Here am I; send me!

A Cycle of Prayer for Missionaries of The Episcopal Church

Christ has no body now but yours; No hands but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ’s compassion must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless now.

- St. Teresa of Avila
Thanksgiving for the Mission of the Church

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your Name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours for ever. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer, 838)

Omnipotente Dios, tú enviaste a tu Hijo Jesucristo a reconciliar al mundo contigo: Te alabamos y te bendecimos por los que has enviado en el poder del Espíritu a predicar el Evangelio a todas las naciones. Te damos gracias porque en todas partes del mundo se ha reunido una comunidad de amor por medio de sus oraciones y labores, y porque en todo lugar tus siervos invocan tu santo Nombre. Oh Señor, tuyo es el reino, el poder y la Gloria por siempre jamás. Amén. (El Libro de Oración Común, 697)

Dieu tout-puissant, toi qui as envoyé ton Fils te réconcilier le monde: Nous te louons et nous te benisons pour ceux que tu as envoyés dans la puissance de l’Esprit, prêcher l’Évangile aux nations. Nous te rendons grace, car partout sur la terre, leurs prières et leurs travaux ont rassemblé des communautés fraternelles, et partout tes serviteurs invoquent ton Nom. Car c’est à toi qu’appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire, pour les siècles des siècles. Amen. (Le Livre de la Prière Commune, 687)

A word from the Reverend David Copley, Mission Personnel Officer and Team Leader, Global Partnerships

Dear friends and fellow missionaries,

The Episcopal Church is blessed to have faithful and dedicated missionaries from dioceses across the Church serving as our representatives around the world. They are, in the words of St. Teresa of Avila, “…the eyes through which Christ’s compassion must look out on the world…the feet with which He is to go about doing good… [and] the hands with which He is to bless now.” Through their presence and service they form relationships that strengthen the personal connections within the Anglican Communion and the larger Body of Christ in the world.

We offer this cycle of prayer for the missionaries of The Episcopal Church as a way to give thanks for their ministry and to invite all members of the Church to deepen their support and understanding of the depth and breadth our global ministry.

Each month you’ll find a quote relating to global mission and the names of the missionaries who have birthdays that month. Please include our missionaries, their ministries, and those they serve in your prayers on their birthdays and during the whole month. As you pray for and with our missionaries through the coming year, may you be blessed with a deeper connection with our brothers and sisters who have stepped out in faith by boldly proclaiming, “Here am I; send me!”

In Christ, David+
JANUARY

Quote of the Month:

"Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?"

"¿Buscarás y servirás Cristo en todas las personas, amando a tu prójimo como a ti mismo?"

"Rechercherez-vous, pour le server, le Christ dans les personnes que vous rencontrerez, et aimerez-vous votre prochain comme vous-mêmes?"

- Baptismal Covenant/Pacto Bautismal/Alliance baptismale

1 – The Reverend Daniel Deng Kuot, Diocese of Juba
   - Daniel is from the Diocese of Nebraska and serves as a mission consultant throughout the Diocese of Juba.

4 – The Reverend Robert Snow, Diocese of the Dominican Republic
   - Bob is from the Diocese of Nebraska and serves as a deacon at Iglesia Epifania and a diocesan administrator in Santo Domingo.

5 – Mrs. Lynne Chandler, Diocese of Egypt with North Africa & the Horn of Africa
   - Lynne is from the Diocese of Spokane and serves as the Music Director at The Church of St. John the Baptist/Maadi in Cairo, Egypt.

23 – Ms. Deborah Neal, Diocese of Jerusalem
   - Deborah is from the Diocese of Los Angeles and serves as the Personal Executive Assistant to the Bishop in Jerusalem

27 – The Reverend Canon Ogé Beauvoir, Diocese of Haiti
   - Ogé is from the Diocese of New York and serves as the Coordinator of the Leadership Education Training Program in Port-au-Prince.

27 – Mrs. Patricia Morck, Diocese of Central Ecuador
   - Trish is from the Diocese of Massachusetts and serves as the Coordinator of Refugee Ministries of the Diocese of Central Ecuador.

