

2010 Global Mission Lenten Series
Prayer Concerns for the Fourth Week in Lent
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Pray for the Chilean pastors and lay leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile as they seek to build a sustainable future for their church – a church that is rooted primarily in poor communities. Give thanks for their tireless work to provide daycare to children of families living in poverty and their growing work to provide shelter for women victims of violence.

Pray for the families of the disappeared and executed during the military dictatorship as they continue to seek justice for their loved ones. Pray for the people, churches and organizations seeking to build places of healing and memory so that these crimes against humanity will never again happen in Chile or elsewhere.

Pray for the EPES health ministry, the EPES staff and the community health promoters they have trained over the past 28 years as they work to promote health and healing in their communities. In a society that is increasingly oriented towards consumerism and individualism, pray that their work might continue to create spaces for poor women to discover their talents, to develop practical skills and to gain a sense of *dignidad* (dignity).

Pray that women, men and children living with HIV/AIDS may receive the care and support they need. Pray for our churches that they may be places where all people feel safe to share their stories and where those affected by HIV/AIDS may experience God's love made manifest in love, acceptance and support.

Pray for a more just economic order, for meaningful work and fair compensation for all. Pray for the courage to confront injustice and greed in our world and for the commitment to work to end poverty and hunger.