

the kindness with which they hosted our priest. We pray for Revd Rodney and the Parish of St. Francis of Assisi, Simonstown, that they may be blessed. Dearest Lord Jesus, we pray for our Church Wardens, Parish Councillors, organisations and congregation, that You will guide and lead us through this period of interregnum. God Bless Christ the Saviour. *Pray for Patna (North India) The Most Revd Dr Philip Marandih; Chandigarh (North India) The Rt Revd Younas Massey (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 29-ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Father, hear us as we pray for all our young people. Be with them in whatever they are doing. Watch over them and protect them. Give them confidence, courage, patience, compassion and understanding. If they meet with temptation give them the will and the strength to resist; and help them to be tactful and respectful towards their superiors. Above all may they live their lives to your praise and glory. *Pray for Pelotas (Brazil) The Rt Revd Renato Da Cruz Raatz; Chelmsford (England) Vacant (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 30-Jerome, Priest and Teacher of the Faith, 420 CHRIST THE KING, ROCKLANDS

God of hope, all of us have suffered in some way as a result of the virus pandemic. Bind us together with strong ties of love, that our community, our country and the world may be a place where we can all find acceptance. May it be a place of welcome for all who have been infected or affected, a place where care is given and received. God of all creation, we thank and praise you for all the blessings given to us and our parish family. We acknowledge that although we are under lock down, we have the ability through modern technology to try and reach our people throughout the length and breadth of our parish. We praise and thank you for all our parishioners, those who long to come and worship. Please give us the courage and strength to hold the fort as we embrace this which is new to us. We give thanks for our wardens and their families, all organisations as they continue to work to God's glory and the furtherance of His kingdom here on earth. We give thanks for the ministry of Father Dean Farrell and his wife Lynn, and we wish him well as he recuperates. We once again welcome Father Stanton and his family. We, the Peters family, wish to thank all our parishioners for the love and concern shown during our bout of Covid 19. We praise and thank Almighty God that we have come through it with minimum side effects. **A THOUGHT TO PONDER ON:** *Life is a fingerprint that cannot be duplicated, So make the best impression with it, live it, love it, and don't waste a single moment in your life, because time has no holiday, dreams have no expiry date and life no pause button.* *Pray for Pennsylvania (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Daniel Gutierrez; Chester (England) The Rt Revd Peter Robert Forster (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**The Archdeaconries of Breede Valley and Overberg
to submit their prayers by 6 September**

PRAYERS FOR PARISHES AND PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE OF FALSE BAY

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PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS FOR THE PEOPLE AND PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF FALSE BAY

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PRAYER THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

Lord, I am consciously aware that You are my Partner throughout this day.

ARCHDEACONRY OF MITCHELL'S PLAIN

TUESDAY 1-Robert Gray, First Bishop of Cape Town, 1872

Heavenly Father, You have called us to be living members of Christ's Holy Church. Bless the fellowship of the Church. Bless all ministers and missionaries. Uphold the words of Your Truth. Increase in us Your grace, and help us do deeds of mercy. Grant to all who belong to Your Church a sure faith in Your Holy Word, and lives which are obedient to it. May we always serve You and each other in prayer and love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Pray for Ondo (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Stephen Oni; Calabar (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Tunde Adeleye; Kinshasa (Congo) The Rt Revd Achille Mutshindu (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 2-The Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF MITCHELL'S PLAIN

