The Prayer for Zambia Sunday 2022

Loving God and Father of us all, today we pray for our brothers and sisters in the Zambia Anglican Church.

We give thanks for the 44 years in which we have celebrated life and faith together through our Diocesan Companion Link.

We give thanks for the prayers, for the friendships, for the joys and for the concerns that we have shared.

And we give thanks for all that we have learned from each other as we have sought to live and tell the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We ask for your continuing blessing on us as together we strive to “come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ”.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

On this Zambia Sunday, we pray for the Anglican Church in Zambia and for our links to them, that through our faithful response to our mutual calling, the Kingdom of God may grow in both nations.

*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

We give you thanks for the life and ministry of Bishop David Njovu, and we pray for your blessing, heavenly Father,

* on the clergy and people of Lusaka Diocese and on the man who will become their bishop
* on the clergy and people of Central Diocese and on Bishop Derek
* on the clergy and people of Eastern Diocese and for Bishop William
* on the clergy and people of Luapula Diocese and for Bishop Robert
* on the clergy and people of Northern Diocese and on Archbishop Albert
* and on the clergy and people of Bath & Wells, on Bishop Ruth, and on Bishop Michael

*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

We give thanks that the Zambian bishops are among us today, on the eve of the Lambeth Conference; and we pray for all bishops who will come together there, that their diversity may enrich their common witness in unity, reconciliation; and respectful dialogue.

*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

We pray for those in government in both our countries, for wisdom, integrity and honesty in political leadership, and a desire to serve the good of the whole people, especially those in poverty or need.

*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

We pray for justice and fairness for those worst hit by changing patterns of climate. We ask for your mercy, Lord, to acknowledge and repent when consumerism has led to the devastation of our environments and ecosystems; for we know that many who are worst hit by the climate crisis have done the least to contribute to it. Direct our stewardship, in both countries, of the precious earth that you created and have given to us to tend.

*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

We pray for those who are struggling with the effects of the Covid pandemic, and we ask for a spirit of generosity and fairness in the sharing of resources to combat it.

*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

We pray for your blessing, Lord, as we strive to transcend our differences, and share our responsibility for peace and unity. We pray for sacred friendships to grow and flourish in our common desire to live holy lives as
disciples of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*