

**TUESDAY 28**

God of mercy and love let us serve you in our world. We pray for desert people, who live in a dry, parched land who lack water, who travel constantly so that they might live. Give them living water. Let the deserts bloom into flower. We pray that those who work on climate change may find solutions so that the erosion of soil may be halted or reversed. We pray that water and other vital supplies might not be used as a weapon of war in countries where resources are scarce. *Pray for The Diocese of Fond du Lac – The Episcopal Church (V (5) Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**WEDNESDAY 29-ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS**

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 vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead people to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others. Help us to devote our whole life and thought and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfil the destiny for which we and all people were created. *Pray for The Diocese of Fredericton – The Anglican Church of Canada (Canada Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**THURSDAY 30-Jerome, Priest and Teacher of the Faith, 420**

**PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, CALEDON; WITH THE CHAPELRIES OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS; HOLY CROSS; ST BARNABAS; ST ANDREW; ST PAUL; ST THOMAS AND ST MARK**

Eternal God, we bring all our people before you as they currently experience challenging times with the pandemic. We pray for the families who have lost loved ones during this time and we ask your loving hand to be upon them. May they experience your presence in a very real sense. Give due courage and strength to all medical staff as they care for our people. We pray for our Parish and Chapelry councils as they commit to the calling of serving you unselfishly and giving of their time and talents. We pray for our clergy as they continue to minister to people experiencing different challenges. Give them loving, generous and gracious spirits. We pray for the nations of the world, Lord, direct and guidethem. May your will be done all over the world. Amen.

*Pray for The Diocese of Free State – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**The Archdeaconry of Mountain Bay 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**

**SEPTEMBER 2021**

**PRAYER THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:**

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

**ARCHDEACONRIES OF OVERBERG AND BREEDE VALLEY****WEDNESDAY 1-Robert Gray, First Bishop of Cape Town, 1872**

Heavenly Father, we praise you for the many graces you bestow on us: for our food, our shelter, for the love and support of family and friends, and for all Your many blessings. Inspire us to lift up the poor, the hungry and homeless, and all those in our midst who are suffering. Move our hearts to live the Gospel, to reach out with compassion to all who need us and let us never forget that in serving the poor, we serve you. Lord, watch over us and guide us today and in the weeks and months ahead. *Pray for The Diocese of Ekiti West – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ondo Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**THURSDAY 2-The Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942****ST. JAMES THE GREAT, WORCESTER**

Holy God, we offer you our gratitude for all the blessings that we have received during the past months. God of hurting ones, thank you for our clergy (Revds. Clive, Patrick and Hugh) whom You have called into our midst, who give us comfort and strength in this time of pain and grief where so many of our people have lost loved ones due to this pandemic. Lord, in our Parish, we lift up to you our communities, in Touws River, De Doorns, Zweetemba and Worcester, where so many are unemployed and without food to sustain them. Pour out your blessings on seasonal workers as well as each individual home and household that is feeling the pinch of our struggling economy. Thank you for all our wardens, councillors, as well as leaders of organisations in their efforts of bringing hope and relief to the needy. Revive and renew the gift of compassion amongst your people and may our concern for the need of others override the things that take up our time and focus. In our Archdeaconry, we pray for all places of learning, for educators and learners to remain positive and that the academic year be concluded without further disruptions. In our Diocese, we pray for the upcoming Synod, for each and everyone involved in the planning of this event, that they be guided by your vast vision and wisdom; for our country, we pray, that You will renew our communities especially in the Western Cape, Gauteng and KZN where violence and killings disrupted the lives of many people—send Your peace and tranquillity into this place where You have planted us. Holy Father help us through these trying times, to find the teachings that can guide our lives. Thank You Lord that our song can be today – “In the shadow of Your wings we will take refuge, until the destroying storms pass by”. We pray this in your Holy Name. Amen. *Pray for Pray for The Diocese of Eldoret – The Anglican Church of Kenya (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**FRIDAY 3**

