

- peace and reconciliation on the island, remembering all those affected by the bombings on Easter Day in churches and hotels;
- All of us as we seek to do God's will.

- Three students who are all unbalanced and unable to cope with life; for wisdom for those of us who are aware of their situations and trying to be supportive.

Fiona Kendall - European and Legal Affairs Advisor, Mediterranean Hope - Italy - PH Day 30

Please pray for:

- all of those engaged in combatting hate speech and tenacity notwithstanding the volume
- for opportunities to educate the most susceptible;
- those working with the marginalised;
- communities to care for the neediest in their midst;
- those on the margins to be welcomed, whatever their difficulties;
- those with the power to make policies for courage to take steps which challenge popular opinion and a focus on changing lives, not votes.

Sheila Norris – United Church of Christ in Japan – PH Day 21

Please pray for:

- Rita and Hilda (from Cameroon) and Ruata (from Myanmar) who have been supported by the British Methodist Church as scholarship students at Asian Rural Institute here in Japan and are just completing their studies; for God's blessings on them as they adjust back to life in their own countries and start to decide how they can work with their local communities to use their new knowledge, abilities and leadership skills for everyone's benefit.
- Mrs Nishimura. The cancer is in remission and she is back at work and cheerful again.

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An update to the Prayer Handbook supporting our mission partners working across the world and in Britain

Please use with the Prayer Handbook (PH) – the days are highlighted - and copy for wider circulation and in church newsletters.

Both paper and electronic copies are available. The inspiring texts of prayer letters and the Global Relationships Monthly Bulletin 'World Church News' are available online at www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-worldwide/GlobalRelationship and by email or post.

Please pray for:

- **Global Relations Team:** Conrad Hicks - Director; Andy Dye; Catherine Hickey; Steve Pearce; Sandra Lopez; Bumni Olayisade; Barry Sloane; Simon Bennett; Natalie Hastings.
- 'the Church CAN partnership' - between Global Relationships and All We Can, combining resources to work with churches to develop leadership, capacity and strategy for their ongoing mission;
- **World Church Partners working in the U.K.:** We pray for all who leave their homes to share in the mission and ministry of the church here in Britain.
- **Mission partners on leave:** Please check dates and availability with the Global Relationships (GR) team - Email: gr.admin@methodistchurch.org.uk

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Mission Partners Prayer Concerns and Requests

Michael and Joanna Tettey and family – Benin – PH Day 3

Please pray for:

- Smooth and rapid settling into our new accommodation in Togo.
- God to surround us with His children to assist us to settle in Togo;
- Our daughters to settle well in their new school as they work on catching up academically and socially in making new friends;
- Good health for us and our family (near and far);
- Showers of blessings to fall on us and the Fruits of the Spirit abiding in us – especially patience, peace and self control - needed for our Spiritual and mental daily survival;
- God to assign the work within the capacity of our experience, talents and skills – to enlarge His Kingdom and bless His children;
- God's richest blessing on the workers of EMT as they seek to expand His kingdom;
- The handover of accommodation to Methodist Church Benin (EPMB) and handover of tasks to the hospital Polyclinique du Bon Samaritain (PBS) to be thorough;
- The work of EPMB and PBS will continue to bless and change lives for the better, not only in Benin but across the region.

Freddy & Dee Takavarasha – South Africa – PH Day 6

Please Pray for:

- That more funding for the development of the Uppington Circuit Project for disabled people be found so that building might start in February 2020 as schedule;
- That more specialised teachers and donors be found for the work of the Oasis Skills Centre, which currently is unable to take on more students due to financial constraints;
- The success of fundraising efforts by the Circuit with the view of making it possible for an extra Minister to reside and minister within the Circuit.

Jenny Featherstone - Zambia - PH Day 8

Please pray for:

- good rains in 2019/2020 season, so the farmers can harvest enough for their families and a surplus;
- the government to control spiralling inflation;
- Lake Kariba (which stands at 7% of turbine capacity) and all other hydroelectricity plants to regenerate enough in 2020 to reduce the electricity shortages.

Keith & Ida Waddell - Zambia - Day 8

We give thanks for our biological and Church family who support our life and work, spiritually and materially so that we can undertake our calling.

Please pray:

- For those people suffering from the drought, the power cuts and the lack of water in the urban areas, the high price of maize meal (the Zambian staple food), crop failure and malnutrition;
- For those suffering from the drought; our families and those members in need of support in our absence that their needs may be met;
- For the UCZ and its commitment to meeting local needs through the missional church;
- That we may continue to walk in love and faith dependant on God and that we may grow in grace wisdom and revelation according to God's will with compassion to those souls in need and remain faithful in challenges we meet.

Angleena Keizer – Israel/ Palestine – PH Day 15

Please pray for:

- all who have been displaced, face injustices and who seek to continue to follow the One who was born in Bethlehem. Pray for these faithful servants of God as they continue to live by faith trusting in Him;

- all whose lives are controlled by others and have lack of freedom and movement;
- goodwill and peace in the world, Israel/Palestine, and in our hearts this Christmas;
- your church to continue to be a prophetic voice, standing in solidarity with all who are oppressed, to be a voice for the voiceless and seek to be peace makers;
- the Methodist Liaison staff Angleena and Samar as they continue to stand alongside the broken hearted, stand for justice for all people, and stand against occupation. Pray that their hearts and ministry continue to see the image of God in all whom they meet and that the joy of the Lord be their strength.
- the volunteers and groups who will visit the Holy Land in the coming months, visiting holy sites and meeting the people of the land. That they will have meaningful experiences and return never to be the same again.

Anne Baldwin – Sri Lanka – PH Day 18

Please pray for:

- Revd. Arulnathan, Principal Designate who will be inducted on 6 January 2020;
- more lecturers at the college;
- students who left earlier this year as they begin their ministry throughout the island;