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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 All Saints Day**

Pray for the ELCA Malaria Campaign that it may continue to reduce cases of the disease in Africa. In Zambia, the campaign's education and treatment has reportedly helped cut the incidence of malaria in half.

**2** Pray for Marilyn Hansmann, an ELCA missionary who is using her accounting skills to serve in Cairo, Egypt.

**3** Pray for the thousands of women and children who comprise the majority of the refugees fleeing the conflict in Syria.

#### **4 All Saints Sunday**

O God, we thank you for all of the saints who have gone before us. We especially lift up those who dedicated their lives to your service as international missionaries; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

**5** Pray for Amanda Brateng, an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer serving in the United Kingdom.

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**6** On this Election Day, pray for the nation's voters that they will cast thoughtful ballots, and give thanks for all the candidates, both local and national, who cared enough to become involved.

**7** Pray for the Rev. May Wong-Tsui, an ELCA missionary in Hong Kong serving in parish ministry.

**8** Give thanks for the over \$1 million dollars that ELCA members have donated in the last year to help those struggling to survive a drought in Africa.

**9** Pray for the God's guidance for the members of the ELCA Church Council as they meet today through Monday in Chicago.

**10** Pray for the many ELCA missionaries -- such as Susan Smith in the Central African Republic who is studying Sango -- who are learning a new language so they can more effectively do God's work.

**11 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Gracious God, Bless families everywhere and fill all homes with the joy of your presence. Strengthen the commitment of parents that they may mirror your unconditional love and be examples for their children; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**12** Pray for the continued fruitful and committed relationship between the ELCA and our fellow Christians in China.

**13** Pray for Patrick Meers, an ELCA missionary in Tokyo who is teaching English as a second language.

**14** Pray for Casey Sweeney, an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer serving in Mexico.

**15** Pray for The Lutheran World Federation, its 140 member churches in 79 countries and its relief and development projects that circle the globe.

**16** Pray for the Rev. Austin and Tanya Propst, ELCA missionaries in Madagascar where they are Young Adults in Global Mission program coordinators.

**17** Pray for Kristen Wall, an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer serving in Hungary.

**18 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Almighty God, comfort all who mourn the deaths of Ambassador Christopher Stevens, Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods and Sean Smith who were killed in Libya. Lead us from death to life and from despair to hope. Let us find peace in you, O God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**19** Pray for Mike Busbey, an ELCA missionary in Managua, Nicaragua, where he serves in youth ministry and is a companion synod liaison.

**20** Pray for the Rev. Theodore and Jane Zimmerman, ELCA missionaries in Hong Kong serving in theological education.

**21** Pray for all Muslims and Christians and the leaders of both faiths that the violence and antagonism of today will be replaced with love and respect.

**22 Day of Thanksgiving**

On this Thanksgiving Day pray for those who are struggling – sometimes silently – to survive in our society and are seeking security amid a world that seems cruelly filled with bounty.

**23** Pray for Jenna Homeyer, an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer serving in Jerusalem/ West Bank.

**24** Pray for the staff of the ELCA's Multicultural Ministries as they work with Lutheran ethnic communities to make a better and more welcoming world for all through Christ.

**25 Christ the King**

O God, we thank you for giving us Jesus. You raised him from the dead and made him king of all creation. Hear our prayers today and help us to see your glory in the face of the poor; though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**26** Pray for ELCA missionary Dana Olson and her social-work ministry in London.

**27** Pray for the Rev. Lancelot and Kwena Mkhabela, ELCA missionaries in Nigeria, and their work in theological education, evangelism and inter-faith dialogue.

**28** Pray for John Stribel and Melissa Theesen, ELCA missionaries in Tanzania working in the areas of administration and leadership development.

**29** Pray for Jane Gingrich, an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer serving in Madagascar.

**30** Pray for ELCA missionary Mary Borgman and her work in South Africa in HIV and AIDS ministry.