We ask you, Lord, to guide us as we witness to your love by loving each other without exception. Look with tender mercy upon our brothers and sisters in the periphery of our society. Help them in their attempts to recover and strengthen their resolve and hope. Guide our minds to a meaningful understanding of the problems of others and inspire us to be driven by compassion in our actions. Guide our hearts against the subtle lure of earthly things and undue regard for those who possess them. Guide us as we seek to live out our calling and strengthen us as we strive for full humanity. *Pray for The Diocese of Port Elizabeth – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

#### **SATURDAY 4**

We pray for the elderly in our Diocese. Heavenly Father may we be ever mindful of those who have reached the autumn time of their lives. With so much experience, wisdom and knowledge, we pray that they would never disparage the contribution which they have made and continue to make to our families and communities. Old age so frequently means that we rely more upon others and there is a loss of independence and freedom. At this time may we ensure that our elderly are considered worthy of dignity and respect. So many people involved in caring for the elderly receive low wages and poor employment conditions. We pray that they would receive the recognition which they deserve and our gratitude for their commitment to others. *Pray for The Diocese of Ely – The Church of England (Canterbury Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 5-11 September**

- 5 Confirmation: Holy Trinity, Caledon
- 5 Helderberg Layministers Training
- 7-10 M/Plain Arch Retreat + Planning
- 9 Mountain Bay Arch Fellowship M/berg
- 11 Confirmation: St Mark, Rotterdam, Kuilsriver
- 11 AWF Executive/Planning Meeting
- 11 Budget Rollout (Overberg+Breedee Valley)
- 11 Bernard Mizeki Council Lwandle

#### **SUNDAY 5-FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

##### **Special Day of prayer: Young People**

We pray for our young people that they may grow up knowing love and hope, valuing life and respecting others. We pray for those who are about to leave school and move on to the next stage in their lives, and for those for whom what happens next depends upon anxiously awaited exam results. We pray for all whose livelihood and way of life are threatened by current economic problems. Grant courage and hope to all who face changes in a life they thought secure, that they may see opportunities and take on challenges with optimism. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer. Pray for all to be confirmed today at Holy Trinity, Caledon. *Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **MONDAY 6**

##### **THE PARISH OF ROBERTSON**

Creator God, we give you thanks for tangible relationships. We pray for family and friends, but also for our church communities in distress of the pandemic. We especially pray for victims of crime and violence in the midst of the pandemic. We also pray for our youth and the choices they need to make. Help us to love and care for those who are different from us. Give us a mind forgetful of the past, a will to seek the good in others and a heart of love. We pray for our nation and for political tolerance. Take away the cup of bitterness and break the anger displayed through rioting and looting. In these most difficult economic times Lord restore our hope and bring us peace. We ask this in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen. *Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

them see You face to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread. *Pray for The Diocese of Fianarantsoa – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **THURSDAY 23**

##### **ST PETER BOTRIVER WITH ST AUGUSTINE'S, VILLIERSDORP, ST MARY'S, HOUW HOEK AND ST NICHOLAS, KLEINMOND**

We thank our Master of Wisdom for his protection through this global pandemic, for being our light in the dark. We pray for easing of anxiety and fear existing in many families as result of the devastating virus. We pray for family members who died in isolation in hospitals without a final goodbye to their loved ones. Guide the work of your Church and help it to persevere in faith. We pray for the youth, drug and alcohol abuse and self-respect to girls. Merciful Father we pray for Tracey-Leigh Jacobs and her family, for the safe return of her husband Zandr  who has disappeared. We commit into your hands Layminister Renate Lamohr, as well as the Husband of Maureen Fyfer, and all the dearly departed within our Parish. May their souls rest in peace and rise in glory. We ask you to call young people to the ministry of layministers in our Parish. We thank you for all our Organisations within the life of the Parish. Keep everyone steadfast and renew our hope. Look with mercy on all whose increasing years bring loneliness, distress, or weakness. Increase their faith and their assurance of your love in the world. We pray for the Christian family all over the world that we will believe. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Florida – The Episcopal Church (IV (4) Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **FRIDAY 24-Ember Day**

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 The Diocese of Central Florida – The Episcopal Church (IV (4) Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **SATURDAY 25**

