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SUNDAY – CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY

- Please pray for local mission partner Poline Yean based in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. He runs the Antioch Institute training and equipping missionaries to reach out to their own communities and unreached groups. Praise God that this has led to the planting of many churches in rural Cambodia.
- Mateo Alto and Crisanto Rojas are both local mission partners and area bishops in Northern Argentina. They ask for prayer for the young people in their communities who face many challenges and there are a lot of drugs in circulation.
- Please pray for mission partner Martin Gordon, Bishop of Goma, DR Congo who is involved in peace making, church planting and building up the Body of Christ. The diocese has the goal of planting a further 7-10 churches this year.

MONDAY – CATHERINE LEE

- Please pray for the kindergarten which Catherine supports. The building is currently undergoing renovation and extension. The new classrooms will allow increased enrolments, and this will lead to more contacts with parents.
- Catherine co-ordinates the publication of the English language 'Friendship Magazine', which is produced three times a year. It covers the activities and outreach of all the episcopal churches in the Diocese of Taiwan. So, it is a great opportunity for Catherine to be involved with churches across the country.
- Taiwan's presidential elections take place on 13 January. Please pray for a good outcome and that all the people of Taiwan will continue to enjoy peace and stability in spite of the increasing threats from The People's Republic of China.

TUESDAY – THE CHILDREN’S SOCIETY

- When Rosie was 11, life began to get very hard. Her father finally left home and with him gone Rosie began to self-harm. Please give thanks that Rosie finally got the support she needed and now feels a different person. So much so, that she now works with the Children’s Society on advocacy projects.
- Give thanks for the Christingle service organised at St Luke’s and in other churches across the country. These were to support the work of the Children’s Society to show the love of God in helping and caring for vulnerable children.
- More than a third of children in the UK are living in poverty – going hungry to bed, cold or living in homes that are unsafe. Please pray for Children’s Society workers who are helping families trying to cope with the cost-of-living crisis which is pushing even more families to the brink.

WEDNESDAY – CHRISTIAN AID

- **Middle East Crisis Appeal:** Please pray for and financially support the work of Christian Aid and other 7 October – 7 December the UN estimates that Over 15,000 Palestinians and 1,500 Israelis were killed. Christian Aid says, “We need a full and permanent ceasefire now.”
- Over 3.6 million people have fled their homes as the conflict intensifies in Ukraine. Christian Aid is one of many organisations working to feed and shelter these internal refugees especially those affected when the Nova Kakhovka dam was destroyed. Please pray that the Ukrainians will not be forgotten in the midst of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
- Please pray for Christian Aid workers in Morocco as they support all those affected by the recent devastating earthquake. Pray especially for all those who have lost their homes and loved ones and are now living in a landscape they hardly recognise.

THURSDAY – KAGERA

- Please pray for Bishop Martin and all the clergy team who are visiting Kagera for the first two weeks in February. Pray that their time will be well spent in further strengthening the link between our two dioceses. And that the trip will justify the air travel involved in doing it!
- Give thanks that, under the leadership of Thomas Shavu and Leonard Safari, the Church and Community Mobilisation Process (CCMP) is helping people, especially young people, across the diocese set up self-help groups to encourage income generation and self-reliance. There are already 70 of these groups at work in the diocese.
- Ngara Anglican Primary School (NAPS) opened 30 years ago and has gone from strength to strength numerically, socially and academically. Please pray that finances will be available to build a dining hall, kitchen, library and compute room.

FRIDAY – RUKUNGIRI

- Please continue to pray for the Farmland and the food it produces. This is **very** important in providing children at the school with a more balanced and nutritious diet. Without this this children's diet would primarily consist of 'posho' (maize meal porridge) and beans.
- The cooks at the school continue to do an amazing job providing daily meals for hundreds of children using very basic resources and in kitchens that provide a very challenging environment to say the least! Please pray for them and the sheer dedication and hard work that they bring to their jobs.
- "A child who feels cared for and safe is in the best environment for learning". The children want to go to school and truanting is not a problem as African children generally recognise the importance of education and it's part in their future. Give thanks that this is so.

SATURDAY – THE BIBLE SOCIETY

- In Pakistan over 58,000 women have learned to read using the Scriptures. The Bible-based literacy course promotes both the social and spiritual well-being of Christian women in Pakistan. One Christian girl, using her literacy skills, secured a job in a garment factory and was promoted to be supervisor. Do pray for the work of the Pakistan Bible Society.
- Both Bible Society offices in Gaza have been caught in airstrikes. Two staff members have been wounded and another two have lost their homes to bombardment. Nashat Filmon's dedicated Bible team has been actively involved in relief efforts. This response is urgently needed as the situation becomes dire for Christians in Gaza. Eighteen people are known to have been killed when part of the Church of Saint Porphyrius collapsed after having been hit by a missile. Church compounds are serving as sanctuaries for people whose homes have been destroyed or rendered unsafe. Nashat says, "We'll continue to be a living testimony and stand with the Body of Christ and the Church during this tough time." Please pray that God will protect the Bible Society team in Gaza and use them to bring Jesus' message of peace, forgiveness and reconciliation to the warring sides

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