



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** Pray for those still dealing with the devastation of Hurricane Isaac, which brought death and destruction to Haiti and then the Gulf Coast, including the Southeastern and Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast synods.

**2** Pray for Rachel Eskesen, a new ELCA missionary who is serving in Bratislava, Slovakia, as a seminary intern at Bratislava International Church and a religion teacher at Evanjelicke Lyceum.

**3** Remember in your prayers those who suffer from depression and are at risk of suicide, including the many young people who feel they have no future, that they will feel the healing grace of God.

**4 Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226**

Pray for wisdom and guidance for the ELCA synod bishops as they meet for their fall conference in Chicago.

**5** Pray for Kevin Rogers, an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer who is serving in Obara Misiones, Argentina.

**6 William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536**

Pray for Caroline Sue Keenan, who is beginning her service as an ELCA missionary in Japan.

**7 Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787**

Lord, thank you for your servant Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, who was faithful in the care and nurture of the congregations entrusted to him. Give strength and guidance to all pastors throughout the world today.

**8** Remember in your prayers the many refugees who have fled the conflict in Syria to Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon and Turkey.

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**9** Pray for Morgan Dixon, a new ELCA missionary who will be teaching English in Japan.

**10** Pray for the ministry of Lutheran Services in America, its more than 300 health and human service organizations and Charlotte Haberaecker, its new CEO.

**11** Pray for Annela Rova, an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer who is serving in Jerusalem/West Bank.

**12** Pray for the continued success of the ELCA Malaria Campaign to eliminate malaria in Africa. The campaign has raised over \$4 million with a goal of \$15 million by 2015.

**13** Remember in your prayers Themba Mkhabela, an ELCA missionary serving in Nigeria, who is the new Western Africa regional representative.

#### **14 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

Merciful God, fill us when we are empty. Strengthen us when we are weak. Warm us in your love so that we may love our neighbors as ourselves. Help us serve our brothers and sisters worldwide for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**15** Pray for the ELCA-supported aid to those suffering from the drought in the Horn of Africa, such as the relief provided through the Kenyan Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus.

**16** Pray for Emily and Zach Shipman, new ELCA missionaries, both of whom are seminary interns serving in Malaysia.

**17** Pray for Rachel Hunstad, an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer who is serving in Southern Africa.

#### **18 Luke, evangelist**

Remember in your prayers the officers and other members of Women of the ELCA as they begin their executive board meeting.

**19** Pray for Carol Anderson, an ELCA missionary in Liptovsky Mikulas, Slovakia, where she is a teacher.

**20** Pray for Annie Bunio, an ELCA missionary in Mara, Tanzania, where she is serving in education.

#### **21 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

O God, thank you for sending your Spirit into the hearts of the members of the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession, Poland. Walk with them as they continue in their faith journey and their relationship with the ELCA Oregon Synod.

**22** Pray for the ELCA-supported aid program in Senegal, where a drought has left many families without enough food or feed for their livestock.

**23** Remember in your prayers Pamela Swanson, an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer who is serving in the United Kingdom.

**24** Pray for those beginning today a Seeds of Transformation “immersion trip” to Mexico that they will gain insight into the need for “God’s work. Our hands.” — as they learn first-hand about immigration, poverty, ecumenism and spirituality in Latin America.

**25** Pray for the Rev. Erik and Tauna Roth, new ELCA missionaries in Japan serving in parish ministry.

**26** Pray for the Association of Lutheran Resource Centers meeting in Chicago and the work of the ELCA resource centers as they help us go about God’s work.

**27** Pray for the Rev. Michael Church and the Rev. Terri Church, ELCA missionaries in Cluj, Romania, serving in parish ministry.

#### **28 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**

Thank you, Lord God, for your presence among the people of Germany. Continue to bring vitality to the church so that the awakening that began with the Reformation may live on in an ongoing renewal.

**29** Pray for Luke Stappler, an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer who is serving in Madagascar.

**30** Remember in your prayers the Rev. Elisabeth Johnson, who is beginning her service as an ELCA missionary in Cameroon as a professor.

**31** Pray for the ELCA congregations and synods, such as the Southwestern Texas Synod, that are helping undocumented youth become productive and accepted members of our society.