We give thanks, O God our Father, for the many blessings of this life; for health and strength and all our powers of body and mind; for our homes and loved ones and for the wonderful joy of friendship; for our work and the opportunity of service; for the beauty and bounty of the world of nature; for the kindness, generosity and sympathy shown to us by many along life's journey. Give us thankful hearts, O God, for all your goodness, and help us by the way we live to repay some of the debt we owe. *Pray for The Diocese of Southeast Florida – The Episcopal Church (IV (4) Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **SUNDAY 26-EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST-Ember Day**

O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world and especially in our country. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Pray for The Episcopal Church (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **MONDAY 27**

Gracious God, You call us to be in solidarity, through our prayer and actions, with people adversely affected by climate change. We recognize that Earth will only be our home as long as we learn to respect and care for the whole community of life and learn humility about our place in it, that we take action to protect and restore the integrity of life systems, and that we work for sustainable development for all people. Change our hearts and minds that we may protect our natural resources and conserve the only world we know for our future generations. We pray this in your name. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Southwest Florida – The Episcopal Church (IV (4) Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

grant that the leadership of the Church may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is our Way, our truth and our Life. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Faisalabad – The (united) Church of Pakistan (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 19-30 September**

- 20-24 SYNOD OF BISHOPS/PROV.MEETING**
- 23 Schools Close
- 24 Heritage Day
- 26 Confirmation: Christ the Saviour, Lentegour
- 29-3 Oct Bernard Mizeki Provincial Conf. KZN
- 30 DIOCESAN CHAPTER**

**SUNDAY 19-SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

We pray today for the church, the body of Christ, longing for its healing, strengthening and openness to your will. We thank you for calling us into the company of those who trust in Christ and seek to obey his will, and we ask that your spirit guide and strengthen us all in mission and service to your world. Lord, we pray for the world, for all the nations longing for peace and tranquillity, justice, mercy and forgiveness. We think especially of the people of strife ridden areas throughout the world, help them to bear themselves with courage and fortitude and refrain from bitterness. Help us all to love one another like brothers and sisters, and help each of us to do our part, however small it may be, to bring peace and happiness to others. *Pray for The Church of the Province of Uganda (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**MONDAY 20-John Coleridge Patterson, Bishop of Melanesia and Martyr, 1871**

Holy Father, we pray for our Synod of Bishops and especially for our own Bishop, Margaret, together with our clergy and lay representatives. Praying for all as they prepare to gather – that God will prepare their hearts and minds, so that they may grow in their own faith, and wisdom, as they meet and share; discuss, debate and decide. May they have ears to hear what God is calling them to do and be at this time. May they be bold in provoking one another to love and to do good deeds; may they not be overwhelmed by the many challenges they face, but address them honestly, and put their confidence in God, whose church this is. *Pray for The Parish of the Falkland Islands – Extra Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**TUESDAY 21-ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE.**

International Day of Peace recognized by the UN. Heavenly Father, maker of all things and giver of life, have mercy on all the nations of the world. Send down your abundant peace on every creature. Let there be calm where there is violence; peace where there is war; freedom where there is bondage; love and unity where there is strife; abundance of food where there is starvation; good health where there is sickness. These and other good things we ask of you, through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Pray for The Diocese of False Bay – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**WEDNESDAY 22 –Ember Day**

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 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. Let

**TUESDAY 7**

Father we pray for ourselves, you know the needs of human life. We ask you to help us as we seek to live out our lives according to your example. Help us by your presence to overcome the hasty speech that hurts others, to be free from greed and selfishness, from pride and jealousy that spoil our life. Help us to curb our temper to be free from moodiness and wanting our own way; let your presence help us to care about the feelings of others, to be gentle and ready to say sorry. You know us Lord, bring out the best in us so that our lives may be a living testament of your will for your world. *Pray for The Diocese of Embu – The Anglican Church of Kenya (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**WEDNESDAY 8 –The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

International Literacy Day recognized by the UN and UNESCO. Loving God, we thank you for the gift of an education. We ask you to bless children around the world. Help them and their communities to find opportunities to receive an education so that they have a better future, and help us be part of their journey out of poverty as members of the global community. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Enugu – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Enugu Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**THURSDAY 9**

