

light and your truth to lead us in the paths of justice and peace. Give wisdom to those who exercise authority in the government of our land; remove all causes of conflict and friction among us; unite us in the service of your kingdom; and make us a God-fearing people, regarding your laws and living together in brotherly love and concord. *Pray for The Murray - (South Australia, Australia) The Rt Revd John Frank Ford (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 28-ST SIMON AND ST JUDE

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen. Pray for Thika - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Julius Njuguna Wanyoike (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 29-31 October

29 Confirmations: Good Shepherd, Grassy Park
St Mary on the Braak, Stellenbosch

SUNDAY 29-TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Special Day of Prayer: Bible Sunday and the Bible society

Father, we thank you for giving us the Bible as your written word and for the work of the Bible Societies throughout the world who take the written word to places we cannot go and in making it available to people whose language we cannot speak. We pray that their work will prosper and multiply, that increasing numbers of people may read the scriptures in their mother tongue *Pray for Thoothukudi - Nazareth - (South India) Vacant; Tirunelveli - (South India) The Rt Revd Jayaraj Christdoss (A C P)*

MONDAY 30

ST PHILIP'S, GORDONS BAY with the CHAPELRY OF ST FRANCIS, BETTY'S BAY

We pray with thanksgiving for the leadership of the Venerable Trevor Steyn and his family and we give thanks for Fr Byron Samuels and family who will be joining us in December. We pray, too, for the Parish and Chapelry wardens, councillors, and the general leadership of the Parish and their families. We give thanks to God for all the organisations and ministries and pray that they may continue to grow in strength and commitment. Give thanks to God for the spirit of fellowship, and the willingness to work for the progress of the whole Parish. We give thanks to God for the progress made with our Church Hall. Pray for all members of the congregations that they may continue to be committed to working towards a Spiritual growth in the Church in this part of God's vineyard. *Pray for Toamasina - (Indian Ocean) The Rt Revd Jean Paul Solo (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 31

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Pray for Tohoku - (Japan) The Rt Revd John Hiromichi Kato (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

The Archdeaconry of Blue Downs to submit their prayers by 6 October

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PRAYER THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

I pray today for those with more problems than I have.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HELDERBERG

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 1-7 October

- 1 International Day of Older Persons
- 1 K/Bay Combined Service Cancer Awareness
- 2 M/Plain Christian Educ Exco Meeting
- 5 World Teachers' Day
- 5 B/Downs Arch New Layministers Training
- 7 Guild: Servants of Sanctuary Comm Meet
- 7 Diocesan Ordinands & Spouse Day
- 7 DFB Budget Presentation – M/Plain & K/Bay Archd.
- 7 CMS Exco @ Faure

SUNDAY 1-SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST-Ember Day

International Day of Older Person recognized by the UN

Loving Father, we lift to you those ageing people who are experiencing deterioration of sight, hearing and short-term memory; those who struggle to keep up with modern technology; and those whose families and friends do not realise what support and help is needed by the elderly. We hold up to you those elderly people who are losing their mobility, and those whose physical ability to do their daily tasks has diminished. We lift to you all those older people who live in shacks without water and sanitation, those who are unable to provide sufficient food for themselves, and those who watch their children die and who are left to support their grandchildren on too little. We thank you, Lord, for the blessings of good health that so many senior citizens enjoy; for time for new interests and hobbies, and the challenge of learning new skills. We thank you, Lord, for the pleasures of reminiscence of happy times long past, for those golden memories of childhood, youth and laughter. *Pray for Southern Philippines - (Philippines) The Rt Revd Danilo Labacanacruz Bustamante (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 2-Anthony, Earl of Shaftesbury, Philanthropist, 1885 also International Day of Non-Violence recognized by the UN

ST. PAUL'S, FAURE.

