

World Day of Prayer 2020

March 6



Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk

John 5:2-9a

Written by the women of Zimbabwe

The WDP 2020 program is based on Jesus' encounter with a person who, although positioned for healing, had not acted upon the opportunities given. Jesus asked –“Do you want to be made well?”

You are faced with this life-changing question. What are you going to do?
“Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk,” said Jesus.

Our sisters from Zimbabwe are taking Jesus' encounter to be a call to act in love for peace and reconciliation. “The action verbs suggest that we should not be afraid to act on the word of God. God is offering us the steps for personal and social transformation.”

We are empowered to take up our mats.

No more waiting powerlessly on the mat.

As expressed in the WDP 2020 painting by Nonhlanhla Mathe, let us give a healing hand to the needy, let us embrace children with love as their future is ahead, and let us open our arms in joy as the time to rise up has come.

This is the time for change!

More information at <https://worlddayofprayer.net/zimbabwe-2020.html>



Prayer Calendar

February 2020

Prayer for St. Paul's

Heavenly Father, you have welcomed us into your kingdom and your heart's desire is to draw every human being to yourself. Grant us clear eyes to see people as you see them, sensitive feet to stand in their shoes, and warm smiles to welcome them into your name. Give us generous hearts, that our church becomes a foretaste of heaven where every soul you send us finds their loving home in the community of your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Week beginning February 2

In the World: Anglican Church of Burundi: The Most Revd Martin Blaise Nyaboho, Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba.

In Canada: The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada.

In the Diocese of Ottawa: John, our Bishop, as he approaches retirement and for the Lord to raise up the right person to succeed him; Jonathon, our Priest; Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa: The Very Reverend Shane Parker, The Venerable Douglas Richards, The Reverend Canon Hilary Murray; all Archdeacons in the Diocese of Ottawa; and St. Peter's Lutheran Church: Pastor Elina Solonen.

Our Mission Partners: the Vidas Mission in Ayacucho, Peru, Pastors Max and Raquel Candia.

In Our Community: We ask God's blessing on faith communities and on their ministries and, we pray for the people and leaders of this town of Almonte and the surrounding communities that the Lord will help us contribute to its well-being and we pray for the leaders and the development of the local hospice initiative, Home Hospice North Lanark.

In Our Parish: Comfort and healing for Lucy Poaps, Anne Wheatley, Bessie Exley, and Sally Gentry.

We give thanks for and pray God's blessing on our members Bonnie Scott-Bradley, George and Cheryl Seibel, Rodney and Judith Senior, Len and Wendy Shaw, and Elaine Shea.

We remember our neighbors, especially Assad, Alsit, Lana and Elias.

Week beginning February 9

In the World: Anglican Church of Canada: The Most Revd Linda Nicholls, Primate.

In Canada: Bishop John Watton and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Central Newfoundland.

In the Diocese of Ottawa: John, our Bishop, as he approaches retirement and for the Lord to raise up the right person to succeed him; Jonathon, our Priest; The Parish of the St. Lawrence: The Reverend Patrick Stephens, The Reverend Colin McFarland, The Reverend Deacon Richard Matthias; all Regional Deans in the Diocese of Ottawa.

In our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem: Christ Church, Nazareth, Israel.

Our Mission Partners Ottawa Inner City Ministries: the Rev. Ken MacLaren, staff, volunteers and the people they serve.

In Our Community: We ask God's blessing on faith communities and on their ministries and, we pray for the people and leaders of this town of Almonte and the surrounding communities that the Lord will help us contribute to its well-being and we pray for the nonprofit corporation, The Hub.

In Our Parish: Comfort and healing for Lucy Poaps, Anne Wheatley, Bessie Exley, Sally Gentry.

We give thanks for and pray God's blessing on our members Alan and Heather Sheffield, Steve Sibbald, Myra Smith, John and Sue Smith, and Sarah Spinks.

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Week beginning February 16

In the World: the Church of the Province of Central Africa: The Most Revd Albert Chama, Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia

In Canada: Bishop Geoff Peddle, the people and clergy of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador.

In the Diocese of Ottawa: John, our Bishop, as he approaches retirement and for the Lord to raise up the right person to succeed him; Jonathon, our Priest; t Diocesan Director of Mission, The Venerable Dr. Peter John Hobbs; members of the Community Ministries Committee; Resurrection Lutheran Church: Pastor Mei Sum Lai and, vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Our Mission Partners: Lanark County Food Bank: staff, donors, volunteers and the people they serve.

In Our Community: We ask God's blessing on faith communities and on their ministries and, we pray for the people and leaders of this town of Almonte and the surrounding communities that the Lord will help us contribute to its well-being and for volunteers of our local satellite Food Cupboard providing food security for local people in need.

In Our Parish: Comfort and healing for Lucy Poaps, Anne Wheatley, Bessie Exley, Sally Gentry.

We give thanks for and pray God's blessing on our members Tony and Theresa St. Dennis, Ralph and Pat Stratford, Richard and Melissa Stroud, and Gord Teskey.

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Week beginning February 23

In the World: the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America: The Right Revd Julio Murray Thompson, Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Panama.

In Canada: Bishop David Edwards, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Fredericton.

In the Diocese of Ottawa: John, our Bishop, as he approaches retirement and for the Lord to raise up the right person to succeed him; Jonathon, our Priest; the Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre (one of our Diocesan Community Ministries), Sharon York, Executive Director as well as the staff and clients who receive ministry there; members of the Parish Ministry Committee; Peace Latvian Lutheran Church: Pastor Ilmars Zvirgzds (*pronounced ILL-mars Zveer-goods*)

Our Mission Partners: the people and churches involved in the national church Bales-for-the-North program.

In Our Community: We ask God's blessing on faith communities and on their ministries and, we pray for the people and leaders of this town of Almonte and the surrounding communities that the Lord will help us contribute to its well-being and we pray for the leaders and the development of the local hospice initiative, Home Hospice North Lanark.

In Our Parish: Comfort and healing for Lucy Poaps, Anne Wheatley, Bessie Exley, Sally Gentry.

We give thanks for and pray God's blessing on our members Frank and Julia Thomas, Ken and Marilyn Towey, Elizabeth Veninga and David Hinks, Debbie Villeneuve, and Diane Villeneuve

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