



# Cycle of Prayer

*for*

Reformed Episcopal  
Foreign Mission Works

Advent through Pentecost  
2025



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# Let us Pray!

Welcome to the Advent through Pentecost Cycle of Prayer for REC Missions. The Reformed Episcopal Church has parishes, dioceses, and ministry partners around the world, and invites all Reformed Episcopalians to pray individually, in small groups, and in parish worship for these ministries.

While the Trinitytide Cycle focuses on Europe and Cuba, the Advent through Pentecost issue includes many of the works of The Free Church of England. During such exciting times to be a Christian we pray for God's wisdom in the churches, and work for His harvest more than ever!

The Cycle of Prayer makes it simple to incorporate prayers for missions into the Daily Office as well as private prayer; it is followed by additional prayers and a Litany for use in worship services. Contact missionaries directly, or follow their news through [www.rec-bfm.org](http://www.rec-bfm.org), where one can sign up for newsletters and weekly prayer notices, support the BFM General Fund, and sponsor missionaries, churches, or projects.

Thank you for praying! If your parish has become a "Sending Parish" (see website), the BFM would like to send it a complimentary tabletop missions banner and enough copies of this cycle for each family of the parish. Send a note to [info@rec-bfm.org](mailto:info@rec-bfm.org)!

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# Prayers

## For Missions

**A**Lmighty God, whose compassions fail not, and whose loving-kindness reacheth unto the world's end; We give thee humble thanks for opening heathen lands to the light of thy truth; for making paths in the deep waters and highways in the desert; and for planting thy Church in all the earth. Grant, we beseech thee, unto us thy servants in The Reformed Episcopal Church, that with lively faith we may labour abundantly to make known to all men thy blessed gift of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## For Missionaries

**O** MOST merciful Saviour, who willest that all men should be saved; be present with those who are gone forth in thy Name to preach the Gospel in distant lands, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Be with them in all perils, in sickness and distress, in weariness and painfulness, in disappointment and persecution. Give them sure confidence in thee. Pour out upon them abundantly thy Holy Spirit, and prosper mightily the work of their hands; send unto them faithful and true fellow-laborers. Give them a rich increase here, and grant that hereafter they may dwell with thee in the heavenly places, world without end. *Amen.*

*It is time for the Church...*

*...to re-evangelize the West.*

In Memoriam

The Most Rev'd Royal U. Grote

## The First Sunday in Advent

- that all rulers of this world may embrace the Kingdom of Jesus in their lands
- for social, political, economic, and cultural wisdom, justice, piety, and godliness

## The Second Sunday in Advent

- for all professors who preach, teach, and study the Holy Scriptures in Reformed Episcopal seminaries and parishes around the world
- for a *full Advent Offering*—and its effectiveness for REC100–*Europe* and the greater Reformed Episcopal family of churches and their missionaries

## The Third Sunday in Advent

- for mutual friendship between Circle-of-Three partners
  - for the relief of all persecuted Christians awaiting the Second Advent of our Lord and His deliverance from their enemies
- thanksgiving for the apostolic ministry of St. Thomas and the Churches of India and the Far East

## The Fourth Sunday in Advent

- for all Christians as they celebrate the Nativity of our Lord throughout the world
- for peace in the Holy Land, the churches of the Middle East, and those seeking Christ

## Christmas Week

- thanksgiving for the faithful witness of Saint Stephen and Saint John, and for the ministry of all Deacons and Evangelists in the House of God
- for a renewed commitment to the sanctity of life from conception to natural death, in memory of the martyrdom of the Holy Innocents in Bethlehem

## The Circumcision of Christ

- for the conversion of Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Holy Land, Palestine, and all the nations of the Middle East
- The Rev'd Canon Daryl Fenton, Fr. David Pileggi, and the ministry of CMJ (the Church's Ministry Among Jewish People), and of Christ Church Jerusalem
- Episcopal visit to the Cuba's Central Region Deanery

## The First Sunday after Epiphany

- the conversion of the nations of this world
  - REC100–*Europe* Church Planter cohorts
  - ACNA Bishops' Winter gathering



## The Second Sunday after Epiphany

- the education of 120 new priests in Central Africa by means of the partnership of the Board of Foreign Missions, The Anglican Council in Malawi, the Diocese of Fort Worth, and the Leonard Kamungu Theological College—and through the labors of missionaries Dr. and Mrs.