We give thanks to God for the ministry and leadership of our interim Priest-in-Charge, Fr. Cyril Davis. May God continue to bless him, his wife, Carol, and daughter Desiré. We also give thanks for the blessed Confirmation Service on 3 September, with Bishop Philip Le Feuvre, as the presider. We also

give thanks to heartfelt donations received on our Harvest Festival Sunday, 10 September. All the produce was distributed to the poor, needy and destitute within the Parish. We continue to pray for all the sick in our Parish; may God's healing hand touch them in their time of discomfort. We also pray for those who have been affected by taxi violence, domestic violence or any other form of violence. *Pray for Southern Virginia - (III, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Herman Hollerith (A Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 3

Oh God of wisdom, you speak to us in so many wonderful ways. Help us to listen to your voice and to look for you in everything we do and everyone we meet. Let our eyes see the goodness you have created and with your guidance, may we become a lamp for those without light. *Pray for Southwark - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun; Southwark - Croydon - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Johnathan Clark; Southwark - Kingston - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Richard Cheetham; Southwark - Woolwich - (Canterbury, England) Vacant (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 4-Francis of Assisi, Religious, 1226

We pray for all of those engaged in the work of mission, seeking to spread the good news of God's love. We pray for all Christian people called to be living examples of God's great love for humankind. May we live attractive lives which draw people to know the goodness of God in a world where so often there is fear and despair. We remember those who witness to their faith in societies where it is dangerous to openly declare the Christian conviction. We are humbled by the sacrifice and commitment of those prepared to die for their faith, as we consider our own weak efforts. So we ask Lord Jesus that the fire of your Gospel would so burn in all our hearts that many would hear the story of your wonderful life and death. May you through us draw all people into your kingdom, that every knee would bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. *Pray for Southwell & Nottingham - (York, England) The Rt Revd Paul Gavin Williams; Southwell & Nottingham - Sherwood - (York, England) The Rt Revd Anthony Porter (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 5

World Teachers Day, recognized by the UN and UNESCO

ALL SAINTS, SOMERSET WEST, WITH OUTSTATION AT VERGELEGEN

Please pray for our Rector, Fr Jacques Jefferies, his wife Denise and sons Xavier and Jarred. Pray for our assistant priest Revd. Virginia Mackails and son Glen, and for our curate, Fr Joy Klimbashe, his wife Linda, their children Odwa, Apehele, Zenande, and also Liyema and Ongama in their care. We ask for God's blessings for our clergy and their families. We continue to give thanks for God's blessings received, for daily miracles that give evidence of the goodness of God among us and for the comfort of knowing that we will always have God by our side to guide and protect us. Give thanks and pray for the Churchwardens and Parish Council, Administrative Staff and for the various ministries and fellowships in our Parish, and for all who offer their time and talents in the service of Christ. We continue to thank God for the generosity of parishioners and their faithfulness to Christ and His church, and we especially thank God for the many years of faithful service of Rene Pedersen and Petra Rigg in the Parish Administration. Ask God to bless them in their retirement. We give thanks for our Junior Church and Youth Ministry, and especially for those who were confirmed in October. Pray with us, that we may be faithful to God's calling to be witnesses of Jesus Christ in the places where we live, work and move. Pray also for the farming community at Vergelegen, and for the faithful ministry of Revd Virginia among them. Ask that God may grant us the joy of seeing the completion of the perimeter wall at St Matthew's. Continue to pray for those families straining under the burdens of poverty, unemployment and the evils of alcohol and drug abuse, and also for those who are dependent on food relief parcels. *Pray for Southwest Florida - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Dabney Smith (Anglican. Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 6-Sr. Henrietta CSM &AA

Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding to what we believe to be right. May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred. We pray for the