The Archdeaconry of Mitchell's Plain thank God for the leadership of Bishop Margaret, Senior Priest Canon Dr. Ronald and ATO the Venerable Trevor Steyn and for the leadership of our Archdeacon, Ven Ruth. God bless them as they lead us through the uncharted territory of Covid-19. We pray for all who have been infected by the Corona-virus and we thank God for the many recoveries. May we never stigmatise and cause more pain to all who are already experiencing so much suffering. May we embrace and hold close to our hearts and close to God's heart all who are going through deep despair. We bring before God all other patients, that they may find the necessary help at hospitals. We pray for hospital staff and all other frontliners. We pray for mental health during these uncertain times. We thank God for the life of Lennox McCarthy, called to higher service and we thank God for his skill and dedication to church music. We pray for all others who have passed on, that they may rest in peace and rise in glory. May God comfort their families. We thank God for the many different ways of worship, revealed to us and for the many organisations and parishioners who are participating and for all who facilitate this. We thank God for clergy and people. Revd Rodney Uren is moving to the Parish of St. Francis of Assisi, Simonstown. We thank God for his ministry in our Archdeaconry and wish him well in the Archdeaconry of Mountain Bay. Revds Adrian and Dean are looking towards Ordination to the priesthood. We pray for them and their families. We pray for the work of all the parish wardens, councils and their Covid-19 task teams as they prepare the churches for opening. We pray for Revds Joseph Nolly, Daphne Hamsley, George and Jenny Wyngaardt, John and Joyce Hanson and soon to join Brian and Marilyn Bolton. We pray for all

clergy spouses. We thank God for the ministry of Rt Revd Oswald Swartz, retired Bishop of Kimberley and Kuruman and his wife Jasmine as they join our Diocese. *Pray for Ontario (Canada) The Rt Revd Michael Oulton; Calcutta (North India) The Rt Revd Probal Kanto Dutta (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 3

We pray for all Christians who are working in perilous and troubled areas. We pray for all whose homes have seen disaster and whose faith has been shaken; for those who are bewildered and fearful in the midst of tragedy; for the injured, bereaved, and the destitute. We commend to God's grace all who are seeking help, as well as healing for the injured and comfort for the bereaved. *Pray for Ogbomoso (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Titus Babtunde Olayinka; Caledonia (Canada) The Rt Revd David T.J. Lehmann; Calgary (Canada) The Most Revd Gregory Kerr-Wilson (A C of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 4

CHRIST THE REDEEMER, WESTRIDGE

Almighty God and heavenly Father we thank you for the many blessings bestowed upon us as a parish during this time of Covid-19. It has not been an easy time for the parish but we thank God that we could continue the ministry of the church in proclaiming the word of God. We thank God for the leadership of our Rector, Revd. Ruth Swartz and her family, the curates Revd. Enrico Heuvel and Revd. Dean Farrell and their families. We pray for Revd Dean and his family as he looks to Ordination to the priesthood. We pray for our Rector who is on Sabbatical, that she will have a wonderful and peaceful rest. We thank God for our church wardens leading the church in this challenging time. We pray for all those infected with the Covid-19 virus. We deeply mourn all who died during this time. We pray for all those hospitalized, in isolation and we give thanks for those who have recovered. We give thanks to God for our Covid-19 task team for their enthusiasm in planning and preparing the church. We pray as the church faces the challenges of the lockdown regulations that the people of God remain hopeful and prayerful for one another during this time. Be with all of us Lord God during this trying time and protect us against the darkness of this world that we may walk in your light and be the light in this world. *Pray for Oregon (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Michael Hanley; Pray for California (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Marc Andrus (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 5

We pray and give thanks to God for all who are ready to help the overburdened. Pray for the peoples of Africa for whom the Cross has such deep meaning. Pray for forgiveness of those who are unwilling to help and who turn a blind eye to the needs and challenges of this life. We pray for all who suffer on behalf of others. *Pray for Orlu (Nigeria) The Most Revd Bennett Okoro; Cameroon (West Africa) The Rt Revd Dibo Thomas-Babyngton Elango; Kirinyaga (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joseph Kibichwa (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SUNDAY 6-FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST,

Special Day of Prayer: Young people/ Season of Creation

Father, take the lives of our teens. We offer them to You with open hands. Through the example of Jesus, teach them to surrender their lives fully to You. Bless them with the knowledge that they are Your beloved ones and that they truly belong to a community of love and mercy. Break open their hearts so that the seed of the Word and the power of the Eucharist can be planted in fertile ground, take root and transform their lives. *Pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa; The Most Revd Thabo Makgoba - Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa (A C of P)*

