

# November

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| Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>       | <p>Peter Rouch, Secretary General's message</p> <p>A very busy first year with The Mission has meant that time with family has been very constrained. I am taking several weeks of over Christmas and my prayer is that this gives plenty of rest and space to spend time at home with family and friends.</p>                                                                                                                          |
| Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>       | <p>Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| IHQ Staff and Departments |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>       | <p>The Mission has had a good amount of recruitment this year, and this is continuing! We would appreciate prayers for receiving a number of strong applications as well as for us and the hiring managers to be guided to make good hiring decisions. We pray also for those who are new to The Mission, that they are feeling supported and part of the Mission family.</p>                                                           |
| Tue 4 <sup>th</sup>       | <p>For all IHQ staff: may this festive season be an opportunity to celebrate, relax and be refreshed for the year ahead.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>       | <p>The Finance Team</p> <p>The Finance Team, who as well as managing the central finances support and advise local teams and committees.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>       | <p>The Programmes Team</p> <p>The Programmes Team, who expand our work, especially to new ports overseas. This also includes the Family Support Networks in the Philippines and India, SafeTALK and ASIST suicide alertness training. This team also supports volunteers and develops church links.</p>                                                                                                                                 |
| Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>       | <p>The Regional Directors</p> <p>The regions are: Africa, Australia and Papua New Guinea, Canada, East Asia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East and South Asia, Oceania and the Pacific, USA.</p> <p>We pray for each of the regions once throughout the year. Please pray especially for Christmas projects across the globe. Also that directors, who frequently travel away, will have time to rest, recover and be with family.</p> |
| Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>       | <p>John Attenborough - Regional Director, Middle East and South Asia and Port Chaplain, Cyprus.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>       | <p>Thank you Lord for watching over us all or our lives. Even when life is difficult you walk with us, as you do with our families far away. Help us to keep watch with others, with our families, with our colleagues, and even with those we find hard to like. For such is the love and care to which you call us for Jesus sake. Amen.</p>                                                                                          |
| Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>      | <p>Ian Hutchinson Cervantes - Regional Director, Latin America and Port Chaplain, Panamá.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>      | <p>Steve Morgan - Regional Director, Europe.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>      | <p>Cedric Rautenbach - Regional Director, Africa.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>      | <p>Sue Dight - Regional Director, Australia and Papua New Guinea.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> | <p>Eric Phinney - Regional Director, Canada.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> | <p>Stephen Miller - Regional Director, East Asia.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> | <p>Heavenly Father we pray for those who feel lonely at sea. Help those who are lonely to know that while they might feel alone, you are with them. In Christ you have known our loneliness and can come alongside us and be our comforter and friend. Thank you for being wherever we are. Amen.</p>                                                                                                           |
| Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> | <p>Lance Lukin - Regional Director, Oceania and Pacific Region and Port Chaplain, Wellington.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> | <p>The Operations Team</p> <p>This team is responsible for numerous administrative and technical matters, including governance, data, and HR.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> | <p>The Development Team</p> <p>A large department which deals with funding, data management, events, appeals and communications.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Thu 20 <sup>th</sup> | <p>Please pray for the Annual Carol service which takes place on Tuesday 2 December. May it be a celebration of Christmas and honour the seafarers whom we serve.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> | <p>Please pray for seafarers suffering ill-health and old-age, for those who have been injured whilst carrying out their duties, and for all who care for them. Amen.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> | <p>Please pray for those at The Mission who are dealing with some personal challenges at present. There are a few I am aware of who are coping with illness (either themselves or family), bereavement and other life challenges.</p>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> | <p>We pray for those who are at sea and feeling tired and worn out through hard work and lack of sleep. Please grant rest, sleep and renewed strength to those who are struggling, knowing that their safety and the safety of all those who sail with them requires all on board to be well enough to do their jobs. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.</p>                                                      |
| Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> | <p>God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> | <p><b>A prayer for chaplains/ship visitors:</b> Rise with me, Lord to face the new day. Walk with me Lord, up each gangway. Be in me, oh Lord, as I meet each one. Help me, oh Lord, to see in them, Your Son. Give me courage, oh Lord, to do what is right. For justice, oh Lord stand with me and fight. Give me peace, oh Lord, at the end of each day watch over them, Lord while they are away. Amen.</p> |
| Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> | <p>Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> | <p>Christmas Projects</p> <p>Christmas is the time when seafarers feel their separation from family and home most keenly. Across the world our chaplains and ship visitors will be taking gifts onboard ships. These are only small tokens, but they tell seafarers that they are not forgotten and they too can be included in the Christmas celebrations. Each gift is delivered personally so they</p>       |