MONDAY 23-ST JAMES THE BROTHER OF THE LORD

Lord God, we thank you for the gift of life. We thank and praise you for the mystery of creation. We know that you are in us, and we in you. Guide us, therefore, in our efforts to hand on the earth to future generations, so that others can seek to understand your will and purpose in the world. Bring your love to perfection and help us to care. Christ our Saviour, who restored unity between earth and heaven, teach us to care for your earth, and to be good stewards of all that is in it. May we learn how to live in harmony with your creation, that the earth may bring forth goodness to nourish and renew all who share it. Christ hear us and teach us to care. Holy Spirit, by your breath the world was created; help us to listen to the groaning of creation; help us listen to your guidance that we may live gently on earth and renew the face of the earth. Spirit hear us and give us wisdom to care. *Pray for Terekeka - (Loryko, Sudan) The Rt Revd Paul Modi (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 24

United Nations Day, recognized by the UN

Lord, God of all peoples, we gather this day to declare not our independence, but our interdependence. We are all created by the same God and share the same eternal destiny. We are called to live together in harmony and peace, as one family in the Lord. We ask your blessings on us, on all nations, and on the United Nations, dedicated to fostering peace throughout the world. Bless all its members, that they may persevere, faithful to your commandments and, in all decisions, follow your divine will for all of creation. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen. *Pray for Texas - (VII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Andrew Doyle; Suffragan Bishop of Texas - (VII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Jeff Fisher; Suffragan Bishop of Texas - (VII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Dena Harrison; West Texas - (VII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Gary Lillibridge; Suffragan Bishop of West Texas - (VII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd David Reed (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 25

ST ANDREW'S, STRAND WITH THE CHAPELRY OF ST MARY'S, LWANDLE

We pray for our interim Priest-in-Charge, Fr Joe Nolly and his family; for Fr Bavuma who is assisting at St Mary's and his family. Please pray for the Parish family of St. Andrew's, Strand together with St. Mary's Lwandle and the community at Zola, giving thanks to God for the faithful witness and vibrant ministry of the leadership in both areas. Pray also for the Church Wardens as they continue to take responsibility for the administrative affairs during this long interregnum. We give thanks to God for the faithful ministry of the Church Wardens along with the ministries of the Parish Council, the Parish Organisations and all those who offer up their time and talents daily to serve God. We pray for all the organisations within our Chapelry and give thanks to God for the faithful dedication and ministry of all our Chapelry Leadership. *Pray for The Arctic - (Rupert's Land, Canada) The Rt Revd David Parsons; Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of the Arctic - (Rupert's Land, Canada) The Rt Revd Darren McCartney (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 26

Praise to you, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for in your infinite love you care for your people by the ministry of priests. May their faithful service bring lasting good to your Church and great happiness to them. Help them to do what is right, that by their teaching and living we may grow in the knowledge of your love. As our priests instruct your people, enlighten them with the wisdom of Christ the Teacher. As they preach your Word and celebrate the sacraments, sanctify them with the holiness of Christ the High Priest. As they face weakness, suffering and discouragement, strengthen them with the grace of Christ the Life-Giver. As they work for peace, unity and healing in your Church, uphold them with the courage of Christ the Reconciler. *Pray for The Episcopal Church in South Carolina - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Charles Von Rosenberg (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 27

God and Father of all, graciously bless this our nation, our diocese and our parish and send out your

WEDNESDAY 18-ST LUKE

Dear Lord, we thank you for doctors, nurses, chaplains and all who work in hospitals. May they continue to use their knowledge and skills to bring comfort and ease to all those who are suffering. Lord, be with all carers who spend days and years working to bring relief to those with Aids. At times they see recovery which is wonderful, but there are times when the results of treatment are disappointing – please give them strength and hope and the love to carry on. *Pray for Taita-Taveta - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Samson Mwaluda; Coadjutor Bishop of Taita-Taveta - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Liverson Mng'onda*

THURSDAY 19-Henry Martyn, Missionary to the East

Most blessed God, whose will it is for us to live a life free of violence, we pray for the families and friends of those who have been victimized for we know they, too, bear some of the hurt, rage and anger: Unite them in love that their bonding may become a source of strength. We pray for ourselves that we may be aware of the violence within our selves and within the culture in which we live: Help us to return to your path of love. *Pray for Taiwan - (VIII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd David Lai*

