

ALMA Lent Appeal 2020

Wheels for Climate Change Emergencies

Based on the prayer used during the ALMA Pentecost Appeal for Mozambique

Lord, we pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' for every part of our world, but especially for our partners in Angola and Mozambique.

We pray for those daily affected by the ravages of malaria, HIV and TB.

For those who day by day face the devastation wrought by climate change – the intensifying drought in Angola and the more extreme storms and cyclones in Mozambique.

We lament the loss of lives, homes and harvests, and the damage to roads, bridges and core infrastructure.

We cry out for those in remote places who are still without proper shelter and for those who are hungry.

We thank you for international efforts to reach those who are suffering:

for food and clean water, tarpaulins and vaccinations;

and those who enable functioning communications.

We pray too that we may learn from their stories of community service, generosity and resourcefulness. Learn from a vision of being Anglicans in the face of adversity and fear.

Learn from joy, witnessed in a confident and deepening love for Jesus Christ.

As we learn, may we also reflect on our use of finite global resources, recognising that our choices can have a direct affect upon others.

We pray especially for Bishops Andre, Carlos, Manuel and Vicente as they seek to provide practical and pastoral support to our brothers and sisters in Angola and Mozambique.

We lift The Spirit of the Church in these countries with our prayers, our lifestyle choices and our Lenten offering.

May we, as partners, stand generously alongside them in the rebuilding of damaged communities, churches, church schools and pastoral houses.

Amen