FEBRUARY

Quote of the Month:

"We are all missionaries or we are nothing. By that I mean that if we claim we belong to the apostolic way, which means that we are sent, then all the time whether we like it or not we are witnessing either positively or negatively to our faith. When we do well, then the glory returns to the Church, and when we are doing badly, that too reflects on the Church. So, without being too bombastic about it, we are all always missionaries or we are nothing."

- The Most Rev. Dr. Desmond Tutu

7 – Mr. Vernon Wilson, Diocese of Panama
   - Vernon is from the Diocese of Southern Virginia and serves as an education development coordinator for the Diocese of Panama.

7 – Dr. Jenny Coley, Anglican Church of Ghana
   - Jenny is from the Diocese of Long Island and serves as a medical consultant in Accra.
MARCH

Quote of the Month:

“Mission is not fundamentally something we do as Christians but a quality of God’s own being. It is not a program of ours but the path of God’s action in the world. The mission of the church therefore derives from the mission of God, and it has meaning only in relation to what God is up to in the universe. Already engaged in mission, God simply invites us to participate in what God is doing.”

- The Rev. Dr. Titus Presler

13 – Mrs. Mona Dresbach, Diocese of Panama
- Mona is from the Diocese of El Camino Real and serves as a diocesan volunteer for mission and ministry in Panama City.

17 – The Reverend Christopher Morck, Diocese of Central Ecuador
- Chris is from the Diocese of Massachusetts and serves as the vicar at the Cathedral in Quito and as the Coordinator of the Environment Program for the Latin American Council of Churches (CLAI).

17 – Ms. Amanda Akes, Diocese of Cape Town, South Africa (completes year of service 9/22/11)
- Amanda is from the Diocese of New York and serves as a volunteer with HOPE Africa in Cape Town.

22 – The Reverend Sandra McCann, MD, Diocese of Central Tanganyika, Tanzania
- Sandy is from the Diocese of Atlanta and serves as the Communications Director of Msalato Theological College in Dodoma.

23 – The Reverend Matthew Engleby, Diocese of Honduras
- Matthew is from the Diocese of New Jersey and serves as the Executive Director of El Hogar Projects in Tegucigalpa.

APRIL

Quote of the Month:

“We can do no great things, only small things with great love.”

- Mother Teresa

1 – The Reverend Paul-Gordon Chandler, Diocese of Egypt with North Africa & the Horn of Africa
- Paul-Gordon is from the Diocese of Spokane and serves as the Rector of The Church of St. John the Baptist/Maadi in Cairo, Egypt.

7 – The Venerable Canon William Schwartz, OBE, Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf
- Bill is from the Diocese of Milwaukee and serves as Chaplain to the Anglican Church in Qatar and Archdeacon in the Gulf. He is based in Doha, Qatar.

12 – The Reverend Robert North, Diocese of Nzara, Sudan
- Bob is from the Diocese of Iowa and serves as a development consultant in Nzara.

16 – The Reverend Dr. Ndungu Ikenye, Diocese of Thika, Kenya
- Ikenye is from the Diocese of Chicago and serves as the Director of the Institute of Human Resources and Leadership and a professor at St. Paul's United Theological College in Limuru.

19 – The Reverend Michael Dresbach, Diocese of Panama
- Michael is from the Diocese of El Camino Real and serves as Diocesan Manager and the Rector of Parroquia San Cristóbal in Panama City.
26 – The Reverend Suzanne Peterson, Diocese of Cape Town, South Africa
  • Suzanne is from the Diocese of Iowa and serves as a public policy and advocacy officer in Cape Town.

28 – The Reverend Heather Mueller, Diocese of Jerusalem
  • Heather is from the Diocese of Hawaii and serves as the Warden of St. George’s College in Jerusalem.

MAY

Quote of the Month:

“I speak a word of encouragement, for the Lord’s light will always brighten these ways. New shepherds will come, but always the same gospel.”
- Archbishop Oscar Romero

8 – Mrs. Jennifer McConnachie, Diocese of Mthatha, South Africa
  • Jenny is from the Diocese of Western North Carolina and serves as the Director of the Itipini Project in Mthatha.

