

January 2024

Week of Monday the 1st of January

Mon 1st Heavenly Father we give you thanks for all our IHQ staff. We pray that you would equip them for all that lies ahead for them and for Mission to Seafarers in 2024. May they find blessing in the work they do and be a blessing to all whom they serve. Help the teams work together well, always mindful of the seafarers who we seek to reach. Amen

Nick Crago, UK Operations Manager
To be the best that I can be for the Mission to Seafarers in the year ahead.

Elaine, Head of HR and Administration
For Elaine and the HR and Administration team as they plan the work agenda for the next 12 months, at all times keeping in mind the values and principles of the Mission

Week of Sunday the 7th of January

Sun 7th *Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen*

Elaine, Head of HR and Administration
For the HR team as they roll out 2 new projects in Q1 of 2024, hoping that the hard work of the team may be positively received and have the desired effect of better supporting and developing the Mission's employees and volunteers.

Governance and Compliance Manager
That God would continuously strengthen me with knowledge and intelligence in navigating through my official work plans for the next 12 months, and that God would grant me more wisdom and excellence to perform above and beyond the demands of my role in 2024.

Wed 10th Almighty God, you led your people through the sea, and made a path for them in the deep waters: be near all those who face the dangers

of the sea; protect them from disaster, help them on their way, and bring them safely to their desired haven with hearts thankful for your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Paul
Port Development Manager Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for your many gifts to us, gifts of life and love. Especially, we give you thanks for the many ministries serving and blessing seafarers in ports around the world. We ask of your grace to help grow fresh ministries, and build relationships, in new ports, including those in Georgia and Saudi Arabia, and across Africa. We ask for wisdom in developing new ways of meeting the welfare needs of seafarers in existing Mission ports facing changes and new dynamics. Finally, we ask an especial blessing on projects being shaped to help better serve the particular welfare needs of female seafarers, across the world.

Week of Sunday the 14th of January

Sun 14th *Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen*

Secretary General and his team. Rev Canon Andrew Wright is nearing the end of his time as Secretary General of Mission to Seafarers. As he retires, please pray for him and his family. Please also pray for those who will oversee the appointment of his successor.

Wed 17th O God, the sea is yours, and you made it; your hands prepared the dry land: grant that those who travel by sea and sail in deep waters may be aware of the works of their Creator, responsive to the moving of your Holy Spirit, and alert to the calling of him who once spoke across the waves, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Tomi Tolihu, Chief Operating Officer and her team.

Week of Sunday the 21st January

Sun 21st *Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus*

Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Development Team

The Finance Team

Director of Programmes and Team

Wed 24th O Lord our Heavenly Father, we commend to your keeping all who sail the seas: enrich them with your presence, guard them in danger, protect them in temptation, sustain them in loneliness, and support them in sickness and anxiety. Bless those who minister to them, and guide us all to the haven of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Corporate Partnership Team

The Data and Appeals Team

Special Events Team

Week of Sunday the 28th of January

Sun 28th *God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen*

Grants Impact Team

The Communications Team

Wed 31st We pray O God for all seafarers as they fulfil their duties and face the dangers of their calling: officers and ratings; pilots; the Maritime and Coastguard Authority; Trinity House; lifeboat staff; port authorities and all those who support the maritime world in docks around the country. Grant them your strength and protection, and keep them in the hour of special need; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

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International Headquarters (IHQ) Staff

Welcome to the January 2024 edition of the Mission to Seafarers Monthly Prayer Diary.

This month we are praying for the Mission to Seafarers work of the International Headquarters Staff



This month we are praying for the staff based at IHQ. Their roles are many and varied. Some of them have demanding travel schedules. Most of them work in a 'hybrid' pattern, so having days working from home and in the office. Some IHQ staff have given specific prayer requests, as you will see. There are also the names of various departments; please pray for those in each department, maybe using the prayer for 1 January for them in turn.