FRIDAY 20

Praise to you, God of all times and seasons, for you are faithful from age to age in your great love for us. Strengthen our efforts to build a community that cares for body, mind, and spirit under your guidance. By your Holy Spirit, bring our individual talents together for the common good. Help us to honor you, O God, in all people, and to glorify you in all things, so that your justice and peace will renew our world. Praise and glory be yours, God of endless ages, both now and for ever. *Pray for Tanga - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Maimbo Mndolwa; Tarime - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd R Mwita Akiri (ACP)*

SATURDAY 21

O God, the Father of humankind, to whom alone is known the mystery of suffering, hear our prayers on behalf of those in hospital who are bearing the burden of sickness or pain, or have to undergo operations. In their weakness and anxiety draw near to them with your comfort and strength, and give them the assurance that, sharing their suffering, you will also share with them your peace. *Pray for Assistant Bishop of Tasmania - (Ex-P, Australia) The Rt Revd Christopher Jones; Assistant Bishop of Tasmania - (Ex-P, Australia) The Rt Revd Ross Nicholson (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 22-28 October

- 22 Confirmations: St Andrew's, Ceres
St John's, Wolseley
St Francis, Mandela Park
- 23-25 M/Plain Arch Planning 2018

SUNDAY 22-TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Creating God, You made the heavens and the earth and your work was Good and we praise you. May we continue your good work through our own labour. We pray for all those who work, whether in the school, the factory, the mines, the armed services, the business office, government or on the farm. May all workers carry themselves with honour, know the respect of their managers, be kept safe from harm, and be well paid for hard work so that they might provide for their family and loved ones. God help us not to pit workers of one nation against those of another nation. Rather help us to create work in concert so that workers of all nations might mutually prosper with decent wages for decent work. Today we also pray for those who are unemployed or underemployed. May they not become discouraged; may they continue to find ways to learn and grow in their time out of work. Help us as a nation to continue to provide for those who are suffering from unemployment so that they do not lose hearth and home. May those out of work, experience tangible evidence of our support and may meaningful work come quickly. May all the labours of our lives benefit your creation so that we might be co-creators of your world filled with peace and enough for all. *Pray for Temotu - (Melanesia) The Rt Revd Leonard Dawea*

vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead men to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others. *Pray for South Western Virginia - (III, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Mark Allen Boulrakas (A C P)*

SATURDAY 7-William Tynedale, Priest and Martyr, 1536

O God, by your grace you have called us in this Diocese to a fellowship of faith. Bless Bishop, Margaret, our clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Pray for Spokane - (VIII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd James Waggoner; Springfield - (V, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Daniel Martins (A C Prayer)*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 8-14 October

- 8 Confirmations: St Peter's, Kleinvlei
St Matthew's, Delft
All Saints, Somerset West
- 8 Mothers Union Council Meeting Delft
- 9 M/Plain Arch Chapter @ Woodlands
- 10 Breede Valley Archdeaconry Chapter Worcester
- 10 Kalk Bay Arch Chapter @ Kalk Bay
- 10 World Mental Health Day
- 10 B/Downs Arch Chapter @ Stellenbosch
- 11/12 BISHOP'S CLERGY FORUM MONWABSI
- 12 Kalk Bay Arch Council @ Lavender Hill
- 12 B/Downs Arch New Layministers Training
- 13 CMS Dance @ Strand Hall
- 14 Confirmations: Christ the Redeemer, Westridge
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- 14 CMS Provincial Meeting
- 14 CLB/CGB Annual Drill/Band Comp. S West
- 14 AWF Exe Meeting M/Plain Archd.
- 14 Post Ordination Training
- 14 DFB Budget Presentation – Blue Downs Archd.