**ST ANDREW'S, CERES**

Triune God, we thank you for your unfailing faithfulness and love to our community of faith which includes St John's, Wolsely; St Peter's, Tulbagh; St Laurence, Ndulli and the outstations of Achtertuin and Ou Stasie. We pray for our Rector Venerable Joseph Gabriels and Reverend Cheryl Ahrends and their respective families as they continue to minister God's word in this vast parish. We are truly grateful for the commitment and dedication of the leadership of the church and the leaders of various organisations amidst these challenging times. Gracious and eternal God we continue to pray for our children and young people, especially our bible study groups and confirmation candidates. We pray that God will strengthen and inspire them through his Spirit to become the future leaders of our church. We uphold all our members and the broader Witzenberg community in prayer especially those who are going through tough times, those who are sick and suffering, the bereaved, the lonely, the poor and the needy. Amidst the third wave of COVID 19 we pray for those families who have lost a loved one in the last year. Our belief and trust is in you, God, as you guide us through this period. We pray and give thanks to all the health workers working tirelessly during this period. Creator God guide and protect them as they risk their lives on a daily basis to look after Your children. We give thanks for the roll out of the vaccine program throughout the country and pray that all will make use of the opportunity to get vaccinated. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in glory everlasting. *Pray for The Diocese of Esan – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Bendel Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**FRIDAY 10**

**PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF MONTAGUE AND ASHTON**

God our Creator we thank you for all your love and mercy that you bestow upon the people of the Parochial District of Montagu and Ashton so unconditionally, especially in this time of the pandemic. We pray for the people of Ashton, Zolani, Montagu and the farm community of Rietvlei and for the many challenges they are facing and for those dealing with unemployment and poverty. We pray for the educators and learners of Rietvlei Primary who are teaching and learning under difficult circumstances. Gracious God, we thank you for the ministry of our clergy, Revds Yasmille Smythe and Clarence Swanepoel and their families. Dear Lord, we also thank you for the support of our church wardens. We pray your continued blessing on the life of Revd Yasmille who will be retiring at the end of August and move back to her hometown Napier. Heavenly Father we give you thanks for our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Worship Service of St. Mildred's in August after its postponement due to lockdown. We thank you for those whose vision and com-

mitment inspired the birth of this community many years ago. Loving God, we also give you thanks for the new young servant leaders who were confirmed and welcomed as members of your church. *Pray for The Diocese of Etche – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Delta Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **SATURDAY 11**

We pray to God for all people who are suffering from addiction to drugs, alcohol, gambling or any other addiction. We pray that they may be released from the captivity into which their own actions have brought them; give them the will to accept a cure where such is possible and restore them to the possibility of a new life. *Pray for The Diocese of Etsako – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Bendel Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 12-18 September**

- 12 Held Arch Lic. of Layministers SWest
- 13 Breede Valley Clergy Pastoral Visits (Prison, Kelder, Bird Paradise)
- 16-18 DIOCESAN SYNOD**
- 17 Breede Vall. Clergy/Spouse – Robertson
- 18 Post Ordination Training
- 18 AWF Branch Meeting Visitation

#### **SUNDAY 12-SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

We pray for the Church, of which we are members, and thank you for the light it provides for our journeys ahead. We pray for those who lead us in our worship, and for all those who enable others to know that light in their lives. We pray for each other, that we may each respond to the challenges presented to us. Help us to be able to look at ourselves, and to recognise our failings, our inadequacies, and the need for your presence in our journey of life. We pray for the family of the Church. When we receive the bread and wine at our communion may we experience a sense of belonging to you and to each other. Bind us together, Lord, as a family, so that we can travel along life's journey helping and supporting one another, overcoming together all the trials and temptations which confront us daily. *Pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **MONDAY 13-Cyprian, Bishop of Cathage and Martyr, 258**

#### **PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, ELGIN WITH CHAPELS OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, APPLETHWAITE; ST ANDREW'S, ARRIE-SKRAAL; ST MARY'S, GRAYMEAD AND OUTSTATIONS OF DE RUST, EIKENHOF AND OUDEBRUG**