MONDAY 7

CHRIST THE MEDIATOR, PORTLAND

where you are there is no lack. We thank you for the ministry at Christ the Reconciler, its members, under the leadership of Revd Netta Gallant and her husband Johnny with their son Luke. We thank God for the leadership, the Wardens and the Lay Ministers for their commitment during these times of uncertainties. We thank God for those who are managing to keep their commitment regarding their tithes. We pray for a breakthrough for those who are still suffering financial losses due to job losses. We thank God for the soup kitchen and especially for those who prepare and serve the meals in our community three times a week. We thank God for the generosity of those who have also donated to the soup kitchen and to the food parcels being distributed to the community. We thank God for those who have recovered from COVID 19 infections and for the elderly who are alone at home during this time of lockdown. We thank God for the ongoing work done to our MPC in preparation for its blessing in the very near future. We pray for the Right Reverend Margaret Vertue, our Diocesan Bishop, that God will continue to grant her strength, wisdom and health to care for the flock of the Diocese of False Bay. We pray this to a God of generous love, mercy and justice. *Pray for Panyana (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Seme Nigo Abinda; Central Solomons (Melanesia) The Rt Revd Ben Seka; Central Tanganyika (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Dickson Chilongani (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 25-Ember Day

We pray for Bishop Margaret and her Episcopal ministry in the Diocese and for her chapter and all other advisors. Pray for the Archdeacons as they give leadership in the Archdeaconries and as they respond to the spiritual and material needs of the parishes. Pray for the mission, ministry and growth in the Archdeaconries and for the material resources in these areas. Pray for all widows and widowers in the Diocese. Pray for the retired clergy living in the parishes of our Diocese. Pray for a deeper sense of commitment and sharing of resources among the people of God in our Diocese. *Pray for Central Zambia (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Derek Gary Kamukwamba (Diocesan Bishop) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 26-Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626

Father, whose Son our Lord went about as a teacher, may all who teach in our schools, colleges and universities be inspired to do so with skill, imagination and impartiality, guiding all students into a search for knowledge and truth. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. *Pray for Paraguay (South America) The Rt Revd Peter John Henry Bartlett; Central Zimbabwe (Central Africa) The Revd Ignatius Makumbe; Kobe (Japan) The Rt Revd Augustine Naoaki Kobayashi (A C of P)*

SUNDAY 27-SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We give thanks to God for the gift of wonder. Develop in us a quality of freshness that we may never grow stale or spiritually bored or lost in Christian routine. We ask for hearts that are generous and warm. Help us to look for the good in other people and to give thanks for all the daily signs of your grace. *Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; The Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo - Archbishop of the Province of Sudan & Bishop of Khartoum (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 28

CHRIST THE SAVIOUR, LENTEGEUR

Loving Father, we give you thanks and praise for the blessing of online worship as we continue to worship you in varied ways through the lockdown. We pray for Revd. Rodney Uren, may you give us the wisdom, courage, love and humility as we live into our calling as a place of prayer, hospitality, stewardship and service. Be with our families and broader community as they experience the challenging effects of poverty, hunger and unemployment caused by the pandemic. May your grace and peace be with us during this trying time. We thank you, Lord, for the ministry of Revd Rodney as he will take up office in Simonstown. We thank you for his pastoral zeal, his deep compassion and care. We thank you for the Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Strandfontein and