SUNDAY 8-EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We pray to the Almighty God to give children orphaned by AIDS, families and caregivers who will provide for them both physically and emotionally. We pray that they are able to attend school so that cycles of poverty are not prolonged. We also pray for strength, protection, and provision for child-headed households. We give praise and thanks to God that the biggest epidemics in sub-Saharan Africa have either stabilized or are showing signs of decline, and pray that this trend continues. We offer praise to God for doctors and AIDS caregivers who are providing life-saving care and support and ask Him to give them wisdom and compassion as they work through difficult cases in difficult conditions and for the supplies they need to be able to offer care, safely and effectively. We pray that people living with HIV and AIDS would be strengthened and comforted, that they would live a full life and be embraced and cared for by their families. *Pray for St Albans - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Alan Smith; St Albans - Bedford - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Richard Atkinson; St Albans - Hertford - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Michael Beasley (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 9

World Mental Health Day, recognized by the UN and WHO

We pray for all lay people who give unselfishly of their time and energy to the church and the administration of the church, that they may be strengthened and guided by the Holy Spirit in all they do. Father, help us to help each other; teach us to be willing to do the small things just as gladly as those

which are important. Help us to be good neighbours; may our words, our examples and influence make life easier and happier for those around us. *Pray for St Asaph - (Wales) The Rt Revd Gregory Cameron (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 10

We pray for all our learners who will be starting their last quarter for this year. We pray that all problems within the education system will be solved as speedily as possible. We pray to God to bless and guide those who teach and those who learn. We entrust to His care all our children now preparing for their matric exams; may He fill them with faith, hope and strength and make them steadfast in all their efforts. *Pray for St Davids - (Wales) The Revd Canon Joanna Penberthy (Anglican C of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 11-Philip the Deacon

ST PETER'S, KHAYELITSHA

Loving God, we give thanks for our Parish family; for the vibrancy and fellowship. We give thanks for the vibrancy of our worship and activities. We pray for our Worship centres in their process of becoming Chapelries: we pray for St Bede's in Site B, Bernard Mizeki in Site C and Elizabeth Paul in Chuma that they continue as centres of hope in our broken community. We give thanks for the ministry of the Rector, Father Lundi and we pray for your guidance and protection for him, Anita and their children. We give you thanks for the ministry and service of Revd Martha and for the support of Mutile and their children. We thank you God, for the works of healing you continue to do. We pray for God's protection of Fr Themba, his wife and children. Guide all our leaders as they continue to steer this ship to prosperity and harmonious relationship with You. We ask God to guide these processes. Lord, we continue to pray for peace and harmony in our community. We pray for an end to violence, drug abuse and all forms of crime. Open opportunities to all who seek employment and to earn their living and let justice reign in our community. Deepen in all of us a respect for all life whilst anchoring us in your love and compassion. *Pray for St Edmundsbury & Ipswich - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Martin Seeley; St Edmundsbury & Ipswich - Dunwich - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Michael Harrison (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 12

Lord and Heavenly Father, we thank you for our homes and families. Make us aware of your loving care of us day by day. Make us thankful for all the blessings we receive which we take for granted, and make us mindful of those who are lonely and less fortunate than ourselves. *Pray for St Helena - (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Richard Fenwick; St Mark the Evangelist - (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Martin Breytenbach (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 13

ST MATTHEW'S CHAPELRY SIR LOWRY'S PASS

We pray for our Rector, Fr Jacques Jefferies, and his family, for Revd. Virginia Mackails and her family; for Fr Joy Klimbashe and his family. We give thanks to God for the election of Church Officers at our last Vestry, and we pray for the completion of building maintenance and plans for the erection of a much needed perimeter wall to secure the church property. Please continue to pray for the community of Sir Lowry's Pass where high unemployment, substance abuse and crime remain a huge challenge. Pray also for our young people and vulnerable children that suffer the most. *Pray for Sunyani - (Ghana, West Africa) The Rt Revd Festus Yeboah-Asuamah; Tamale - (Ghana, West Africa) The Rt Revd Jacob Ayebo (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 14