14 – Ms. Heidi Schmidt, Diocese of Grahamstown, South Africa
  • Heidi is supported by several dioceses in the United States and serves as an HIV/AIDS program manager for the Isibindi Project in Grahamstown.

21 – Dr. Robert Stevens, PhD, Diocese of the Dominican Republic
  • Robert is from the Diocese of Southwest Florida and serves as the Executive Director of the Dominican Development Group in Santo Domingo.

22 – Mr. Roger LeCompte, Diocese of Lebombo, Mozambique
  • Roger is from the Diocese of Connecticut and serves as a communications and relations consultant in Lebombo.

JUNE

Quote of the Month:

“Our first task in approaching another people, another culture, another religion, is to take off our shoes, for the place we are approaching is holy. Else we may find ourselves treading on men’s dreams. More serious still, we may forget that God was here before our arrival.”
- Max Warren

16 – Ms. Lynn Griebling, Diocese of Durgapur, Church of North India
  • Lynn is from the Diocese of Fond du Lac and serves as a music education development advisor in Durgapur.

16 – Mr. Stephen Smith, Diocese of Grahamstown, South Africa
  • Stephen is from the Diocese of California and serves as an assistant teacher at Holy Cross School in Grahamstown.

22 – Ms. Erika Almquist, Diocese of El Salvador
  • Erika is from the Diocese of Massachusetts and serves as a community health coordinator with Foundation Cristosal in the community of El Pital.

28 – Ms. Monica Vega, Diocese of Grahamstown, South Africa
  • Monica is supported by several dioceses in the United States and serves as an HIV/AIDS program manager for the Isibindi Project in Grahamstown.
JULY

Quote of the Month:
“Open our hearts, O Giver of Gifts, to be transformed by the mighty outpouring of your compassion, so that our will to serve others with humility, integrity, and urgency is your desired will for us, your servants.”

- The Rev. Devon Anderson

1 – Mr. William Brooks, Diocese of Central Tanganyika, Tanzania
   • Will is from the Diocese of Virginia and serves as a program and project coordinator for The Carpenter’s Kids Program in Dodoma.

1 – Ms. Nicole Groome, Nippon Sei Ko Kai, Japan
   • Nicole is from the Diocese of Virginia and serves as a volunteer at the Asian Rural Institute.

2 – Mr. An Ngo, Province of Mexico
   • An is from the Diocese of Utah and serves as the Assistant to the Archbishop in Mexico City.

6 – Ms. Katie Young, Diocese of Chubu, Nippon Sei Ko Kai, Japan
   • Katie is from the Diocese of Northwest Texas and serves as a teaching assistant at the Anglican Youth Center in Nagoya.

8 – Ms. Kathleen Clark, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
   • Kathleen is from the Diocese of Tennessee and serves as a paralegal and counselor at the Mission for Migrant Workers in Hong Kong.

24 – Mrs. Karen North, Diocese of Nzara, South Sudan
   • Karen is from the Diocese of Iowa and serves as English teacher in Nzara.

AUGUST

Quote of the Month:
“...the Christian mission is to bring forth the wholesomeness of abundant life to all upon the earth. In this way, perhaps only in this way, can we proclaim confidently and joyously the name of Christ.”

- Kosuke Koyama

14 – The Reverend Herbert Barker, Diocese of Taiwan
   • Herb is from the Diocese of Massachusetts and serves as Priest-in-Charge of the English-speaking congregation at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Taipei.

24 – Ms. Susan Williams, Diocese of Panama
   • Sue is from the Diocese of Pennsylvania and serves as the Assistant to the Director of the Bella Vista Children’s Home in Panama City.
SEPTEMBER

Quote of the Month:

“I don’t know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be truly happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.”

