



PRAYER VENTURES
— MARCH 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 Pray for the ELCA Conference of Bishops who meet for their spring meeting Mar. 1-6.

2 Pray for the young adult volunteers of the ELCA serving in Slovakia and Hungary: Amanda Meyer, Elisabeth Pfaff, Julie M. Rower, Laura N. Glasebrook and Lauren E. Frail.

3 Pray for the Global Mission Event today at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Boston, which is coordinated between the ELCA and the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts.

4 Second Sunday of Lent

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Reveal the hope that brings new life to Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Andorra, Monaco and San Marino through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

5 Pray for participants of the 31st Annual Rural Ministry Conference, Mar. 4-6 at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

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6 Pray for healthy and open discussion between those who believe and those who don't, between long-time residents and newcomers, and between groups of people who speak different languages, so that we are not tempted to develop racial prejudices.

7 Pray for Pastor Justin and Kari Eller, ELCA missionaries in La Paz, Bolivia.

8 On this United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace, give thanks for the rights of women and pray for those who still strive for justice on the basis of gender.

9 Pray for the men gathered this evening at the Southeastern Iowa Synod Lutheran Men in Mission Friday Nite "Huddle" at Zion Lutheran Church in Iowa City, Iowa.

10 Pray for Pastor Allan and Marie Krahn serving as ELCA missionaries in San Leopoldo, Brazil.

11 Third Sunday of Lent

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Send your Spirit to be with the Christians of Myanmar and Thailand, that they may proclaim the gospel without fear through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

12 Pray for Linda Gawthorne serving as an ELCA missionary translating the Bible in Bogota, Columbia.

13 Pray for Pastors Gary and Ruth Larson serving as ELCA missionaries in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

14 Pray for those who use and sell drugs, that they find comfort and strength in God instead of substance abuse.

15 Pray for your local, state and federal elected officials, as they consider decisions that will affect you, your community and all of God's people.

16 Pray for Daniel Johnson and Diane Persson, ELCA missionaries who teach English in Baotou, Peoples Republic of China.

17 Pray for corporate leaders as they develop policies to protect the human rights of both employees and those in their sphere of influence and seek ways for their companies to be good stewards of God's creation.

18 Fourth Sunday of Lent

O God, rich in mercy, lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love. Shine on the people of Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam, that they may know hope and joy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

19 Pray for Stephen and Marta Deal who serve as ELCA Regional Representatives for Central America in San José, Costa Rica.

20 Pray for the staff of the Rocky Mountain Synod who meet in prayer every Tuesday morning.

21 Give thanks for God's good creation — from the smallest of sea creatures to the birds of the air — especially the places at risk of exposure from our human errors.

22 Pray for the New England Lutheran Theological Forum meeting today at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vernon, Conn. about "Facilitating Change in the Congregation in a Changing World."

23 Pray for the Alasissippi Youth Gathering for 6th-12th graders, Mar. 23-25 in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

24 Remember all who suffer from our culture's history of slavery and pray for all who suffer from modern-day slavery in observance of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery on Mar. 25.

25 Fifth Sunday of Lent

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Hear the prayers of the people of China, Hong Kong and Macao through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

26 Pray for our elected leaders to create state budgets that care for people living in poverty as well as those who are most vulnerable.

27 Pray for Judith Perry, ELCA missionary and nursing instructor in Shanxi, Peoples Republic of China.

28 Pray for all who suffer worldwide from tuberculosis; pray for those who seek to eradicate and cure this disease.

29 Pray for ELCA ministries as they advocate for families struggling in tough economic times and for the support of health and human services during this time of significant budget crises.

30 Pray for Dr. James and Carolyn Brown, medical missionaries in N'gaoundéré, Cameroon.

31 Pray that all people around the world have easy access to clean water.