

Dear Friend,

The Holy Father has established an emergency fund to come to the aid of those people and communities who are being tragically impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. He has asked each one of us to contribute what we can to help the Church overseas, through Missio.



Any gift that you can give at this time will help our missionaries reach out to the most vulnerable people and offer them spiritual and practical support; and any prayer you offer for them will surely be heard.

To donate please go to: https://missio.org.uk/donate/?mc_cid=bbd08c99d0&mc_eid=d455ce83d6

Alongside all of our efforts here to combat this disease, I am acutely aware of the plight of our brothers and sisters in countries without the means to respond effectively to this crisis. As well as messages of prayers from you, our faithful supporters, I am receiving messages from missionaries overseas sharing their prayers and concern for us.

Sister Mary from Pirimiti Hospital in Malawi has written to say: 'Thanks so much for your concern. We are in darkness. There is no testing being done and the situation has started biting us economically. I am so worried because up to now, there are no preparations for this pandemic. Our health system in Malawi, and Africa at large, is so weak. Only God will help us out.'

The need to help churches has never been so urgent and necessary. In many areas of the world, it will be the Church that will respond, as best it can, to the medical and pastoral needs of the people who are now suffering.

At Missio we try to express and build solidarity through prayer and action. Prayer focuses our hearts and minds on God's compassion for suffering humanity. Action calls each of us to give what we can to make a difference.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones. I am celebrating Mass every day at 12 noon in our Missio Chapel.

If anyone you know would appreciate being held in prayer at Mass, please email me at director@missio.org.uk

The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals to us that goodness always triumphs over evil, hope over despair, and life over death. The Risen Jesus lives on among us to heal, transform and redeem us.

I wish you and your loved ones every blessing,

Father Tony.

Fr Anthony Chantry
Missio National Director