

**29** Pray for the farm and land workers who have lost their livelihoods and have seen their communities changed dramatically; for factory workers who have lost their jobs; and for the young who cannot find work.



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## PRAYER VENTURES

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### FEBRUARY 2012

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*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** Pray for the ecumenical and spiritual renewal efforts that bring new depth and intensity to the Christian faith in Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway and Iceland.

**2** On this day when Jesus was presented in the temple, pray for peace in the Holy Land.

**3** Pray for Pastor Dorcas Wang who serves as a missionary in China, training leaders through the Beijing International Christian Fellowship.

**4** Pray for all world leaders, especially those in war-torn countries, as they consider decisions that will affect God's people and creation.

### **5 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

Everlasting God, make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known throughout all creation, especially in Ireland and the United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

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**6** Pray for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod staff as they recover from flooding as a result of the sprinkler system being triggered by a small fire in the building.

**7** Pray for the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center, directed by ELCA missionary, Dr. Mark Jacobson. Give thanks for the first class of Assistant Medical Officers who recently graduated from the center.

**8** Give thanks for all who shepherd youth in our church and pray for the youth leaders who gather at the ELCA Youth Ministry Extravaganza in New Orleans, La., from Feb. 8-12.

**9** Give thanks for Bette McCrandall who served nearly 30 years as an ELCA missionary. Bette served as surrogate mother to countless Liberian youth, carried victims' bodies from St. Peter's Church after its bloody massacre, and helped the Liberian Lutheran church rebuild and strengthen its education ministry.

**10** Pray for Pastor Brian and Christine Palmer who serve in the Lutheran Church in Liberia training lay leadership for ministry.

**11** Pray for coal miners and slate workers in the United Kingdom who are unemployed because of pit and quarry closures and who suffer with emphysema and pneumoconiosis.

### **12 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

Almighty and ever-living God, with mercy you look upon us. Stretch out your hand to protect the people of Belgium, Luxemburg and the Netherlands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**13** Pray for those who are attending the Winter Theological Event of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, Feb. 12-13 in Eau Claire, Wis.

**14** Pray for continued recovery and rebuilding in eastern states after Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Give thanks for Lutheran Disaster Response volunteers.

**15** Pray for Pastor Ben Krey and the congregation of Prince of Peace in Philadelphia who begin "Welcome Home," a ministry in cooperation with Lutheran Children and Family Service of Philadelphia to welcome refugees who have recently arrived.

**16** Pray for the ELCA Region 2 synod staff retreat Feb. 14-16 at Santa Rosa, California.

**17** Pray for the Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly meeting in Prior Lake, Minn., Feb. 17-18 as they elect a bishop.

**18** Pray for the Eco-Justice Learn and Work Event today at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas, which is sponsored by Lutherans Restoring Creation.

### **19 Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, especially in Portugal, Spain, Italy and Malta, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**20** Pray for Pastor Stephan and Kirsten Kienberger, who serve in parish ministry in Berlin-Schoneberg, Germany.

**21** Pray for churches throughout the world that strive to be faithful to Christ in the midst of secularization and cultural change.

### **22 Ash Wednesday**

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness on behalf of all in need through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**23** Pray for the Women of the ELCA Conference of Presidents as they meet in Chicago, Ill., Feb. 23-26.

**24** Pray for Pastor Peter Hanson and Sarah Grow, missionaries who have worked in Senegal, to strengthen education and leadership development.

**25** Pray for racial justice and for all who seek to end racial discrimination, profiling and economic disparities.

### **26 First Sunday of Lent**

Holy God, renew us in the gift of baptism. Breathe your spirit of renewal on the churches of Germany and France. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**27** Pray for immigrants and asylum seekers who seek a better life in countries throughout Europe and in the United States.

**28** Pray for Ally Streed who is at the midpoint of a three-year commitment as a missionary in Japan.