

# Parish resource

WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE 2024



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🔗 Share this WEE BOX prayer throughout Lent.



# WEE BOX Prayer

**Loving Father, Merciful God, we worship you.  
You are a mighty God, far above the sin of this world,  
yet you choose to show compassion  
to each of us because you love us.**

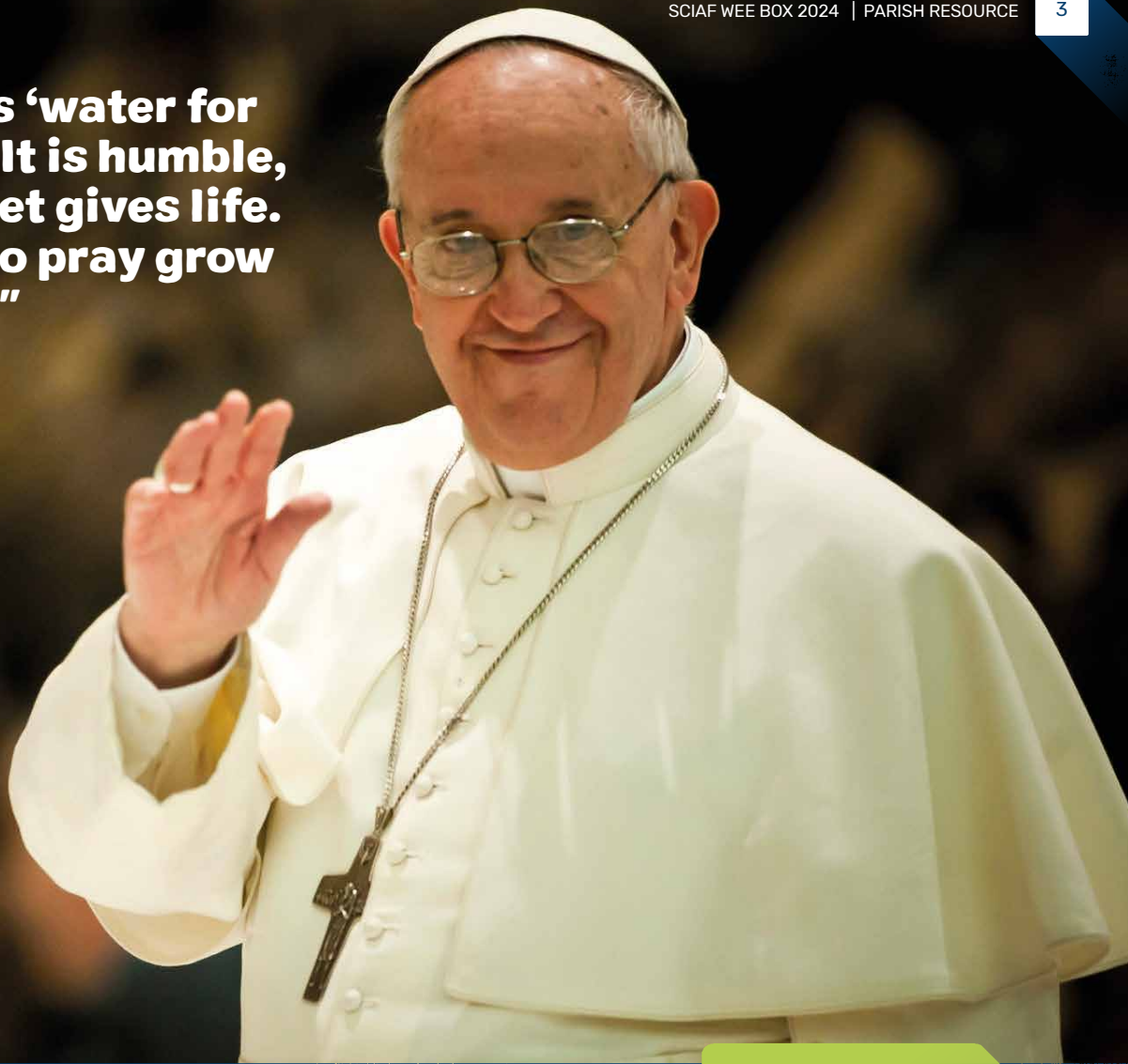
**We remember the country of Rwanda.  
Bring your comfort on those who live  
with trauma and suffering,  
and bring your healing power in their lives.**

**Help us understand the ways of Jesus better,  
so that we can show love in action  
to our sisters and brothers across the world.  
Amen**



**“Prayer is ‘water for the soul’. It is humble, unseen, yet gives life. Those who pray grow inwardly.”**

- Pope Francis



# **WEE BOX** **Day of Prayer**

**We invite you to join us as we come together in prayer on the WEE BOX Day of Prayer.**

Today, as a community, we pause to reflect, connect, and pray for healing and hope for communities in Rwanda.

Ask your SCIAF rep to use these materials to organise their own prayer service or incorporate the prayers into the liturgy for 8th March.

