

**GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY**

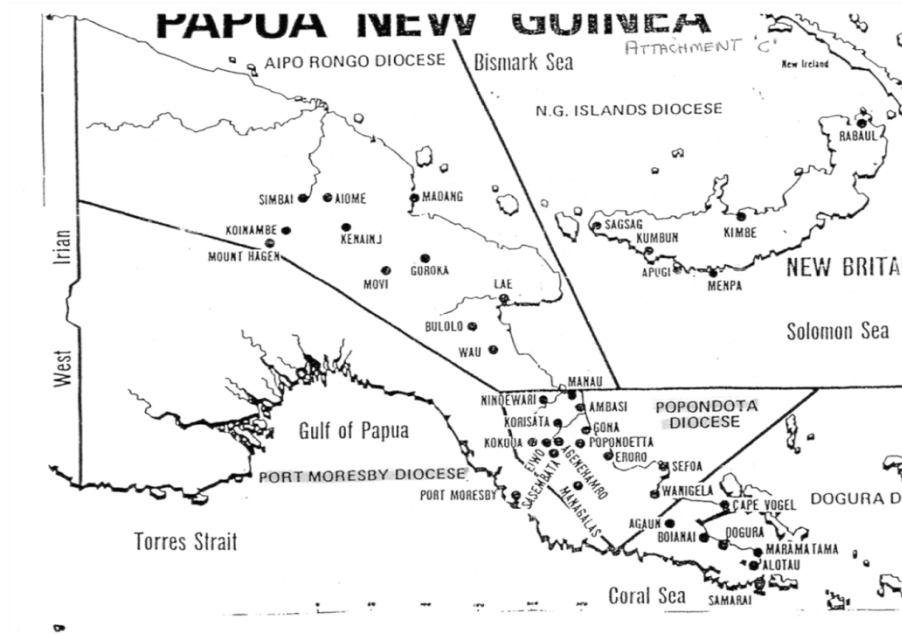
# **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**St Michael and All Angels**

**(29 September 2015)**

**THEME**

***TRUE REPENTANCE***



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GFS has been active mainly in the Diocese of Popondota in Papua New Guinea but visits have been made to other dioceses and this year the House of Bishops recognized, formally, that GFS is a ministry of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and appointed a Provincial Coordinator (Ms Wilma Moi) who lives in Port Moresby. Together with the Diocesan President of GFS in Popondota, Mary Bagu, they will visit other dioceses to introduce GFS and the Children's Ministry program (supported with funds from GFS Australia), Please pray for the growth of GFS in PNG.

English is the official language of Papua New Guinea together with Motu and Tok Pisin (like Creole) . There are hundreds of other languages which are also used.

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## 1 Procession Hymn

For all the saints who from their labours rest,  
Who by faith before the world confessed  
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest,  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

You were their rock, their fortress and their might;  
You, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight,  
You, in the darkness were their one true light  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

O may your soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

O blest communion! Fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in you, for all are thine.  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Comes to the ear the distant triumph song  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest:  
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

But see! There breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array  
The King of Glory passes on his way.  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The earth's wide bounds, from north, south, east and west,  
Through gates of pearl they go to endless rest,  
Singing to Father, Son and Spirit blest.  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## 2 Introit Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind

In purer lives thy service find  
in deeper reverence praise, in deeper reverence praise.

In simple rust like theirs who heard,  
Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow thee, rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above  
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
The silence of eternity.  
Interpreted by love, interpreted by love.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace, the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire  
O still small voice of calm! O still small voice of calm.

## 3 Welcome to Liturgy

*LEADER:* Friends in Christ, we have come together to meet with God and to take our part in the serving and building up of his Church. We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise, hear from God's holy word, and pray for this world we live in and for ourselves.  
(Today.....)

O Lord, open our lips  
**And we shall declare your praise.**

*LEADER:* The bible tells us to approach God confidently, through our Lord Jesus Christ. As we do so, we must confess our sins, seeking forgiveness through God's boundless goodness and mercy.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the trust is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all our unrighteousness. So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together:

#### 4 Confession

**God of all mercy, we humbly admit that we need your help. We have wandered from your way. We have sinned in thought, word and deed, and have failed to do what is right. You alone can save us.**

**Have mercy on us, wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others. Bring forth in us the fruit of your spirit that we may live the new life to your glory. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.**

*LEADER (Priest)*

Grant, O Lord, to your faithful people your pardon and peace, that they may be washed from their sins and serve you with clear mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**AMEN.**

#### 5 Collect for the Day

*LEADER:* The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

#### 6 Ministry of the Word

**First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8**

God calls Isaiah to be a prophet.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord. He was sitting on his throne, high and exalted, and his robe filled the whole temple. Around him, flaming creatures were standing, each of which had six wings. Each creature covered its face with two wings, and its body with two, and used the other two for flying. They were calling out to each other:

Holy, holy, holy! The Lord Almighty is holy! His glory fills the world.

The sound of their voices made the foundation of the temple shake, and the temple itself was filled with smoke. I said, "There is no hope for me! I am doomed because every word that passes my lips is sinful and I live among a people whose every word is sinful. And yet, with my own eyes I have seen the King, the Lord Almighty;"

Then one of the creatures flew down to me, carrying a burning coal that he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. He touched my lips with the burning coal and said, "This has touched your lips, and now your guilt is gone, and your sins are forgiven."

Then I heard the Lord say, "Who shall I send? Who will be our messenger?" I answer, "I will go, send me!"

**Hymn:**

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,  
I've been born again in Jesus' name,  
And in Jesus, name, I come to you,  
To share his love, as he told me too.

