

August

Argentina, Buenos Aires and MtS-Argentina:

- Wed 1st Thanksgiving for the launch on May 13th at the residence of the British Ambassador at which there were over 50 guests from different sectors of the maritime industry.
- Thur 2nd For the support of Exolgan Container Terminal as sponsor, its CEO and Coastguard officer.
- Fri 3rd For the visit of Archdeacon Mike Power as representative of the MtS during the launch event and his visit to Rosario.
- Sat 4th For a solution to the present difficulties with obtaining access to the ships because of unreasonable demands of the Customs authorities.
- Sun 5th For more progress with the recovery of the MtS property in the port of Rosario through legal action and the recruitment of a priest to serve the parish and ports in that city.
- Mon 6th For the possibility of ship-visiting in the port of La Plata by church members there.
- Tue 7th For the hard work of our board members to make a success of the launch and to accompany Fr. Marcelo Centurión as he begins his ministry in the ports of Buenos Aires, Campana and Zarate.

Brazil, Acu:

- Wed 8th We give thanks for Revd. Dilce Paiva de Oliveira and her husband Paulo Ricardo Medeiros' ministry.
- Thu 9th We pray that efforts to gain access to Terminal 2 in this isolated port will be successful.
- Fri 10th We give thanks for the support of Anglo-American, who have funded this ministry for the last 4 years.
- Sat 11th We pray for other donors and partners who will make up the shortfall in the budget help to make this essential ministry viable in the long term.
- Sun 12th For Bishop Filadelfo Oliveira Neto who gives thanks for another

year of life and for the privilege of ministering to people from different nationalities, races, and faith traditions.

- Mon 13th Bishop Filadelfo has wrestled with some health issues but is getting back into his stride offering seafarers a warm welcome to this isolated port, transportation to those coming ashore and his gentle pastoral presence.

Brazil, Vila do Conde:

- Tue 14th We give thanks for the ministry of Fr. Elías de Souza Barata who has been called to another area of work. We pray for his family and his parish.
- Wed 15th We give thanks for Gabriel Souza e Silva, our new Chaplain in this isolated port. Gabriel started as a volunteer and is now our full-time Chaplain (while he also studies for his master's degree in Oceanography).
- Thu 16th We are grateful for Gabriel's passion and commitment to justice, peace, and serving those who are often overlooked.

Chile, Valparaíso, Ventanas & San Antonio:

- Fri 17th We give thanks for Anglo-American's willingness to fund a part of this long overdue project to serve seafarers on the Pacific seaboard of South America.
- Sat 18th We pray for our Development Team as they seek to identify additional donors and partners who share the vision for this ministry.
- Sun 19th We pray for Fr. Gabriel Parra and his family as he prepares to develop this much needed ministry. We are grateful to his parish who have generously agreed to "share" their young and dynamic priest with MtS and, with him, hope to pioneer a new phase of their mission together in this beautiful city and nation.

Costa Rica:

- Mon 20th Fr. George Watts and his wife Melba. Fr. George will be retiring this year. He will be celebrating his 80th birthday next year in January.
- Tue 21st We give thanks for Fr George's distinguished and selflessness in pioneering the ministry in in Puerto Limón and Moín.
- Wed 22nd Revd. Linda Watts and her husband Fabricio. Linda was ordained to the priesthood this year and has been working alongside her

father. She will be taking on the role of lead Chaplain and will continue to develop and grow the ministry in Puerto Limón and Moín.

Thu 23rd They ask for our prayers for their negotiations with the Cruise Terminal developers for a dedicated space for crew and where Linda and her team can offer them ministry.

Panamá:

Fri 24th We pray for our MtS-Panamá Board and for the full integration of the Deutsche Seemannsmission (German Seamens Mission) to form The Seafarers' Mission Panamá. We ask for prayer as we seek to model effective ecumenical ministry in a context where interchurch relations can be tense.

Sat 25th We give thanks for our modest but exciting ministry in the anchorage. Pray for those shipping agencies who have come to see us partners and value the pastoral care offered to crews spending many days and weeks out in the anchorages

Sun 26th Pray, too, for the restoration of Shore Leave in Panamá. The Covid pandemic saw new protocols introduced that hamper seafarers access to this vital right.

Trinidad & Tobago, Port of Spain & Point Lisas:

Mon 27th We give thanks for Deacon Ikechukwu Azoekoemu our Port Chaplain. We give thanks for his perseverance, passion, and great gifts for this ministry

Tue 28th We pray, too, for Bishop Claude Berkley whose support for the revitalisation of maritime ministry has and is a blessing.

Wed 29th Pray, too, for the Mariners' Club, its Chair, Fr. Eric Thompson, and Board, and the efforts being made to revitalise this strategically located seafarer centre.

Thu 30th Finally, we pray for all the women in maritime – at sea, in the ports, in research, in education, and in welfare. Give them the strength and courage to – despite any upcoming challenges or difficulties – carry out their work conscientiously and remain passionate and healthy.

Fri 31st Bless, guide and protect them on their way. And help people in the industry realize and appreciate the immeasurable value the female perspective has.

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LATIN AMERICA and the CARIBBEAN REGION

Regional Director: Fr Ian Hutchinson-Cervantes

Welcome to the July 2026 edition of the Mission to Seafarers Monthly Prayer Diary.

This month we are praying for the work of the MtS LAC Region (Latin America and the Caribbean.)



The prayer requests this month have been prepared by Fr Ian Hutchinson-Cervantes and his team.

Fr Ian is the port chaplain to Panama and regional director for Latin America.

Fr Ian's role as Regional Director involves supporting and equipping our current MtS port chaplains as they undertake their ministries.

Ian also identify ports in Latin America where there is no pastoral or welfare support for seafarers. In Ian's role as Port Chaplain of Panamá, he trains volunteers to help with ship visiting and offers hospitality to seafarers, and help spread the word about the fantastic work our MtS charity does.