

May

Fri 1 st	We ask, dear Lord, that you will bless the work of the Mission to Seafarers and its partner organisations as they seek to bring comfort, hope and a knowledge of you the Living God, in whose name we ask. Amen.	Wed 13 th	Chaplain Rev Alian in Réunion.
Sat 2 nd	Chaplain Rev Moses and the team in Mombasa.	Thu 14 th	The appointment of a new chaplain in Walvis Bay.
Sun 3 rd	The staff who serve seafarers in the center in Mombasa.	Fri 15 th	Merciful God, you have given us the desire to sail upon the seas in ships that have been built through the ingenuity that is your gift. We pray that you will guide all seafarers safely to their next port of call, overcoming the dangers that the face as they sail across the oceans. Bless them and the families that they leave behind; give them courage and a willingness to work together as they deliver their cargoes, and above all, we pray, help them to remember that you are the one in whom we can put our trust to lead us home. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Mon 4 th	The Mombasa Committee as they continue to negotiate a solution to the future of the center in the port.	Sat 16 th	Bishop Brian and the Regional Committee.
Tue 5 th	Chaplains Mark and Eva in Richards Bay.	Sun 17 th	Chaplains Rev Francis and Emanuele in Lagos.
Wed 6 th	The Management Committee in Richards Bay as they negotiate permission to transport seafarers in the Port of Richards Bay.	Mon 18 th	Management Committee in Lagos.
Thu 7 th	Chaplain Rev Forbes in Durban.	Tue 19 th	Thank the Lord for the new drop-in center in Saldanha Bay.
Fri 8 th	Loving God, the creator of the world. We pray on this day, for all seafarers as they sail upon the waters. Be with them in those times when they are anxious and feel far from home. Give them strength to undertake their duties with competence and in safety. Be close to their families who depend upon them for their well-being. Inspire all captains to lead their crews, all engineers to maintain their ship, all deck crews to work together in safety and all cooks to feed the hungry. Amen.	Wed 20 th	Clarity for the future of the work in Monrovia Liberia.
Sat 9 th	Thank the Lord for the new center chaplain Wayne Meyer in the center in Durban.	Thu 21 st	The Regional meeting that will take place at the end of June.
Sun 10 th	Chaplain Clive in Cape Town.	Fri 22 nd	Gracious God, who has given humanity the skill to sail the seas. Keep safe, we pray, all seafarers who bring to us those things necessary for our well-being. Bless the ships in which they sail and their families who wait for them at home. Bring them safely into port having crossed the mighty oceans, and grant them the rest and refreshment that they need after their labours. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.
Mon 11 th	Chaplain Rev Philile in Port Elizabeth.		
Tue 12 th	The recruitment process for a new chaplain in Saldanha Bay.		

Sat 23rd Prayer that God will provide the resources for the possible establishment of a new center in Walvis Bay.

Sun 24th Prayer for God's guidance as we consider the next Global strategy

Mon 25th The ship visiting team and staff who care for seafarers visiting the center in Lagos

Tue 26th The Sea Sunday services that will take place around the Region in July.

Wed 27th Thanks to God for the faithful supporters who provide resources for the work in Africa.

Thu 28th Prayer that Chaplains/Ship Visitors may continue to be allowed access into ports in Africa.

Fri 29th Thanks to God for the ecumenical work that takes place amongst the different maritime societies in the region especially in Cape Town and Durban.

Sat 30th Thanks to God for the IHQ staff who provide guidance and support to the Africa Region.

Sun 31st Heavenly Father: we pray to You for those on the perilous ocean that You will embrace them with your mighty protection and grant them success in all their rightful undertakings. Grant them in all hours of need to see that they have a God who remembers them, and grant them grace in the hour of danger to commit their souls into Your hands. O Lord Jesus Christ, Who can rebuke the storm and bring it to silence, and lay the roaring waves to rest, show them who call to You out of the deep that You hear their prayer and will save them. And finally bring us all to the only safe port. Amen.

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AFRICA REGION

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Welcome to the May 2026 edition of the Mission to Seafarers Monthly Prayer Diary.



This month we are praying for the work in the Africa Region. The prayer requests have been prepared by the Regional Director, Cedric Rautenbach.

Cedric writes:

Mission to Seafarers Africa has a presence in the following countries:

Kenya, Namibia South Africa, Nigeria and, Reunion Island We have a presence in the ports of Mombasa, Richards Bay, Durban, Port Elizabeth/Koega, Saldanha Bay, Cape Town, Walvis Bay and Lagos,

The work in these ports is carried out by Port Chaplains and Ship Visitors with the support and assistance of Management Committees. At present we support the work in two ecumenical centers namely Durban and Reunion Island. There is a MTS center in Lagos and Mombasa and we have just opened a drop-in center in Saldanha Bay