31 Pray for Anne and Willie Langdji, ELCA missionaries in Cameroon. Regional representatives for Western Africa, they also work in the areas of health ministries and sustainable development.

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PRAYER VENTURES
JULY 2012

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

1 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Almighty God, bless the men and women of our armed forces. Guide them in their daily work, give them strength in their trials and grant them a sense of your presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen

2 Pray for the students, faculty and staff of the ELCA's Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, S.C., as they enjoy a new relationship with Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, N.C., after the two institutions merged on July 1.

3 Thomas, Apostle
Pray for Kathryn Baker and the Rev. Jose David Rodriguez, ELCA missionaries in Buenos Aires, Argentina, serving in seminary administration.

4 Independence Day
Pray for the leaders of our nation on this Independence Day and the difficult work they do in a time of economic uncertainty for many.

5 Pray for the Rev. Stephan and Kirsten Kienberger, ELCA missionaries in Berlin-Schoneberg, Germany, serving in parish ministry.

6 Pray for these recently elected or re-elected bishops of ELCA synods: the Rev. James A. Justman, East-Central Synod of Wisconsin: the Rev. Brian D. Maas, the Nebraska Synod; the Rev. Stephen S. Talmage, the Grand Canyon Synod; and the Rev. James E. Hazelwood, the New England Synod.

7 Pray for Michelle Steiner, an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer in Jerusalem/West Bank who is working in early childhood education.

8 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Gracious God, bring healing to the people of Egypt, who are suffering from economic and political wounds. Grant them the peace and protection of your warm embrace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

9 Pray for the 15 new ELCA missionaries who begin their service in various countries this month.

10 Pray for the orphaned children around the world who have lost their parents to war, violence, disease and other tragedies.

11 Pray for Jacki Schuhle, an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer in Malaysia who is serving in at-risk children's ministry.

12 Pray for the migrant workers in the United States as they strive to create a sense of home and security for their families amid often harsh economic and social conditions.

13 Pray for Krista Webb, an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer in South Africa. Krista is working in the areas of parish ministry and health and development.

14 Pray for Allyson Bedford, an ELCA missionary in Japan who is teaching English as a second language.

15 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
O Lord, we lift up all who are involved in intergenerational partnerships. We praise you for people of all ages who live out their callings each day as they connect with each other in life, service and mission.

16 Pray for the Rev. Fred and Gloria Strickert, ELCA missionaries in Jerusalem serving in parish ministry.

17 Pray for Britney Borchardt, an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer in England who is working in youth ministry.

18 Pray for the young people of the ELCA, all those attending the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering (which begins today and closes on Sunday, July 22) and the people of New Orleans, who are their hosts.

19 Pray for the Rev. Ingerbjorg Laugaland, an ELCA missionary in Norway serving in parish ministry.

20 Pray for the ELCA Malaria Campaign and all those who are working to curb the threat of the deadly disease in Africa.

21 Pray for Ryan Zahn, an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer in Mexico working in health and development.

22 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Loving God, we give thanks for the diversity among the Caribbean nations. We pray for the poor and disadvantaged, that they may have hope; for justice and the observance of human rights. Please continue to bless the companion synod relationships among the ELCA Florida-Bahamas Synod ministries and churches in Jamaica, Haiti, Suriname, Guyana and Cuba.

23 Pray for those attending the XIX International AIDS Conference in Washington, D.C., which runs from July 22-27.

24 Pray for the Rev. Andrew and Barbara Hinderlie, ELCA missionaries in Tanzania who are regional representatives for East Africa.

25 James, Apostle
Pray for Kyle Larson, an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer in Mexico serving in the areas of youth and HIV and AIDS.

26 Pray for Courtney Weller, an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer in Jerusalem/West Bank who is working in education.

27 Pray for the safety of the participants and spectators as the 2012 Summer Olympics open in London and that the games may promote the ideals of peace and cooperation among the world's countries.

28 Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750
Pray for Tom and Susan MacPherson, ELCA missionaries in Tanzania who are serving in administration.

29 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
O God, you who are a part of the very fabric of our whole lives, we lift up to you the people of Greece. Even as they struggle with economic challenges, may they find peace with you.

30 Pray for the people of Mauritania and those in the surrounding countries in Western Africa who, according to the U.N. Development Program, continue to suffer from a growing drought and more than 15 million people risk undernourishment.