Robert Gresser and family

- food, supplies, health, liberties, leadership, and evangelistic power within the Church in Cuba

## The Third Sunday after Epiphany

- thanksgiving for the conversion of Saint Paul
  - thanksgiving for the 2024 Advent Offering
  - thanksgiving for all *BFM Sending Parishes*
- for Father Lee and Ela Nelson and their family as they settle into Camp Knüll Retreat Center ministry

## The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

- Iglesia Anglicana de Oxford (REC affiliated diocese in Colombia); RES student Pastor Gustavo Rendón in Caracas, Venezuela
- for the faithful and evangelistic witness of all churches in Latin America and the Caribbean Islands
- for the Joint BFM/ ANiC Latin American Mission Society

## The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

- for the Saturday Schools, elder-care ministries in Cuba
- for Vision trips, Provisioning trips, and Teaching trips to the Missionary Diocese of Cuba
  - for the Council of Churches in Cuba

## Septuagesima

- The Reformed Episcopal Missionary Diocese of Croatia/Serbia and The Rt. Rev'd Jasmin Milić; the Mihael Starin Seminary, and The Rev'd Cn Almir Pehlić
- for the missions, plants, Bible Studies, clergy, and laity in Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia, and Hungary

## Sexagesima

- EMMANUEL CHURCH

Birmingham

Minister: The Rev'd Daniel Choe

- ST. JUDE'S CHURCH

Balham, London

Minister: The Rev'd Dr Mark Gretason and The Rev'd  
Deacon Andrew Ormond

## Quinquagesima

- The Rev'd Jan Prorok, Czech Republic
    - YORK ANGLICAN MISSION
- Minister: The Rev'd Matthew Firth

## The First Sunday in Lent

- CHRIST CHURCH

Broadstairs, Kent

Minister: The Rev'd Jabson Watson

- CHRIST CHURCH

Wallasey, Wirral

Minister: The Rev'd Stephen Taylor

- Episcopal visit to the Eastern Deanery of the Missionary Diocese of Cuba

## The Second Sunday in Lent

- ST. FRANCIS' CHURCH

Shoreman-by-Sea, West Sussex

Minister: The Rev'd Stephen Lawson

- planning for REC100–*Europe!*, and its annual Church Planter Intensive this summer in The Free Church of England

## The Third Sunday in Lent

- CHRIST CHURCH

Harlesden, London

Minister: vacant

- ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Walsall, Bentley, West Midlands

Minister: The Rt. Rev'd Paul Hunt, assisted by The Rev'd Mark Spiers and the Rev'd Henry Birtley

## The Fourth Sunday in Lent

- ST. JOHN'S  
Tottington, Manchester  
Minister: vacant
- ST BARNABAS CHURCH  
Isle of Man  
Minister: The Rev'd Laurence New

## The Fifth Sunday in Lent

- Planning for summer youth camps in Europe
- GAP Year ministries for Reformed Episcopal graduates
  - for all GAFCON ministries in Europe
  - for Bishop Bill Atwood and ministry to Muslim Background Believers

## Palm Sunday

- CHRIST CHURCH  
Ashford  
Minister: vacant
- SAINT ABDIAS OF SUSA  
Sheffield  
Minister: The Rev'd Karim Novi

## Easter Sunday

- for the resurrection of the Church in the West
  - thanksgiving for all Easter Baptisms