Gracious God, we thank you that the church could return to in person service again. Help us to be witnesses to you regardless of our circumstances. Bless all our services and church activities. We humbly ask for an end to the Covid19 pandemic which still has a crippling effect in the world. We are thankful for the vaccination process that has been rolled out. We pray that all who are eligible will grab the opportunity to be vaccinated in order to curb the spread of the virus. We pray for our clergy, the Rector Rev Neil and assistant Rev Anthony and their respective families. Continue to strengthen them with your spirit in their ministry in this part of your vineyard. We pray for our Churchwardens, Chapelwardens and Chapel Councillors, Layministers and support staff, for their willingness to be of service. Please sustain our congregation and community at large that they will experience and live your love and grace. Guide and protect all your children. We pray especially for the volatile situation in our area around the N2 where sporadic incidents of service delivery protests are still part of our life. We also bring before you the fragile situation at Knoflokskraal where the indigenous people lay claim to their ancestral land and the subsequent reaction of the government. We pray for all parties involved and a peaceful resolution of the situ-

ation. We pray all these things in Jesus' wonderful Name. *Pray for The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe – The Episcopal Church (II (2) Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **TUESDAY 14-Holy Cross Day**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honour of your Name. *Pray for The Diocese in Europe, The Church of England (Canterbury Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **WEDNESDAY 15**

#### **ST ANDREW'S, HAWSTON**

Gracious God, we thank you for the commitment to worship by all our parishioners during this difficult time of lockdown as a result of the pandemic. We pray for our community, especially those who draw their resources for existence from the sea. We pray for our parish during the interregnum as we prepare to receive our newly appointed Rector, Revd Joseph Gabriels and his family. We thank you, Lord, for the energetic leadership of our former Rector Revd Franklin Davids and his family as they settle into ministry in Robertson. We give you thanks and praise for the ministry of Revds Lyndall Murray, Wilma Jacobson and Edwin Arrison who have and currently avail themselves to minister at our worship services. We give thanks for our Churchwardens, Parish Councillors, organisation leaders and parishioners and pray God's blessing on the future as we enter a new chapter in the life of the parish. *Pray for The Diocese of Ezo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Delta Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **THURSDAY 16-Ninian, Bishop and Missionary in Scotland, c.432**

We pray for all those in local and national government and for those who hold positions of authority in providing health care. As they allocate resources and plan services please grant them the wisdom, strength and compassion to ensure that everyone has access without delay to the best treatment and care. May they not forget the needs of families and carers and the importance of funding research to find a cure. Bless them Lord in their work and sustain them in the responsibilities they bear. *Pray for The Diocese of Exeter – The Church of England (Canterbury Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **FRIDAY 17**

#### **ST PETER THE FISHERMAN, HERMANUS WITH ST PATRICK'S, MOUNT PLEASANT AND ALL SAINTS, ZWELIHLE**

Gracious God, we give thanks for your abiding presence during these difficult times and that, through a global pandemic, you continue to empower us for service. We thank you for our clergy Revd. Jerry Gelant, Revd. Nitano Muller and their families; for the dedication of the lay leadership: especially our Parish Wardens, Parish and Chapel Councils, our administrator and our Treasurer; for the generosity of many who offer their time, finances and resources to keep the parish operational. We pray for the necessary resources to complete the hall at St Patrick's, Mt. Pleasant and the much-needed maintenance at All Saints, Zwelihle. We uphold to you the organisations, Ministries and our young people as they navigate their way through the academic year with its many interruptions. We pray for our elderly, frail, sick, infirm and the surrounding retirement villages. Strengthen our partnerships with local organisation's that we may work together to bring about hope and tangible change in our communities. *Pray for The Diocese of Ezo – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Western Equatoria Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **SATURDAY 18**

Loving and Faithful God, through the ages, you have nourished your people who have come to you for guidance. Lead and direct us in our present journey, that we may discern the way ahead. By your Spirit, help us to preserve the best of what we are, enable us to let go all that hinders our love of you, and strengthen us as a community to minister with eagerness of heart and will. Mercifully