

ANGLICAN COMMUNION

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The Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, the Most Revd Josiah Idowu-Fearon, is inviting everyone to pray daily for the Bishops and Archbishops who will be getting together in Canterbury, 11-16 January.

This Litany is suggested for general use.

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now." Philippians 1:3-5.

As a Communion, God gives us His daily grace and opportunities to put it into action. We have much to praise and thank our Lord as we look forward to the gathering and Meeting of Primates in January.

It is our earnest request that brothers and sisters across the world who love and wish us well, will join us in praying this Litany day by day, in addition to the prayer which was [published in October](#).

Prayers for 2016 Gathering and Meeting of Primates

1. General thanksgiving and praise

For the privilege to tell the world the good news of Your love for everyone, irrespective of race, colour, gender, religion and status,

We praise you, O Lord.

For opportunities to share the love of Christ in feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and providing shelter for victims of war,

We praise you, O Lord.

For the opportunity to live out our faith in a hostile environment, to test the strength of our love for You and others by relating to those from whom we differ theologically and ecclesiologically,

We praise you, O Lord.

For the continuing efforts at working at our relationship as a Communion and finding better ways of living as Your reconciled family,

We praise you, O Lord.

For the positive responses from Primates and Archbishops to the Gathering and Primates' Meeting in January,

We praise you, O Lord.

2. Concern for truth

From media manipulation, misinformation and the abuse of privilege,

Good Lord deliver us.

From the distortion of facts and the desire to muzzle other voices with whom we disagree,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From the twisting of truths in order to present others' opinions as wrong,

Good Lord, deliver us.

3. The Participants at the Gathering and Meeting

From arrogance and the spirit of self-righteousness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From anger, ego and the desire to impose our opinions at all costs,
from a divisive spirit and craving for power more than unity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

from denigrating others before listening to them,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From the spirit that looks down on others, despises their convictions and is unwilling to
let go for the sake of Christ,

Good Lord, deliver us.

That each of us may encounter Christ and be be positively transformed,

Hear us, Good Lord.

That this gathering and the Primates' Meeting may open a new and positive chapter in
the unfolding history of our Communion,

Hear us, Good Lord.

That each Primate / Archbishop will catch a vision from Your holy perspective,

Hear us, Good Lord.

That this gathering and meeting may bring glory and honour to Your name, a new and
better and stronger fellowship among all participants,

Hear us, Good Lord.

That this Communion may tell her own stories free from slanted and cynical reporting,

Hear us, Good Lord.

Lord, this is a part of Your Church Militant.

You called us after redeeming us through Your Son's sacrificial death, triumphant resurrection
and glorious Ascension.

Help us as a Communion to hear clearly what You are saying to us in this age, grant this
gathering and meeting Your Spirit that it may lead in such a way as to bring honour and glory to
Your name, peace and better understanding to Your church, growth and development to
every part of the Communion.

We ask in Christ's name.

Amen.