

27 First Sunday of Advent

Merciful God, embrace the people of Liberia and Sierra Leone in your loving arms. Sustain peace in these countries, and strengthen and encourage their people and leaders as healing and reconciliation continues after years of war and distrust.

28 Give thanks and pray for schools and hospitals founded by missionaries all over the world, which continue to serve people in need.

29 On this International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, give thanks for the gifts shared in the companion relationships among the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, the ELCA New England and Southeast Michigan Synods, and all ELCA Synod Middle East Working Groups. Pray for Palestinian pastors and members of the ELCA's three Arab and Middle Eastern congregations.

30 Pray for an end to violence between Pakistan and India, both nuclear powers, and between Muslims and Hindus all over the world.



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PRAYER VENTURES

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Prayer petitions for Sundays follow the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle and can be incorporated into the prayers at weekly worship. Weekday entries are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of this church. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

1 All Saints Day

Give thanks for all who have lived and died in the faith. Let us be strengthened by such a great cloud of witnesses who serve as examples of courage and boldness in the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ.

2 Pray for Pastor Kathryn Warn who serves in Freetown, Sierra Leone, as a pastor in residence with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone providing training and accompaniment in the areas of leadership development and diakonia, and serving as a liaison for the church's relationship with the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod of the ELCA.

3 Pray for those who are forced to adapt to an increasingly unpredictable environment and for those who speak out and educate on the calamities of climate change.

4 Pray for David Wunsch and Kate Lawler who serve as regional representatives in Latin America with the Lutheran churches in Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Peru, and Bolivia. Kate is also country coordinator of the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program in Argentina.

5 Give thanks for ethnic diversity and unique cultural expressions of praise and glory to God in music, art and dance.

6 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Merciful God, we thank you for the power of the Bible that speaks to the people of Sao Tomé and Príncipe, the Republic of Congo, and Gabon. May they find strength and wisdom in you to witness amid the social challenges of today.

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7 Pray for the shepherds, evangelists and lay leaders in the congregations in Madagascar who work tirelessly to share the love of Christ with the whole nation through word and deed.

8 Give thanks for the right to vote. Pray that our elected leaders lead with justice and compassion for the sake of all.

9 Pray for the international students who are studying in the United States and other countries around the world this year with the help of scholarships from ELCA Global Mission. Give thanks for their commitment and pray with and for them as they prepare to serve in leadership roles in their home churches, our companions in ministry.

10 Pray for people who work tirelessly to bring healing to those who are hurting and suffering because of illness, unemployment or poverty.

11 Pray for the ELCA Church Council meeting November 11-14 at the Lutheran Center in Chicago, Illinois.

12 Pray for Robert Kasworm who serves the Machame Lutheran Hospital in Moshi, Tanzania, on behalf of Alegent Health and in relationship with the Nebraska Synod of the ELCA. He is strengthening health-care delivery by creating strategic alliances between Tanzanian and U.S.-based health providers.

13 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

We pray, O God, together with the people of Cameroon, the Central African Republic and Equatorial Guinea: “Grant that we might sleep in peace, and that at the break of day we may find ourselves in safety.”

14 On this World Diabetes Day, pray for all who live and cope with diabetes. Give them the strength to make necessary life-style changes. Grant wisdom to those who seek to treat and cure the disease.

15 Pray for Anne and Willie Langdji, regional representatives for West Africa who foster church to church relationships in Cameroon, Senegal, and the Central African Republic. They also serve as resources for the wider region in the areas of health, development and capacity building.

16 Pray for those affected by flooding, drought, environmental pollution, cyclones, hurricanes, tornados and earthquakes.

17 Pray for Julie Rossate and Jeff von Wald serving with the ELCA in Palestine. Jeff is the coordinator for the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission in Palestine, as well as the coordinator for group trips to the Holy Land.

18 Pray for Afghan refugees who live in Pakistan, and internally displaced people in Sri Lanka.

19 Pray for Katie Miyamoto who teaches English at Luther Gakuin Junior and Senior High School in Kumamoto in Japan while also supporting the ministries at Kengun Lutheran Church and the English–language worship at Kumamoto Lutheran Church.

20 Christ the King: Last Sunday after Pentecost

O God, in the midst of health, economic, political and social challenges in the African nations of Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger, we pray that your abounding grace brings strength and hope to the people.

21 Give thanks and pray for those who cross boundaries of clan and religion in order to make peace throughout the world.

22 Pray for Christians who petition the government to fund poverty-focused programs that provide food assistance, affordable housing, health services, job training and educational opportunities to walk alongside people who are at risk of becoming homeless.

23 Pray for Pastor Stephen Deal who assists the ELCA in its accompaniment of churches throughout Central America. Pray for Martha Giron, Steve’s spouse, as she helps the Costa Rican Lutheran Church teach women arts and crafts and sewing so they can generate income for their families.

24 Thanksgiving (USA)

Thank the Lord for all of the many ways that God works through people in every time and place. Give thanks for the privilege of being the hands and feet of God’s mission down the street and across the world.

25 Pray for all who live in economic uncertainty and who live in poverty. As we consider purchasing holiday gifts for loved ones, inspire generosity in our hearts for those who may not be able to afford to give gifts to their loved ones this year.

26 Pray for Alicia and Pastor David Brondos in Mexico City. David teaches at the Theological Community of Mexico, an ecumenical association of theological schools that includes the Lutheran Seminary. He has been developing courses online for the Lutheran Seminary as part of his assignment.