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Directive

Dear Fathers and Mothers,

Due to the severe drought that we are now experiencing here in Australia, especially in New South Wales and Queensland, I want all parishes and monasteries to offer up prayers to God during divine services, imploring for His mercy, asking Him to grant rain to our parched lands. "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain: so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field." (Zech. 10:1) You can find the petitions and prayers for rain in the Molieben in Time of Drought, p. 31 in the The Great Book of Needs (English) and p. 61 in vol. 3 of the Jordanville trebnik (Slavonic).



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+Bp. George".

**+Bishop George of Canberra
Auxiliary Bishop of Australia and New Zealand Diocese
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