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|                      | come with the human face of love and compassion, which we have seen in the face of the incarnate saviour, Jesus Christ whose birth we celebrate and share.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> | As one year ends and another begins, seafarers around the globe will see in the New Year at sea. Some will be mourning losses, some will be facing another year of uncertainty. Some will have lives deeply affected by conflict, others will know that they have provided for their loved ones. There is much to be thankful for, and much that needs our continued intercession. In the year ahead may we be bringers of good news in all its forms to seafarers around the world. |
| Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> | This year we are pleased to share the Christmas prayer diary from MtS Australia. As you pray for their ports, please also pray for the other ports of the world where similar work is underway at this time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> | <b>National Prayer for MtS Australia</b><br>Loving God, bless all who serve the Mission to Seafarers across Australia. Grant us unity of purpose, compassion in service, and joy in the birth of Christ our Saviour. May every seafarer who comes ashore find welcome, warmth and peace. Amen.                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> | <b>Dampier</b><br>God of abundance, bless the Mission in Dampier and the seafarers who come ashore. Keep them safe amid the challenges of remote service. May Your presence be felt in every shared smile and prayer. Amen.                                                                                  |
| Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <b>Gladstone</b><br>Loving Creator, we turn our hearts to the Port of Gladstone and the Mission there. May it thrive as a hub of activity and connection for seafarers. We are grateful to the volunteers who give their time and talents. Protect and guide them, and fill their hearts with purpose. Amen. |
| Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> | <b>For Volunteers and Chaplains</b><br>God of service, bless all who volunteer, visit ships, drive buses, and pray quietly for others. Renew their strength and let them know their labour is never in vain. Amen                                                                                            |
| Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Brisbane</b><br>Lord of the oceans, bless the busy port of Brisbane and those who serve there. Be with every ship arriving and departing; keep crews safe and healthy, and bless our volunteers who offer comfort and care in Your name. Amen.                                                            |
| Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Sydney</b><br>Gracious God, for the harbour city of Sydney we give thanks. May the Mission's chaplains and friends reflect the light of Christ among the tides of global trade and travel. Bring hope to weary seafarers far from home this Christmas. Amen.                                              |
| Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Newcastle</b><br>God of strength, bless Newcastle's port community. As ships load and unload, may all who work there know Your steady presence. Renew our volunteers with compassion and energy to serve with grace. Amen.                                                                                |
| Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Eden</b><br>Creator God, bless the seafarers who find rest on the quiet shores of Eden. May our small acts of kindness remind them that they are never forgotten, and that Your love travels every sea. Amen.                                                                                             |

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| Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Melbourne</b><br>God of compassion, bless the Mission to Seafarers in Melbourne. Be with the chaplains, staff and volunteers as they bring light to those who sail in darkness, and comfort to those who miss their families this Christmas. Amen.      |
| Tue 9 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Geelong</b><br>Heavenly Father, for the growing port of Geelong we give thanks. Bless the partnerships that make seafarer care possible. May every visiting crew find refreshment for body, mind, and spirit. Amen.                                     |
| Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Portland</b><br>Lord of wind and wave, watch over the seafarers who visit Portland. Bless those who prepare Christmas parcels, and all who give of themselves in quiet service. Let joy ring out from every ship and shore. Amen.                       |
| Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Port Pirie</b><br>Lord Jesus, bless the new beginnings in Port Pirie. May this mission grow as a haven of rest and hospitality. Guide those who lead and sustain it with wisdom and courage. Amen.                                                      |
| Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Port Lincoln</b><br>God of provision, bless the fishing and shipping communities of Port Lincoln. Keep them safe on the waters and thankful on the shore. Let Your blessing flow through every act of care. Amen.                                       |
| Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Port Giles</b><br>Creator of all, bless the seafarers who visit Port Giles. May the welcome they receive remind them that they are loved and valued. Strengthen all who serve this quiet but vital ministry. Amen.                                      |
| Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Esperance</b><br>God of new horizons, bless the Mission in Esperance. Be present in every conversation, every visit, every shared meal. May this place be a lighthouse of hope for all who come ashore. Amen.                                           |
| Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Fremantle</b><br>Loving God, we give thanks for the long witness of the Mission in Fremantle. Bless its community of care, its hospitality to all nations, and its faithfulness through the years. May the joy of Christmas shine brightly there. Amen. |
| Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Geraldton</b><br>Lord of mercy, bless the seafarers who anchor at Geraldton. Be near to those who are lonely or anxious this season. Through the kindness of our volunteers, let them feel Your love. Amen.                                             |
| Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Darwin</b><br>God of journeys, bless the Mission in Darwin and all who pass through its port. In the tropical heat, bring cool rest; in times of uncertainty, bring calm faith. Bless those who serve seafarers with open hearts. Amen.                 |
| Thu 18 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Papua New Guinea</b><br>Lord, bless the seafarers and islanders of PNG. May their faith, culture, and community reflect Your love for all peoples. Grant them safe passage and joyful hearts. Amen.                                                     |