people around the world to lives of misery - hungry, sick, and utterly without hope. We pray for the children who are starving, who are condemned to homelessness, slave labour, and prostitution and especially for those forced to fight, to kill and torture even members of their own family. We pray for the victims of violence and war, for those wounded in body and for those wounded in mind. We pray for the multitudes of refugees, forced from their homes to alien places through war or through the utter destruction of their environment. We pray for an end to cruelty, whether to humans or animals; for an end to bullying, and torture in all its forms. We pray that we may learn the peace that comes with forgiving and the strength we gain in loving; that we may learn to take nothing for granted in this life; that we may learn to see and understand with our hearts; that we may learn to rejoice in our being. We pray for these things with humility; We pray because of the hope that is within us, and because of a faith in the ultimate triumph of the human spirit; We pray because of our love for Creation, and because of our trust in God. We pray, above all, for peace throughout the world. (Dr. Jane Goodall)*Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Most Revd Justin Badi Arama – Bishop of Juba and Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 21-ST MATTHEW-International Day of Peace recognized by the UN
O God, the source of all life, through Jesus you taught us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us: We remember in prayer the leaders, citizens and military personnel of those countries where there is conflict (especially....). Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty and revenge; protect them and us from injury and death; and finally enable us all to stand reconciled before you in peace; through the mercy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Pray for Kiteto (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Isaiah Chambala; Kitgum (Uganda) The Rt Revd Wilson Kitara; Kitui (Kenya) The Rt Revd Josephat Mule (A Cof Prayer)*

TUESDAY 22
Compassionate and loving God, you created the world for us all to share, a world of beauty and plenty. Create in us a desire to live simply so that our lives may reflect your generosity. Creator God, you gave us responsibility for the earth, a world of riches and delight. Create in us a desire to live sustainably so that those who follow after us may enjoy the fruits of your creation. God of peace and justice, you give us the capacity to change, to bring about a world that mirrors your image. Create in us a desire for solidarity so that the pillars of injustice crumble and those now crushed are set free. *Pray for Panama (Central America) The Rt Revd Julio Murray Thompson (Primate); Central Pennsylvania (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Audrey Scanlan; Kivu (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Augustin Ahimana (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 23-Ember Day
CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODLANDS
Gracious God, we pray for the Parish of Woodlands. We pray for our community and the many challenges we face, particularly the challenges brought on by the pandemic. We thank you for all who have recovered from Covid-19 and we pray for all who mourn the loss of loved ones. We pray for all the frontliners as they risk their own lives to take care of the sick. We pray for all places of learning and all learners and educators. We pray for the many who face an uncertain future on account of challenges in the employment sector. We thank you for all who continue to hold the fort at churches and all who are helping to prepare to get our parish ready for worship. We thank you for the ministry of our rector, Revd Victor Jones and his family. Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us. *Pray for Pankshin (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Dr Olumuyiwa Ajayi; Central Philippines (Philippines) The Rt Revd Dixie Copanut Taclobao (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 24
CHRIST THE RECONCILER, TAFELSIG
God of love, mercy and compassion, we thank you for your presence amongst us. We know that

During this Coronavirus pandemic, many are tempted to fear, anxiety, and perhaps even despair. Some have lost their precious lives, some have lost those whom they love, some have suffered through the debilitating effects of this illness; some have lost their jobs, their income, and most have encountered much disruption to the normal flow of their daily lives. “Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. I bind unto myself the Name, the strong Name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three. By Whom all nature hath creation, Eternal Father, Spirit, Word: Praise to the Lord of my salvation, Salvation is of Christ the Lord. “[*Saint Patrick*] We pray for Revd Dean and Georgina Apples, Ashley and, Ursulina Ceylon and their families. Bless our leadership and people as we ready ourselves to return to worship. *Pray for Oru (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Geoffrey Chukwunye; Canberra & Goulburn (Australia) The Rt Revd Mark Short (A Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 8-The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of our land as your love would make it; a land where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor; a land where the benefits of civilised life are shared, and everyone can enjoy them; a land where different races and cultures live in tolerance and mutual respect; a land where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love, and give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Pray for Osaka (Japan) The Rt Revd Andrew Haruhisa Iso; Canterbury (England) The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby (Primate) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 9

