

Please pray for the churches and people of our link diocese of Mzimvubu in South Africa

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We are delighted that communications with the Diocese of Mzimvubu have improved considerably over the last year, following the installation of the Rt Revd Tsietsi Seleoane as their new Diocesan Bishop. This is a diocese that has long experienced severe poverty, partly caused by the prevalence of HIV-Aids. However it has been more severely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, and so our prayer requests must focus on the suffering that has resulted, and for the churches that are trying so hard to provide aid and pastoral support.

Please pray:

- Give thanks: for Bishop Tsietsi, the new Diocesan Secretary and the appointment of a Diocesan Coordinator for Disaster Management and Response Committee who are managing the system feeding Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC).
- Pray for those in need as a result of Covid-19:
 - For bereaved families: when elderly couples die their families lose their social grant which is often their only source of income;
 - For the huge increase in unemployment;
 - For those in poverty, which is escalating , and the resulting anxiety;
 - For youth on drugs;
 - For the extent of Gender-based Violence which has increased alarmingly as a result of lockdown;
 - For stability in the country.
- Pray for the churches of the diocese of Mzimvubu: for the archdeaconry co-ordinators who organise the OVC project in the archdeaconries, for the pastoral care that is being provided by church members.
- Give thanks for those in the Diocese of Truro who have given and are giving generously to help orphans, vulnerable children and their families in the Diocese of Mzimvubu. Pray that the funds we send will be used effectively to help those in need.

The Diocesan Coordinator for Disaster Management writes: “The support we receive from the Diocese of Truro is Messianic, it truly is a symbol of God's love to the faithful. Our contacts with people may be limited for worship and social contact, but hope is replenished when they see the Church giving back at the time of need.”

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