## The First Sunday after Easter

- The Reformed Episcopal Missionary Convocation of Germany; The Rt. Rev'd Gerhard Meyer, Dean Kosi; the St. Benedikt Seminary and Honorary Canon Theologian Dr. Winfried Küttner
- BFM church planters in Berlin, The Rev'd David and Mrs. Patricia Ayres

## The Second Sunday after Easter

- ST GEORGE'S CHURCH  
Mill Hill, Blackburn
- clergy, leaders, and finances for fresh church planting efforts in The Free Church of England

## The Third Sunday after Easter

- THE CHURCH OF CHRIST THE SAVIOUR  
St Petersburg, Russia  
Minister: The Rev'd Dr. Sergei Makov

## The Fourth Sunday after Easter

- EMMANUEL CHURCH  
Morecambe, Lancashire  
Minister: vacant
- summer cohort plans for REC100–*Europe!*
- Foundation of Seabury College (in partnership with the Reformed Episcopal Seminary) for the training and

formation of UK clergy and the awarding of UK accredited degrees in theology and the liberal arts

## The Fifth Sunday after Easter (Rogation)

- HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire

Minister: The Rev'd Anthony Ford

- ST. MARTIN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Poitou-Charentes, France

Minister: The Rev'd Robert Leone

## The Sunday after Ascension

- the annual Convocation of the Free Church of England, Bishop Paul Hunt, Primus John Fenwick, and Secretary Bob Stephen
- healthy attendance and effective discipleship at English Youth Camp in Germany this Summer
  - Oksana Specht, teaching in Ethiopia
  - Fr Sunil Rajah, working with Pakistani and Indian immigrants in San Diego
  - works in Colombia by the The Diocese of Quincy

## Pentecost Sunday

- a new Great Awakening within European cities
- thanksgiving for interest in The Reformed Episcopal Church within Hispanic lands
- all Anglican Global Mission Partners (AGMP)
- The Anglican Way Institute conference observing the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicea at Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral in Dallas—its formation of young people for faithful and informed Christian Life and vocations for missions, service, evangelism, and ordained ministry

# *Additional Prayers*

## *For the Heathen*

**O** GOD of all nations of the earth: Remember the multitudes of the heathen, who, though created in thine image, are ignorant of thy love; and, according to the propitiation of thy Son Jesus Christ, grant that by the prayers and labors of thy holy Church they may be delivered from all superstition and unbelief, and brought to worship thee; through him whom thou hast sent to be our salvation, the Resurrection and the Life of all the faithful, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## *This thy family*

**A**LMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*



### *For Religious Education (of catechumens)*

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast committed to thy Holy Church the care and nurture of thy children; Enlighten with thy wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that rejoicing in the knowledge of thy truth, they may worship thee and serve thee from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *For the Church*

**O** GRACIOUS Father, we humbly beseech thee for thy holy Catholic Church; that thou wouldest be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of him who died and rose again, and ever liveth to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

### *For Persecuted Churches and Christians*

**G**IVE salvation and strength, O King of saints, to those who, being persecuted for righteousness' sake, are in great tribulation; and grant that these thy followers, loving not their lives unto the death and leaving all to follow thee, may overcome by the word of their testimony, and overcoming, may inherit all things. *Amen.*

### *Good Friday*

**O**MERCIFUL God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor desires the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; Have mercy upon all who know thee not as thou art revealed in the Gospel of thy Son. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy fold, that they may be made one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### *Whitsun Tuesday*

**G**RANT, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## *A Litany for Missions*

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the Faithful;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

WE beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to plant thy holy Church in all the world, that the Name of thy Son Jesus Christ may be known and worshipped by all peoples,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to awaken a zeal for missions in the hearts of all thy people,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest throughout the world,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to enkindle within thy faithful people an awareness of mission and a willingness to provide faithful support,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to revive thy Church in North America and the Christian West,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to restore and enlarge thy Church in the Caribbean and Central and South America,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord*