THE CHAPELRY OF CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD, EASTRIDGE

May you see with tender eyes, the wounds of those before you. May you hear with well-tuned ears., the unspoken needs of those whose voices are muted. May you hold with gentle hands, the bodies, and the spirits of those you care for. May the beauty of soul, the strength of spirit, the wholeness of being, lead you, inspire you, and let you know your own. Beauty of soul, strength of spirit, wholeness of being. May you know that, as you care for others, God cares for you, sees you, holds you tenderly. Amen. *Pray for Osun (Nigeria) The Rt Revd James Afolabi Popoola; Cape Coast (West Africa) The Rt Revd Victor Atta-Baffoe (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 10

We pray for all farmers and agricultural workers. Almighty Father, as we acknowledge our dependence on your bounty for our daily bread, so we also seek your blessing on those engaged in agriculture, who plough and sow and reap; and we pray that you will so prosper their work that the earth may yield its full harvest and the needs of all men and women may be supplied; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Pray for Osun North (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Abiodun T Olaoye; Cape Town (Southern Africa) The Most Revd Thabo Makgoba (Primate); Carlisle (England) The Rt Revd James Scobie Newcome (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 11

ST. PAUL’S, PHILLIPI

Dear Lord, we pray for Bishop and her Chapter who must lead during these trying times; for our Spirituality that has been challenged by the closing of Churches; for the those who are in the Medical Profession as they work under strenuous circumstances, they are called to take care of the sick whilst fearing their own health but do this to minister to our health. We pray for the Corona Virus to come to an end, as most of our people have lost jobs, some are sick and have passed on due to this chronic disease; for those who must make daily choices of whether to stay indoors and die of hunger or go outside to find meals and brave possibilities of being infected. We pray for an end to crime in our communities where people are getting killed at gunpoint,

cars are being hijacked; for an end to gender based violence against women and children; for peace in our communities and that we are able to get a peaceful solution to the challenge of access to land and resources; for our members who are currently in hospital due to Covid 19, may they regain health and strength. We thank God for the ministry of our priest, Revd Patrick Tembani and we pray for him. *Pray for Osun North East (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Ebenezer Akorede Okuyelu; Cashel & Ossory (Ireland) The Rt Revd Michael Andrew James Burrows (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 12-Bantu Stephen Biko, Martyr of Hope, 1977

We pray for all martyrs of the faith, who were persecuted and put to death for their belief in Christianity. We give thanks for their strength of conviction and pray that we might take their brave actions to heart and become stronger in our own faith. *Pray for Ottawa (Canada) Vacant Central Buganda (Uganda) The Rt Revd Michael Lubowa (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SUNDAY 13-FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The water that God called into being is at the heart of all that lives. Mindful of the many ways water affects our lives; let us pray for our waters and for the life of the world around us. We pray for the leaders of nations, corporations, and communities around the world, that they may exercise wise stewardship over the waters of their lands, so that all people may have clean water to drink and live free from waterborne diseases. We keep in our prayers all who suffer from too much water in the destruction of flood, storm, tsunami, and ice; and for those people and creatures who suffer as the glaciers and ice floes vanish. We offer prayers for all who thirst for water, for health, for love, for wisdom, for God, that their cups may be filled to overflowing. Blessed God, in your wisdom you uphold creation and renew it again and again. Help us to see all water as holy water, and all our concerns as bathed in the living water Christ gives us, in whose name we pray. *Amen. Pray for the Anglican Church of South America; The Most Revd Gregory James Venables - Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America & Bishop of Argentina (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 14-Holy Cross Day

Loving Jesus, for the sake of your cross and passion, we are justified in faith, washed cleaned of our sins by baptism and repentance, and made one with God. We thank you for your cross and for the depths of your love for us. Help us to bear our cross in the world and follow you until you bring us into your heavenly kingdom; where you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** *Pray for Otukpo (Nigeria) The Rt Revd David Bello; Central Busoga (Uganda) The Rt Revd Patrick Wakula; Kisangani (Congo) The Rt Revd Lambert Funga Botolome (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 15