Show your participation in this day by sharing photos on social media using **#WEEBOXDayofPrayer**



**Friday  
8th March  
2024**

**Do not neglect  
to do good and  
to share what you  
have, for such  
sacrifices are  
pleasing to God.**

- Hebrews 13:16



# WEE BOX

## Day of Prayer

**Prayer written by Bishop Edouard SINAYOBYE,  
Bishop of The Roman Catholic Diocese  
of Cyangugu, Rwanda.**

Lord our God,  
May we pray together with the entire Diocese  
for Rwanda to always remain a land of peace.  
We pray for peace in our hearts.  
Peace within families,  
and peace for all people living in this country.

We pray for our friends at SCIAF,  
who have been of great assistance to us.  
We are aware that it is through their generosity,  
that we accomplish many things.  
May the Lord always be present in our lives,  
manifesting His Love in our lives and in our mission.

May the Lord bless us all,  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen



### Suggested Hymns

#### **Gather us in**

(Laudate 475)

#### **O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder**

(Laudate 721)

#### **Seek ye first the Kingdom of God**

(Laudate 820)

#### **Here I am, Lord**

(Laudate 865)

#### **Be thou my vision**

(Laudate 970)



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### SCIAF Bidding prayers for Lent 2024

#### ☛ For the Church:

We pray that the Holy Spirit may lead all of us in the Church to a deeper conversion so we can clearly hear the cry of the earth, and the cry of the poor.

Lord hear us.

Response: Lord graciously hear us

#### ☛ For world leaders:

We pray for world leaders: that they may make wise decisions for the good of all the members of our global family.

Lord hear us.

Response: Lord graciously hear us

#### ☛ For our global family:

We pray for the poorest communities in our global family, especially those in Rwanda who are in need. May our actions this Lent be signs of hope for all.

Lord hear us.

Response: Lord graciously hear us

#### ☛ For Catholic Education:

We ask that you bless the educational endeavours of our young people here in Scotland and young people in Rwanda. May they both have access to quality education that equips them for a life filled with promise and purpose.

Lord hear us.

Response: Lord graciously hear us

#### ☛ For women and girls:

Loving God, we pray for the safety and protection of women and girls in Rwanda. Shield them from harm, violence, and exploitation, and grant them a peaceful and secure future.

Lord hear us.

Response: Lord graciously hear us

#### ☛ For global justice and peace:

We pray that the Spirit of peace will give us the strength to build a just world together. Inspire leaders and decision makers to advocate for a society where everyone is treated with dignity and respect.

Lord hear us.

Response: Lord graciously hear us

#### ☛ For hope and faith:

Heavenly Guide, grant women and girls of Rwanda the gift of hope and faith. May they find solace and strength in their relationship with you, knowing that you are always with them.

Lord hear us.

Response: Lord graciously hear us

#### ☛ For ourselves:

Holy Spirit, fill us with thanksgiving and love for all of Creation. In our daily choices help us to be kind, remembering that our choices make a difference to our sisters and brothers around the world.

Lord hear us.

Response: Lord graciously hear us





Sonia (far left) and family, Rwanda

# WEE BOX

## Day of Prayer

### PowerPoint reflection: God of comfort

**“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the merciful Father and the God who gives every possible encouragement; he supports us in every hardship, so that we are able to come to the support of others, in every hardship of theirs because of the encouragement that we ourselves receive from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ overflow into our lives; so too does the encouragement we receive through Christ.”**

– 2 Corinthians 1: 3-5

**God of Comfort**  
2 Corinthians 1:3-5  
Lent 2024

Linda and her Grandson

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Unleashing the power of faith

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Big change

Use the **WEE BOX Day of Prayer PowerPoint for Parishes** in your prayer service as a meditation on **2 Corinthians 1: 3-5** which features photos of SCIAF's work in Rwanda.



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### PowerPoint reflection: Sister Epiphanie's story

Today, we think of all the women across the world whose leadership and service are rooted in love for their communities. Women who may not always be recognised and celebrated, but who show the true greatness Jesus spoke of.

**“Anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant.”**  
- Matthew 20:26



Use the **WEE BOX Day of Prayer PowerPoint for Parishes** to share Sister Epiphanie's inspiring story.

**Sister Epiphanie** is part of the Justice and Peace Commission in Rwanda, one of SCIAF's partners.

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## Day of Prayer

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**Read this reflection as part of your  
WEE BOX Day of Prayer service.**

**‘Do not neglect to do good and  
to share what you have, for such  
sacrifices are pleasing to God.’**

- Hebrews 13:16

During this season of Lent we are focused on reflection, repentance, and renewal. This verse provides for us a poignant reminder of these things.

Imagine if everyone shared a little of what they had. Sharing isn't just about material things. It's also about sharing a smile, lending a hand or helping someone when they're feeling down. Doing good and sharing shouldn't be one-off gestures but everyday actions in our lives, throughout Lent and beyond.

The sacrifices we are asked to make start with giving up chocolates or sweets for Lent, but they don't end there. Instead, it's the daily giving of yourself, whether through time, or simply a listening ear when a friend wants to talk.

Through our actions and almsgiving this Lent, we mirror Jesus's own sacrifices and His unwavering commitment to uplift those in need. Through small yet meaningful sacrifices, we not only find favour in the eyes of God but also create ripples of positive change within our families, our Parish and school communities – and for global neighbours.

As we journey through Lent, may we be inspired by this call to do good and to share what we have, understanding that our truest offerings are those made in love, kindness, and selflessness, pleasing not just to God but also to our own souls.

Village scenes, Rwanda

