



Dear Friends

### **Angolan Elections**

We all know Africa has had particularly difficult elections this year. Results in Kenya and Zimbabwe have been contested, and many people in both countries have been killed in violence related to the elections.

It is against this painful background that Angolan legislative elections are due to take place on 5th September this year.

Previous elections in Angola resulted in civil war, and Bishop André Soares has asked us to pray for these Angolan elections that there may be a peaceful outcome, and that the results will be recognised.

Enthused by ALMA's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, let us join together in praying with Bishop André and the people of Angola.

You may like to use the special prayer enclosed which has been written for ALMA by an Angolan priest, The Revd. Domingos Ramos Muanga, whose family is still affected by the aftermath of the Angolan civil war.

Yours in Christ

*+Michael*

The Right Reverend Michael Colclough  
Chair of the ALMA Task Group

## **ALMA Prayer for Angolan Elections**

God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

We ask you to lead all those organising the Angolan elections, that in their political leadership they will respect you and the voice of your people.

O Lord, Africans have had difficult times this year with elections in Kenya and Zimbabwe:

- ▶ many people killed in violence related to elections
- ▶ results contested due to vote rigging by the leaders of these countries
- ▶ pain and tears
- ▶ women & children abandoned, having lost everything they had
- ▶ destruction caused by agents of government

Please Lord, look towards Angola as the country prepares to stage its first parliamentary elections since it was deep in civil war for 27 long years.

Civil war killed thousands of loved sons of this country. My God, what was behind that?

Results of the last presidential election in 1992 were contested for fraud and manipulation, and now parliament has extended the deadline for announcing results.

Why 15 days, Lord? We pray that fraud will not be revived again, and that your people may rejoice in you. Show them your unfailing love, O Lord, grant them your peace, and let them not return to folly.

May love and faithfulness meet together, and righteousness and peace kiss each other in Angola so that your people may serve you in peace.

May your righteousness go before them and prepare the way.

Please hear our prayer, O Lord,  
Listen to our cry for mercy.

God bless Angola! Amen.