STEPs travelling to minister alongside our global partners in 2025. Pray the training will be beneficial and have a lasting impact on those called to go overseas.





## February

### GENERAL PRAYERS

Sa 1. Father God, inspire us to act justly, revering all that you have made. On this St Brigid's day, we remember those who use their voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. Amen

### GENERAL PRAYERS

#### Resources & initiatives

Su 2. As the staff continue to explore and speak about our annual theme, 'Wading into Justice', ask that God will illuminate understanding of all that it means to "do justice, love kindness and walk humbly before God".

### NEPAL

#### Human Development and Community Services

Mo 3. Please pray for Tirtha Thapa's family circle as they grieve the loss of their daughter Shreya after an extended period in ICU. Shreya is fondly remembered by many within the CMSI family as she visited Ireland in 2014 to participate in 'Changing Times' conference.

Tu 4. Please pray for guidance and wisdom for Tulsa Sharma and the teachers at ABBS as they carrying out vocational activities with the students. Please pray for more innovative ideas and that each training activity would help the students.

### GENERAL PRAYERS

#### Events

We 5. As the first prayer room of 2025 meets online today, pray along with us and our global partners. Ask God for help, that we would all be attentive to one another, listening with eager ears and with hearts that are open to learn together.

## TANZANIA

### Kondoa

Th 6. Following the wonderful visit of Bishop Given Gaula to Athy parish and the Diocese of Derry& Raphoe, ask the Lord to bless these fledgling partnerships for the strengthening of the church and for his glory.

Fr 7. "He satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things". Ps 107:9 Ask that the Lord will bless all those who study for ministry in Kondoa Bible College and give thanks for their tutors.

## CMSI MISSION PARTNERS

Sa 8. Andrew and Joanne have delivered the initial Bible-based Trauma Healing course. Pray that those who have attended the training with the Quills will begin healing groups in their areas.

## UGANDA

### Madi West Nile Diocese

Su 9. Thank God for the myriad of programmes successfully led by Bishop Collins and his team. Pray for fruitfulness of these ministries, especially those for young people and children

Mo 10. A new project is underway towards sustainable care for refugees within the diocese. Pray for the planning and wise prioritisation of funds in this huge programme.

## SOUTH SUDAN

### Yei Diocese

Tu 11. Bishop Levi is particularly concerned for the development of church schools which have declined in recent years of insecurity. Pray for him as he makes sustainable plans to improve these important facilities.

We 12. Thank God for Morris Logulomo, Principal of Yei Vocational Training College, and pray for him as he leads the faculty and young people in skills training and discipleship.



**CMSI FAMILY****Trustees**

Th 13. The main agenda item at this time of the year is the accounts audit. Give thanks for financial provision for the society, for the prudence of the trustees and all the funds that flow through to support the ministry of the global church.

**SOUTH SUDAN****Maridi Diocese**

Fr 14. Thank God for recent advances in transport options for clergy and Mothers' Union leaders. Pray that the new opportunities to visit rural area will be fruitful in building disciples.

Sa 15. Thank God for the ministry of Bethsaida Clinic. Pray for those who seek healing there, that they may find caring treatment and hope in Christ.

**GENERAL PRAYERS****Resources & initiatives**

Su 16. CMSI facilitates a growing network of global church links. Pray for partnership coordinators Linda and Roger who bear a heavy but fruitful workload. Give thanks for the blessings derived when God's people share skills, resources and prayer.

**BURUNDI**

Mo 17. Please pray for President Évariste Ndayishimiye and his government. Pray for peace as the country prepares for the 2025 Elections and for the economy, which is at an all-time low, with steeply rising prices of most essential items such as food, fuel and building materials.

**Gitega Diocese**

Tu 18. After the Bishop's tour of all the parishes for confirmation services, he reports that the entire diocese is involved in church construction projects. Thank God for the hard work of parishes to achieve this and for the diocese as it seeks to help provide iron roofing sheets.

We 19. This period is a seed growing season in Burundi. Rain plays an important role in a country where the vast majority of households depend on agriculture for their livelihood. Pray for sufficient rain to ensure a good harvest.

**Matana Diocese**

Th 20. Pray for the pastors and people at two new church plants: Pastor Joseph Mihigo in Gisagara parish who has great gifts in preaching, and scores of people have been drawn to faith; Archdeacon Cassien Bukuru in Kiremba parish; and the newbuild at St Peter's Cathedral.

Fr 21. Praise God for the many new believers who have recently been baptised and confirmed, praying that they may grow in faith and discipleship. Pray for Bishop Seth Ndayirukiye, Revd Yvette Ndimahoro and Canon Etienne Manirakiza as they lead the diocese.



Bishop Seth & Dean Benoit St Peter's newbuild

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

Sa 22. Bishop Tandema and his diocese give thanks to God for the new clinic which has been completed after a wildfire destroyed the previous one. Give thanks with them!

Su 23. Pray for clergy who are in much need of theological training. Bishop Tandema hopes to be able to facilitate some teaching programmes for them this year.

**PROVINCE OF ALEXANDRIA**

Mo 24. Pray for each of the dioceses within the Province: North Africa, Horn of Africa, Egypt and Gambella.

Tu 25. Pray for Madame Madelaine as she heads up the Education Office of the church, and especially for St. Raphael School for Sudanese refugee children in Cairo.



Ezo Peace Building Convention October 2024

We 26. Both the church hospitals are required to upgrade to new government standards. Pray for the vast resources needed and for the hospital managers who will lead this vital work.

**SOUTH SUDAN****Ezo Diocese**

Th 27. Diocesan infrastructure is limited in Ezo. School buildings, clergy accommodation and church buildings are all priorities this year.

Fr 28. Pray for the teams who spend time in outreach to camps for displaced people. Pray for their safety, for resources and for God to use them to transform lives.



Harvest time for ECSS Masumbu School Ezo



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