- Albert Schweitzer

1 – Mrs. Ellen Snow, Diocese of the Dominican Republic
   - Ellen is from the Diocese of Nebraska and serves as the Diocesan Coordinator for Work and Medical Teams and as an assistant to the bishop.

4 – Ms. Ann Urinoski, Diocese of Cape Town, South Africa (completes year of service 9/22/11)
   - Ann is from the Diocese of New Jersey and serves as a volunteer with HOPE Africa in Cape Town.

7 – Ms. Angela Galbreath, Diocese of Haiti
   - Angela serves as Assistant to the Partnership Program in the Diocese of Haiti and is based in Port-au-Prince.

10 – Mr. Peter Prewandowski, Diocese of Central Tanganyika, Tanzania
   - Peter is from the Diocese of Western Massachusetts and serves as a primary school teacher at Canon Andrea Mwaka School in Dodoma.

14 – Mr. Lawrence Duffee, Diocese of Juba, South Sudan
   - Larry is from the Diocese of Virginia and serves as a financial advisor to the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan in Juba.

15 – The Reverend Zachary Drennen, Diocese of Katakwa, Kenya
   - Zach is from the Diocese of West Virginia and serves as the Director of the Elewana Education Project in Amagoro.

15 – Dr. Martin McCann, MD, Diocese of Central Tanganyika, Tanzania
   - Martin is from the Diocese of Atlanta and runs a histopathology laboratory at MacKay House Medical Centre and teaches at the diocesan clinical officers’ school in Dodoma.

OCTOBER

Quote of the Month:

“To journey forward is my calling;
To celebrate Your image in others.
Thank you for Your guiding wisdom.
You know my heart’s desires.
Keep me faithful to why I was created.
Lead me on in Joy.”

- Lynne Chandler

2 – Ms. Karen Langley, Diocese of Mthatha, South Africa
   - Karen is from the Diocese of Oklahoma and serves as the Assistant Project Coordinator of the Itipini Community Project in Mthatha.

15 – Dr. William GM Hardison, Diocese of Maseno North, Kenya
   - Gerry is from the Diocese of San Diego and serves as the Medical Director of Maseno Mission Hospital in Maseno.
29 – Dr. Nancy Hardison, Diocese of Maseno North, Kenya
   - Nan is from the Diocese of San Diego and serves as a theology instructor at St. Philip’s Theological College in Maseno.

NOVEMBER

Quote of the Month:

“The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”
- Frederick Buechner

17 – Mr. Michael Tedrick, Diocese of Curitiba, Brazil
   - Michael is from the Diocese of California and serves as a lay diaconal minister in Curitiba.

18 – Mrs. Francis Wilson, Diocese of Panama
   - Francis is from the Diocese of Southern Virginia and serves as an education development coordinator for the Diocese of Panama.

25 – Ms. Joanna Philley, Diocese of Mexico (completes year of service 9/7/11)
   - Joanna is from the Diocese of Central New York and serves as the Assistant to the Archbishop in Mexico City.

28 – Ms. Karen Carroll, Diocese of the Dominican Republic
   - Karen is from the Diocese of Southwest Florida and serves as an administrator of Hogar Obispo Isaac in Boca Chica.

DECEMBER

Quote of the Month:

“This is what we are about: We plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capability. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord’s grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen.”
- Attributed to Archbishop Oscar Romero

17 – The Rev. Emilio Fumero, Diocese of the Dominican Republic
   - Emilio is from the Diocese of Cuba and will be providing clergy support at several parishes in the Dominican Republic.

19 – Mrs. Rose Ikenye, Diocese of Thika, Kenya
   - Rose is from the Diocese of Chicago and serves as the Manager of the Institute of Human Resources and Leadership in Limuru.

20 – The Reverend Pam Strobel, Province de L’Eglise Anglicane Du Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo
   - Pam is from the Diocese of Connecticut and serves as the Assistant to the Primate.

26 – Ms. Margaret (Magi) Griffin, Diocese of Central Tanganyika, Tanzania
   - Magi is from the Diocese of Atlanta and serves as the Partnership and Project Advisor to the Bishop in Dodoma.