

# August

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Argentina:</b> We pray for political and economic stability in this long-suffering nation. We pray for those who seek to serve the poor and the destitute who are hardest hit but rising costs and unemployment. We pray, too, for the Anglican Church in Northern Argentina and their work with the indigenous communities there who are often the “poorest of the poor”.
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Chaplaincy of Greater Buenos Aires:</b> Fr. David George, Chair of port city of Rosario on the River Plate.
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fr. David George, Chair of MtS-Argentina, and the Board as they begin the search for a new Port Chaplain.
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	For the Diocese of Argentina as it and MtS look to resurrect ministry in the port city of Rosario on the River Plate.
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Brazil:</b> For the government and democratic institutions of the great nation as the judiciary begins the court proceedings against former President Bolsonaro for inciting a failed coup. We give thanks, too, for our Sec. General’s visit to Vila do Conde and Suape, and our conference in Santos.
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Port of Açu:</u> For Revda. Dilce Paiva de Oliveira and her husband Paulo whose pioneering work in the port of Açu, Rio de Janeiro State is making a real difference in the lives of the crews they visit. Pray that they may be able to expand their ministry to other terminals in this relatively remote area and thus bring comfort and succour to the crews of other vessels. We give thanks for the partnership between Anglo-American and MtS that makes this new ministry possible. We pray that this relationship may grow, deepen, and result in new much needed chaplaincies being established in our region.
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Suape:</u> We give thanks for Bishop Filadelfo Oliveira Neto and his wife Dulcy who found a much-needed new home. We give thanks for the support given by Bishop Joao Peixoto of the Diocese of Recife to maritime ministry. His support for Bishop Filadelfo’s ministry is exemplary. We pray for Bishop Filadelfo’s role as Sub-regional coordinator for Brazil, for his pastoral care of colleagues, and his gifts as a trainer of prospective Ship Visitors. Bishop Filadelfo writes “for prayers for the Seafarers arriving at the Port of Suape, so that the necessary assistance can be provided and also asks for prayers for a new apartment for our residence. Prayers also for Dulcy's health and for my health.
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Vila do Conde:</u> For Fr. Eliás de Souza Barata, Port Chaplain, and Gabriel Sousa e Silva, Volunteer Ship Visitor. They ask our prayers for permission to enter the new petrochemical terminal in this remote and isolated port.
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	We give thanks for Gabriel’s successfully passing his driving test. This small development opens a door to expanding the services offered by this team to visiting seafarers.
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for the crews on the livestock carrying vessels that sail to the Middle East. Many of these ships bear “flags of convenience” shipboard conditions are

often appalling and there is little effort made these registries to promote seafarer welfare.

Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for an Indian seafarer who recently attempted suicide and was struggling in the hospital. We couldn’t access his ship previously, because we are not cleared to access the gas/oil pier yet. I hope that the crew of this vessel can get some comfort with time and that our contacts with the port administration get us clearance to the oil pier. I suffer alongside the sailors who need to accept poor labour conditions to survive, like 10-month contracts with a few hours or none to go ashore each port, and like hazardous sanitary conditions in livestock vessels, especially crew from marginalized countries.
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	For Costa Rica, which is not an MLC-2006 signatory. We pray for those who are labouring preparing the way for Costa Rica’s ratification of this international instrument that guarantees seafarers’ basic rights.
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Chaplaincy of Puerto Limón and Moín:</u> We give thanks for Linda Watts’ ordination to the diaconate and for the time she spent with Ruth Campbell and colleagues in Tilbury learning about ministry to cruise ship crews.
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup>	We pray, too, for Fr. George Watts and Deacon Linda as they continue to seek for entry into the APM Terminal in Moin and the vessels that call in there.
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for the Costa Rican Port Authorities and security services as they struggle to contain and reduce the expansion of the drug trafficking trade. We pray for those seafarers who are vulnerable to coercion and threats of violence from the drug cartels.
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Deutsche Seemannsmission (DSM).</b> We give thanks for the partnership between The Mission to Seafarers (MtS) and the Deutsche Seemannsmission (DSM) in Panamá and the wider region. Please pray for Andrea Meenken (Panamá), Pastor Felipe Schutz-Bennert and Kathrin Grund (Santos, Brazil) whose friendship and partnership enables us to offer seafarers continuity of care in ports where MtS does not have a presence.
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	COSTA RICA: Prayer for those on whom seafarers depend. We give thanks for those who protect, and support those that work on the sea, especially the navigation safeguard, providing rescue services, and safe havens.
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Today we remember the work of these and other officials at the port who give comfort to those who are at times in danger, exhausted, injured, or lonely. We pray that you will grant them every success in all that is done for seafarers in the name of Jesu Christ. Amen.
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for all seafarers who works on ferry from Puntarenas to Playa Naranjo on the pacific coast off Costa Rica, that they may be kept safe from the daily dangers of their physical work, that they may be kept strong in their trust in you, that they may support one another in times of trials and tribulation while they ae far from home. Give us strength and understanding to care for those working at sea. All this we ask in Jesus name. Amen.

Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ukrainian seafarers most of whom have spent 3 years without being able to return to their homeland.
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Trinidad and Tobago</b> Trinidad and Tobago recently held elections, and the country is now waiting to see what the new government's policies will be.
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<u>The Mariners' Club, Port of Spain</u> We give thanks for Deacon Ikechuckwu Azuakoemu our new Port Chaplain in Trinidad.
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	For success in applying and obtaining Port Passes and for the start of ship visiting in the ports of Point Lisas and Port of Spain.
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	For Bishop Claude Berkley and Fr. Eric Thompson as they explore ways of revitalising the ministry of the Mariners' Club in partnership with MtS.
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Panama.</b> We give thanks for this year's abundant rainy season and for optimal levels of water in the Canal. We give thanks for the normalisation of Canal operations.
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for Panamá as the nation experiences yet more social unrest and pro tests.
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for the Panamanian Maritime Authority whose partnership enables us to advocate and work for the wellbeing of seafarers and the creation of a National Seafarers' Welfare Committee.
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup>	<u>The Seafarers Mission-Panamá:</u> We give thanks for our wonderful volunteers Michele Colbourn, and Sarah Simpson whose selfless support makes our Shopping Ministry possible. We give thanks, too, for our MtS-Panamá Board members and their encouragement and support for our ministry in Panamá.
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	For our new colleague Father Jesús Sta. Iglesia giving thanks for his arrival in April. We give thanks for his outstanding pastoral ministry, the wisdom and compassion he brings to our service, and for strengthening our ties with MtS-Philippines. Please pray for his Missionary Visa application.
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	Please pray for Panamá, Argentina, and Costa Rica which are experiencing much unrest at this time.
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Gracious God, Thank you for entrusting us with the welfare of the seafarers in our region, and for strengthening us for the maritime ministry every single day. In Panama, we pray for our growing team, and ask you to accompany our new colleague Father Jesús in his transition from the Philippines to this beautiful end of the world. We also pray that you encourage more people to sign up for our important work, by spreading the word, through active volunteering, or with donations. Lord, we pray for the newly emerging Seafarers' Welfare Committee. We ask you for rain for the region, so that the Canal transits can go back to normal. Please be with all the seafarers at anchorage, in the ports on both sides of the Isthmus, and during their passage through the Panama Canal. We ask you in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen</i>

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### LATIN AMERICA and the CARIBBEAN REGION

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Welcome to the August 2025 edition of the  
Mission to Seafarers Monthly Prayer Diary.

This month we are praying  
for the work of the  
Mt-LAC Region (Latin America and the Caribbean.)



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Santos, Brazil in May. We give thanks for the excellent training we  
received from colleagues from London, The Philippines, and the  
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our Link Trustee, and his ministry as Conference Chaplain.