



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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PRAYER VENTURES

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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 Remember in your prayers those who suffered losses and endured heartaches due to the recent wildfires in Colorado and Montana.

2 Pray for the Rev. Shelley R. Wickstrom, of Seattle, the new bishop of the Alaska Synod, as she begins her new role in serving this church.

3 Pray for Phillip and June Nelson, ELCA missionaries in N'gaoundéré, Cameroon. Phillip works in business administration and June is a nurse.

4 Pray for all the participants in the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program who have concluded their year of service and now look to the future with a new vision due to their year of accompaniment in a different culture.

5 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ever-loving God, quiet our souls before you, speak to us from your word and refresh us with the living bread of life that is Christ, through Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

6 Pray for the residents of Duluth, Minn., and the surrounding area as they seek to recover from the flood damage from recent storms that brought over 7 inches of rain in two days, a record.

7 Pray for the ministries of Stephen and Marta Deal, who are ELCA missionaries in San José, Costa Rica, and regional representatives for Central America.

8 Remember in your prayers the more than 200,000 people who have fled from Sudan's Blue Nile and South Kordofan states into neighboring South Sudan and Ethiopia, where humanitarian efforts are close to a breaking point.

9 Pray for Sandra Braasch as she begins her ELCA missionary service as a volunteer in Guatemala.

10 Lawrence, deacon, martyr, died 258

Pray for those in Florida affected by the recent Tropical Storm Debby, in which at least seven people died.

11 Pray for Megan Bucholz, who has completed her year as an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer in Jerusalem/West Bank, where she served in education.

12 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

God of creation, we thank you for the rich diversity of people living in New Zealand and Australia, for your sons and daughters who seek to live your will.

13 Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901; renewers of society

Remember Ashley Haseley, who has concluded her year of service as an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer in Sandakan, Sabah, Malaysia, where she worked with people with disabilities.

14 Pray for Laura Eliz Fentress as she begins her ELCA missionary service as a teacher in Japan.

15 Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Remember Kari Stein, an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer, as she returns after serving a year in Montevideo, Uruguay, where she worked with at-risk youth.

16 Pray for the work of the Rev. Mark and Linda Nygard, ELCA missionaries in Cairo, Egypt, where they serve in theological education.

17 Pray for Lou Peters as he moves on in his life after serving a year as an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer in Keningau, Sabah, Malaysia, where he worked in alternative education.

18 Give thanks for all the concerned people throughout the nation who are working to expand our use of renewable energy resources.

19 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Gracious God, look with favor on the people and churches of Japan. We give you thanks for the companion relationship between the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church and the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA.

20 Pray for Dr. Leland Albright and Susan Ferson, ELCA missionaries in Kijabe, Kenya, and their work in health care.

21 Remember in your prayers Rosanne and Mark Swanson, new ELCA missionaries in Ethiopia and their work there in education.

22 Pray for those who have felt the call to serve God and are preparing to begin their theological education at an ELCA seminary this fall.

23 Pray for the half million people, many from Somalia, who have fled violence and drought and now live in Dadaab, Kenya, the world's largest refugee camp.

24 Bartholomew, Apostle

Pray for ELCA missionary Bernhard Gianoli, who is serving in Port au Prince, Haiti.

25 Remember Isaac Wittman, who has concluded a year as an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer in Durban, South Africa, where he served in the areas of parish ministry and health and development.

26 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We thank you, O God, for teachers throughout the world. Give them strength, patience and guidance as many begin a new school year; in the name of Jesus we pray.

27 As the fall semester begins, pray for the faculty and staff of the 26 ELCA partnered colleges and universities as they prepare to educate and mentor our leaders of tomorrow.

28 Pray for God's guidance and support for Ron and Yvonne Rentner, ELCA missionaries in Copenhagen, Denmark, serving in parish ministry.

29 Pray for Elizabeth Johnson, who has concluded a year as an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer in Cherry Willingham, England, where she served in youth and music ministry.

30 Give thanks for your local school teachers as they begin another year of educating our young people and face constant challenges in doing so.

31 Pray for Ann Klavano, a new ELCA missionary, as she begins her service in Papua New Guinea, as a seminary professor.