*He said freely, freely, you have received,  
Freely, freely give.*

*Go in my name and because you believe  
Others will know that I live.*

All power is given in Jesus' name,  
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name,  
And in Jesus' name I come to you,  
To share his power as he told me to.

**The Gospel, John 1:45-51**

Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one whom Moses wrote about in the book of the law and whom the prophets also wrote about. He is Jesus son of Joseph, from Nazareth."

"Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see", answered Philip. When Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, he said about him, "Here is a real Israelite; there is nothing false in him."

Nathanael asked him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you when you were under the fig tree before Philip called you."

"Teacher", answered Nathanael, you are the son of God! "You are the King of Israel!" Jesus said, "Do you believe just because I told you I saw you when you were under the fig tree? You will see much greater things than this!" And he said to them, "I am telling you the truth: you will see heaven open and God's angels going up and down on the Son of Man."

#### 7 Address/Homily on the Theme of Prayer

#### 8 The Nicene Creed

*LEADER:* Let us affirm the faith of the Church by saying together the Nicene Creed.

**All standing**

**We believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

**9 The Intercession**

**Reader 1**

Almighty God, you have taught us to give thanks for all people and all things. We thank you for.....and for the beauty and the wonders of creation. For all that is gracious in and for the lives of men and women.

For our daily food, for homes, families and friends, for health, strength and the gift of skills to work with, for leisure time to rest and play, for patience in suffering, for courage and faithfulness in difficult times.

For all who pursue justice and truth, today we give you thanks for the prayers of the Saints and all Martyrs whose lives have reflected the light of Christ in this world.

Father we thank you.

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Reader 2**

We pray for the continual growth and fellowship of the Anglican Communion throughout the World, for our bishops, priests and all leaders of your church and especially the leaders of the GFS world-side. We pray for Val Gribble – our World President and her team. Strengthen our society to carry forward the work of GFS, in truth and in love.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

**Reader 3**

Father, we pray for all our GFS members and all their family members and friends, for those known and not

known to us. We also pray for those who have come to know Christ through the ministry of the GFS. Grant that our GFS objectives may be achieved through your holy name, that we may serve Christ in each other and love as he has loved us. Help us to put into good practice our GFS Motto “Bear one another’s burdens”.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

**Reader 4**

Father we pray for those who have lost you, that they may repent and know the truth in Christ. We remember and bring before you all who are suffering from all different kinds of sickness, and especially for all who are affected by HIV/AIDS.

May you be with them in their pains and sufferings, and may you also be with all doctors and nurses who work with them, that you will give them more skills and your wisdom.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

**Reader 5**

Almighty God, ruler of all, in whose kingdom peace and righteousness abound; we pray for those who are at conflict, esp..... Take away from them, all that causes division, hatred, and plans to take revenge. May they come to understand and to live as members of one family and in obedience to your law of LOVE.

Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

**Reader 6**

Lord God, bring us together as one, reconciled with you and reconciled with each other. You made us in your likeness; you gave us your Son Jesus Christ. He has given us forgiveness from our sins.

Lord God, bring us together as one, different in culture, but given new life in Jesus Christ, together as your body, your Church, your people.

Lord bring us together as one, reconciled, healed, forgiven, sharing you with others as you have called us to do. In Jesus Christ, let us be together as son.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

**Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. AMEN.**

### **10 Sharing of Peace**

*LEADER:* Listen to the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ  
“ I give you a new commandment: love one another, as I have loved you, so are you to love one another. If there is this love among you, then you will know that you are my friends, and not servants.”

The peace of Our Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**“Peace be with you:**

*Let us all sing “Shalom my friend Shalom” as we offer one another a sign of peace.*

### 11 Offertory Hymn

Just as I am, without one plea  
But that your blood was shed for me  
And that you call out, "Come to me",  
*O Lamb of God, I come.*

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fighting within, and fears without,

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yes all I need, in you I find.

Just as I am, you will receive,  
Will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because your promise I believe

Just as I am (your love unknown)  
Has broken every barrier down,  
Now to be yours yes, yours alone,

Just as I am, of that free love  
The breath, length, depth, and height to prove,  
Here for a time, and then above.

**(As the offertory hymn is sung, collection or offerings can be collected or put in the offering box/plate)**

### 12 Offertory prayer:

*LEADER:* Lord to you belong the greatness, and the power, and the glory and the victory, and the majesty  
**All that is in the heaven and on the earth is yours, and of your own we give back to you.**

*LEADER:* We all say together the GFS Prayer  
**O God our Father, we beseech thee to bless us and all who belong to the Girls Friendly Society. Help us to bear one another's burdens, to live not for ourselves but for others, as members of one family in Jesus Christ. Cleanse us from all our sins, make us pure and holy by the indwelling of your Spirit, and bring us all to the joy of your heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

### 13 Blessing and Dismissal

**Lord Jesus Christ, send us out with confidence in your word to tell the world of your saving acts, and bring glory to your holy name. AMEN.**

*LEADER:* Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage and hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint hearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, give honour to all, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Priest:** And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

**(If no Priest:)**

**And the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, with us and remain with us now and forever. AMEN.**

### 14 Final Hymn

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end:  
O lord, be ever near me, my master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
But Jesus Christ come closer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear you speaking, in words both clear and still  
Above the storms of passion and murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me, to chasten and control  
O speak, and make me listen, you guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,  
That where you are in glory your servant shall go too;  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
O give me grace to follow my Master and my friend.

O let me see your footmarks, and in them plant my own;  
My hope to follow truly is in your strength alone;  
O guide me, call me, lead me uphold me to the end;  
And then in heaven receive me, my Master and my Friend.

