

27 For students preparing for finals and graduation, we pray that they may be confident and eager to share their knowledge and skills in service with others.

28 We are a church together. We remember in our prayers the ELCA Pacifica, Nebraska, Upstate New York, Delaware-Maryland, North Carolina and South Carolina Synod Assemblies, that the Spirit will guide their members and leaders in God's work and service in the world.

29 We remember in our prayers the ELCA Sierra Pacific, South Dakota, Metropolitan Chicago, Southeastern Iowa, Western Iowa, Greater Milwaukee and Metropolitan New York Synod members and leaders gathered in assemblies.

30 We remember in our prayers the ELCA Northeastern Pennsylvania, Northwest Synod of Wisconsin and South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Synod members and leaders gathered in assemblies.

31 *Trinity Sunday* Admitting that God is an infinite mystery for us, we pray for an enduring faith in God's love for us – promised, revealed and present in the world as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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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 We are a church together. We remember in our prayers the ELCA Rocky Mountain, Northeastern Minnesota, Arkansas-Oklahoma and Southwestern Texas Synod Assemblies, that the Spirit will guide their members and leaders in God's work and service in the world.

2 There are 100 Asian ELCA congregations and ministries and about 22,000 Asian and Pacific Islander members. We give thanks for their ministries and for the work of The ELCA Association of Asian and Pacific Islanders, especially during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

3 As Jesus is the vine and we are the branches, we pray that our lives bear abundant fruit that will glorify God and serve God's children.

4 We remember in prayer ELCA Global Mission Gatherings, as they further equip us for God's work in global and local realities.

5 We give thanks for the presence and ongoing work of Lutheran Disaster Response in communities recovering from tornadoes and other devastating natural disasters.

6 On National Nurses Day we thank God for nurses who provide physical, spiritual and emotional care for us, and for the work of the Evangelical Lutheran Parish Nurse Association.

7 *National Day of Prayer* We ask God to hear our cries and prayers this day, and to deepen our trust and faith in God in all situations.

8 We are a church together. We remember in our prayers the ELCA Southeastern Pennsylvania, Southwest California and Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assemblies, that the Spirit will guide their members and leaders in God's work and service in the world.

9 We remember in our prayers mothers who have nurtured the development and faith of children, and who yearn for support and guidance in their lives and parenting.

10 Living in God's boundless sacrificial love, we pray that we be stirred to embrace each other in love and friendship – differences, complexities and all.

11 We remember in prayer the more than 6 million Lutherans living in Indonesia, and the Lutheran churches with whom the ELCA relates and accompanies in ministry.

12 Racism is a difficult problem and conversation, but we ask God to help us be

persistent in pursuing justice and reconciliation, respectful of all people and open to self-reflection.

13 We pray that the good news of Easter remains fresh in our hearts and on the tips of our tongues each and every day.

14 *Ascension Day* Today we pray with joy and thanks for the ascension of Christ, and that God's Spirit is among us and guiding us in continuing God's work in the world.

15 We are a church together. We remember in our prayers the ELCA Northwest Washington, Northern Great Lakes, Southwestern Washington and Minneapolis Area Synod Assemblies, that the Spirit will guide their members and leaders in God's work and service in the world.

16 We remember in our prayers the ELCA East-Central Synod of Wisconsin, Southeast Michigan, Northwestern Ohio, Northeastern Ohio and Northwestern Minnesota Synod members and leaders gathered in assemblies.

17 As Jesus was sent into the world, so we, too, have been sent into the world. We pray for wisdom and strength as servants called through our baptism to share the gospel.

18 We remember in our prayers the ELCA North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will guide their members and leaders in God's work and service in the world.

19 In the midst of divisions and confrontation in our country, we pray for civility and the

growth of unity among government leaders and communities for the wellbeing of all people.

20 We pray for the work of Pastor Bradn Buerkle supporting the training of pastors and lay people throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia.

21 We pray that God's Spirit will help us translate our hopes for peace and healing in the world into new actions and covenants with one another.

22 Thousands of youth and adults are preparing for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit. We pray that they find insight and direction in our common identity in the crucified and risen Christ.

23 *Vigil of Pentecost* We trust in God's attentiveness and compassion. Whether spoken or silent, alone or with others, we bring in prayer to God our joys, sorrows, questions and concerns.

24 *Pentecost* Across all nations and cultures, we ask God to give us language to proclaim the gospel and give witness to the abundant life given in Jesus Christ.

25 *Memorial Day* Today we remember and recognize the men and women who have served in the armed forces and have lost their lives in the pursuit of justice, peace and freedom for our country and all nations.

26 May we experience God's Word and presence through the work of artists, musicians, writers and performers. We give thanks to God for their creativity and expressions of faith.