TUESDAY, MARCH 25

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.



-Romans 15:5-6

Please let me tell you about signs of encouragement in South Sudan.

In our Wau Diocese, the Mothers Union operates literacy and financial education programs that empower women with these two key skills needed to advance in life. We get help from the United Kingdom's Mothers Union to do this.

Please let me tell you about Naomi Bakri, a South Sudanese mother living in France. She speaks in various churches and raises money for women's adult education. I praise God and give thanks to Naomi for her example and great kindness.

Please let me tell you about Val Wilson and a group of women from Pool Deanery in the United Kingdom. Together they have raised funds so that women may attend St. John's Theological College in our own cathedral compound.

In Wau Diocese, we want to build a secondary school for girls. It is a dream of mine to make a bold statement that the education of girls and women is vital and necessary. We are working with the government to advocate and remind them of their pledge to open 25 percent of government employment to women at all levels.

Let me ask you, what if we could achieve this? What if we could make a change that lasted forever? What if we did this together and enriched each other in doing it?

So that together, we may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

-Moses Deng Bol

For all Christians in their vocation

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

-The Book of Common Prayer, p. 256