Help us to be Christian in our attitudes. Let all that we do and say spring out of understanding hearts. Make us willing to seek moral objectives together, that in united action this nation may be steadfast in the search for righteousness and peace. Bless those who bear responsibility. May they be led by You to do that which is right rather than that which is expedient or politically wise. Save us from politicians who seek only their own selfish interests. Illuminate the minds of management as well as la-

bour, that there may be an end to selfishness and greed. Bless this land that we love so much, our Father, and help her to deposit her trust, not in armies and navies, in wealth and material resources, or in achievements of the human mind, but in that righteousness which alone exalts any nation, and by which alone peace can finally come to us. *Amen. Pray for Swansea & Brecon - (Wales) The Rt Revd John Davies (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 15-21 October

15	Confirmation: St Michael & All Angels, Elgin:
15	CMS Thanksgiving Service @ Rusthof
17	B/Downs Arch Council @ Delft
19	B/Downs Arch New Layministers Training
19	DIOCESAN FINANCE/TRUSTS BOARD
20	B/Valley Archdeaconry C/Wardens Meeting Ceres
20-21	St MMagd. Guild Strategic Planning G/Drakenstein
21	Diocesan Clergy Spouse Day
21	M/Plain Arch Council @ Tafelsig
21-22	Breede Valley Arch Lay Training Retreat

SUNDAY 15-NINETEENTH SUDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Special Day of Prayer: Prisoners of Conscience also International Day of Rural Women, recognized by the UN

Lord Jesus, for our sake you were condemned as a criminal: Visit our jails and prisons with your pity and judgment. Remember all prisoners, and bring the guilty to repentance and adjustment of life according to your will, and give them hope for their future. When any are held unjustly, bring them release; forgive us, and teach us to improve our justice. Remember those who work in these institutions; keep them humane and compassionate, and save them from becoming brutal or callous. *Pray for Swaziland - (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Ellinah Ntombi Wamukoya (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 16-Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, Bishops and Martyrs, 1555

Heavenly Father, we pray for the Church at work in the world, and more especially for the voluntary workers among our communities, towns and within our own Diocese. Guide them, Lord, to be your true witnesses in their lives and deeds. We pray for those with whom they work, that they will have thirsty souls to receive your word. *Pray for Sydney - (New South Wales, Australia) The Most Revd Dr Glenn Davies; Sydney - Liverpool - (New South Wales, Australia) The Rt Revd Peter Tasker; Sydney - North - (New South Wales, Australia) The Rt Revd Chris Edwards; Sydney - South - (New South Wales, Australia) The Rt Revd Robert Forsyth; Sydney - West - (New South Wales, Australia) The Rt Revd Ivan Lee; Sydney - Wollongong - (New South Wales, Australia) The Rt Revd Al Stewart (AC of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 17-Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr, c.110

Lord Jesus, we your people pray to you for our priests. you have given them to us for our needs. We pray for them in their needs. We know that you have made them priests in the likeness of your own priesthood. You have consecrated them, set them aside, anointed them, filled them with the Holy Spirit, appointed them to teach, to preach, to minister, to console, to forgive, and to feed us with your Body and Blood, yet we know, too, that they are one with us and share our human weaknesses. We know that they are tempted to sin and are discouraged as are we, needing to be ministered to, as are we, to be consoled and forgiven, as are we. Indeed, we thank you for choosing them from among us, so that they understand us as we understand them, suffer with us and rejoice with us, worry with us and trust with us, share our beings, our lives, our faith. We ask that you give them this day the gift you gave your chosen ones on the way to Emmaus: your presence in their hearts, your holiness in their souls, your joy in their spirits, and let them see you face to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread. *Pray for Tabora - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Elias Chakupewa (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*