- That it may please thee to prosper and protect thy Church in  
Africa,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*
- That it may please thee to raise up faithful evangelists to restore  
the Church in Europe,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*
- That it may please thee to increase the Christian witness among the  
people of the Middle East,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*
- That it may please thee to invigorate those who proclaim and  
incarnate the Gospel in China, India, and all Asia,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*
- That it may please thee to grant stability in the Holy Land and  
peace to Jerusalem, that the Gospel of thy Son may be heard,  
loved, and obeyed,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*
- That it may please thee to relieve and protect all members of thy  
Church who suffer persecution for the Faith throughout the  
world,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*
- That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to  
hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and  
to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*
- That it may please thee to prosper ministry among immigrants, the  
neglected, and forlorn,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*
- That it may please thee to convict and convert the apostate, self-  
righteous, and deceived, and to draw all sinners to repentance,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*
- That it may please thee to enlighten with saving faith those who  
worship the Creation rather than their Creator,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*
- That it may please thee to illuminate all Ministers with true  
knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by

their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to assist with thy grace Reformed Episcopal missionaries and their families, both at home and abroad,

*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to enlighten all seekers, and to strengthen all catechumens and converts,

*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to empower all baptized Christians to be faithful to their calling in their daily life and work in thy Name,

*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to guide Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and all who minister in thy Church,

*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to deliver all nations and people from slavery and oppression,

*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to enable sound learning and uphold the work of education in schools and learning centers everywhere,

*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless medical, agricultural, and economic missions,

*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to guide and inspire all Bible translators, that thy Word may be proclaimed in all tongues,

*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to restore unity among all who love thee,

*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

The Lord be with you.

*And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

Lord have mercy upon us.

*Christ have mercy upon us.*

Lord have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

GOD, who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the whole earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are nigh; Grant that all men everywhere may seek after thee and find thee. Pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh, bring the nations into thy fold, and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD Jesus Christ, the Desire of all nations, who didst come down from heaven to seek and to save the lost; Grant thy blessing, we beseech thee, upon thy missionary servants who are carrying the light of thy Gospel to the dark places of the earth. Preserve them from every danger to which they may be exposed; from perils by land and sea, from persecution and pestilence, from discouragement in their labors, and from the devices of the adversary. May they see thy work prospering in their hands; and do thou hasten the time, O gracious Savior, when the multitude of the heathen shall be gathered into thy fold, and when all in every land who neglect thy salvation shall be converted unto thee. And to thee, Lord Jesus, be the praise; unto whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

**O** ALMIGHTY Father, thou King eternal, immortal, invisible, thou only wise God our Savior; Hasten, we beseech thee, the coming upon earth of the kingdom of thy Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and draw the whole world of mankind into willing obedience to his blessed reign. Overcome all his enemies, and bring low every power that is exalted against him. Cast out all the evils which cause wars and fightings amongst us, and let thy Spirit rule the hearts of men in righteousness and love. Repair the desolations of former days; rejoice the wilderness with beauty; and make glad the city with thy law. Establish every work that is founded on truth and equity, and fulfill all the good hopes and desires of thy people. Manifest thy will, Almighty Father, in the brotherhood of man, and bring in universal peace; through the victory of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy Name's sake.*

**O** GOD, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

*O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thine honour.*

**T**HE Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

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# My Prayer Notes



*Every church a*  
**SENDING PARISH!**

- 1) Lay Missions Advocate
- 2) General Fund Support
- 3) Adopt-a-Missionary (or project)

*All SENDING PARISHES may request a BFM tabletop missions banner and a Cycle of Prayer booklet for every family.*

- *Lay Missions Advocate, for parish communications and family involvement*
  - *\$800 or higher annual support to the General Fund*
- *budgeted monthly engagement for at least two missionaries or projects*



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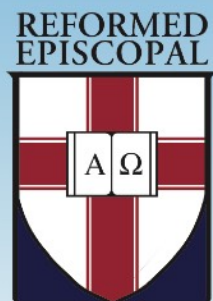
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