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| Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Townsville</b><br>God of care, bless the Mission in Townsville. May those who offer welcome do so with joy, and those who receive it feel at home. Be with every ship and crew as they sail under Your watchful eye. Amen.                                                                |
| Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Port Hedland</b><br>Creator God, bless the Mission in Port Hedland. Surround seafarers with Your peace amid tropical storms and long voyages. May the beauty of creation remind them of Your steadfast love. Amen.                                                                        |
| Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> | <b>Hobart</b><br>God of the southern seas, bless Hobart's Mission and all who find refuge there. May Your Spirit warm hearts as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Bring comfort to those far from home. Amen.                                                                                |
| Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> | <b>Bell Bay</b><br>Lord, bless the port of Bell Bay and the faithful Mission team there. May their service reveal the light of Christ to every seafarer who visits. Grant them strength, patience and joy in their ministry. Amen.                                                           |
| Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> | <b>Burnie</b><br>God of compassion, bless the Mission in Burnie. Thank You for those who give their time and care. Fill every heart with gratitude and peace. Amen.                                                                                                                          |
| Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Devonport</b><br>Gracious God, bless the seafarers who visit Devonport. May they find friendship and rest in this small but caring port. Be with their families, wherever they may be. Amen.                                                                                              |
| Thu 25 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Christmas Day – For Seafarers Everywhere</b><br>Lord Jesus, born among travellers and strangers, bless every seafarer at sea this Christmas Day. Be their light on dark waters, their comfort in loneliness, and their joy amid the vastness of Your creation. Amen.                      |
| Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> | <b>. Boxing Day – For Families of Seafarers</b><br>Loving God, bless the families waiting at home for their loved ones. Strengthen them in patience and hope. May they feel the nearness of Your love until they are reunited. Amen.                                                         |
| Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Albany</b><br>Gracious God, bless the Port of Albany where the spirit of the community flourishes through the dedication of its volunteers. May every ship's journey be guided by Your hands ensuring safety and prosperity. Amen.                                                        |
| Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Bunbury</b><br>Lord, may the Port of Bunbury be blessed, nourishing the bonds of community and the tireless volunteers who uplift it. May seafarers find safe passage home with stories of adventure and hope. Amen.                                                                      |
| Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Port Kembla</b><br>Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the work of the Mission in Port Kembla. May their hearts be filled with compassion as they serve seafarers in need. Bless the crews who arrive in port, keep them safe during their time away from their homes and families. Amen. |
| Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Thevenard</b><br>Dear God, we thank you for the community and volunteers in Thevenard. Bless their efforts and give them strength to continue their work for visiting crews. Grant the volunteers and seafarers hope and peace in this busy world. Amen.                                  |
| Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> | <b>For the Year Ahead</b><br>Faithful God, as the year turns, we place our missions, our seafarers, and our hearts in Your care. Guide us to serve with joy, courage, and love — until all who sail the seas know Your peace. Amen.                                                          |

## November and December 2025

### IHQ and Christmas

### Secretary General: Peter Rouch

Welcome to the November & December 2025 edition of the Mission to Seafarers Monthly Prayer Diary.



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Welcome to this double month edition of the prayer diary. Our prayer focus will be on the work of the staff at IHQ and Christmas projects around the world, especially in Australia. Please pray especially for the IHQ staff. Much of their work is unseen but they provide essential leadership and support for all that happens in the ports.

The Christmas effort in ports is typically a major undertaking. Please pray that in the busy nature of this season, we would take the light of Christ with us in all we do.