Lord, we present our country South Africa before you. We exalt and bless your name for all the blessings, the graces, and love that you have given to us as a nation. Our country is now weighed down by various social, political and economic problems. We ask you to join us in our boat to calm the storms in our nation. May your grace challenge our nation and its leadership to repent and turn away from the sin of greed and corruption, which is a result of the worship of money. Protect all those who are speaking out against greed, patronage, and corruption. Renew our nation and its leadership by the light of the Gospel. Bless us with the values and the graces of your kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. *Amen. Pray for Owerri (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Chukwuma Oparah; Central Ecuador (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Victor Scantlebury; Kita Kanto (Japan) The Rt Revd Zerubbabel Katsuichi Hirota (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 16-Ninian, Bishop and Missionary in Scotland, c.432

LENTEGEUR PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

We give thanks to God for his grace and mercy. We pray for the management and all the staff at Lentegeur Psychiatric Hospital. We are grateful to all the staff, especially the nursing staff for their dedication while risking their lives as they care for the patients during this difficult period. We are mindful of all staff and patients who have passed on and pray that God will be a source of strength and comfort to their families. We pray for the Hospital Chaplain Revd Desire Jackson as she is called upon to be a pillar of strength to both the staff and patients as they are going through a time of anxiety and uncertainty. *Pray for Owo (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Stephen Ayodeji Fagbemi; Central Florida (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Gregory Brewer (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 17

We pray for all farmers and agricultural workers. Almighty Father, as we acknowledge our dependence on your bounty for our daily bread, so we also seek your blessing on those engaged in agriculture, who plough and sow and reap; and we pray that you will so prosper their work that the earth may yield its full harvest and the needs of all men and women may be supplied; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Pray for Oxford (England) The Rt Revd Steven Croft; Central Gulf Coast (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Russell Kendrick; Central Melanesia (Melanesia) The Most Revd Leonard Dawea (Primate) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)

FRIDAY 18

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, STRANDFONTEIN

God of light and love, we thank you for continuing to be for us a beacon of hope and light in these troubled times. We bring before You all the needs of the world, our country, our community, our parish and our families. You know all our concerns, our fears and our innermost thoughts. You discern our ways. We thank you for the faith and resilience of your people, for their commitment to you, particularly in these dark and challenging times. We thank you for showing us new ways to honour you. Thank you for the understanding of the people around the many restrictions and limitations. We pray for Revd Adrian and his family as he looks to Ordination to the priesthood. We pray for Revd Canon Cheryl, Revd Rodney and their family. Lord, thank you for opening many hearts to the plight of the vulnerable and the destitute and thank you for the leadership of the parish. Thank you for the constant flow of support and love in our parish. Bless us as we contemplate the way forward. *Pray for Oyo (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Williams Oluwarotimi Aladekugbe; Central New York (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd DeDe Duncan-Probe (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 19-Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690

Our Lord and God Almighty, we praise you, for you created us all and made us into many different tribes and nations, that we may befriend one another and that we may not despise each other. Open our hearts, we pray, so that we may respond to the needs of all our brothers and sisters. Lord Jesus, bless all our lands with more lasting peace and fraternal understanding. Above all, heavenly Father, touch the hearts of our political leaders and all those in power. We pray that they may exercise power gently, that they may humbly seek a dialogue that will bring about understanding, leading us all to a place where all nations and all people live together in peace and harmony. Where there is bitterness teach us forgiveness and reconciliation, replace hatred with love and indifference with care. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen. Pray for Pacong (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Joseph Maker Atot; Central Newfoundland (Canada) The Rt Revd John Watton; Kitale (Kenya) The Rt Revd Stephen Kewasis (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SUNDAY 20-SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We pray for social justice, for the alleviation of the crippling poverty that condemns millions of