

**29** Pray for ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission participant Tessa Comstock and her year in Malaysia.

**30** As the ELCA and its partners continue to aid the refugee camps around the world, pray that the young people in those camps hold on to the dream of a better life and that they will someday see that dream fulfilled.

**31** Remember in your prayers the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land as it goes about God's work amid the continued turmoil in that region.

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## PRAYER VENTURES

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### JANUARY 2013

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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 New Year's Day**

On this first day of the new year, pray that, through God's grace, the year will bring comfort to those in despair, companionship to the lonely and direction for those trying to find their way.

**2** Pray for ELCA missionary Margaret Williams, who is a teacher in Bratislava, Slovakia.

**3** Pray for the Rev. Timothy and MaryAnn Stewart and their work in parish ministry as ELCA missionaries in Oslo, Norway.

**4** Pray for those still suffering from the storms of Hurricane Sandy, including the ELCA congregations that were affected.

**5** Remember in your prayers Lisa Rawlins, who is spending a year in Argentina as an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer.

#### **6 Epiphany of Our Lord**

God of all creation, let us proclaim the name of your son, Jesus Christ, to all the nations. On

this day that the magi visited our Lord, let us remember their wonder and joy, and celebrate Jesus' birth with new eyes. Amen.

**7** Pray for the Rev. Dr. Rosanne Swanson, an ELCA missionary serving in Ethiopia. Rosanne is helping establish a program in pastoral care at the Mekane Yesus Seminary in Addis Ababa.

**8** Remember in your prayers Kristen Opalinski, an ELCA missionary working in communications in Bonaero Park, South Africa.

**9** Pray for the over 7 million people in Nigeria who have been affected by floods that followed a severe summer drought.

**10** Pray for the recipients of ELCA Good Gifts that, through the generosity of others, their lives will be transformed and hunger and economic insecurity will be diminished.

**11** Remember in your prayers the work of the Rev. Rodney Nordby and Nancy Anderson, missionaries in Lae, Papua New Guinea.

**12** Pray for Matthew Zemanick and his year of teaching in Szarvas, Hungary, as part of the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program.

### **13 Baptism of Our Lord**

Dear Lord, fill the world with your presence. Let us be your peacekeepers, your intermediaries, your voice and your hands. Help us to love boldly and give freely, the way that you have loved us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**14** Pray for the continued success of the ELCA Malaria Campaign and its goal of providing resources to help eliminate the deadly disease in Africa.

**15** Pray for the Rev. Randall and Gail Mundt, as they serve as ELCA missionaries in Tokyo in parish ministry at Tokyo Union Church.

**16** Give thanks as the ELCA celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2013 with the theme "Always being made new" and pray that – through "God's work. Our hands." – the church will continue to help where it is needed in the world.

**17** Remember in your prayers Jennifer Johnson, an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission participant. She is living in Jerusalem/West Bank and working in education.

**18** As the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today (and ends Jan. 25) among Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant faiths, pray that amid the great diversity of the ways to adore God unity will emerge and thrive.

**19** Pray for The Rev. Chandran Paul Martin, who is serving in India as the ELCA Global Mission regional representative.

### **20 Second Sunday after Epiphany**

O Lord, we give you thanks for each new day and for the opportunities you give us to start anew. Grant that we may have hope in your promises, that we will look to you in times of uncertainty and we will not feel afraid. Amen.

### **21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

Pray that Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of a world in which equality flourishes and racism dies will yet be achieved.

**22** Pray for Sarah Adam, an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission participant, as she learns and grows by walking in accompaniment with her neighbors in Madagascar.

**23** Remember in your prayers the Rev. Mary Jo Maass and her work in leadership development as an ELCA missionary in Pole, Tanzania.

**24** Pray for Alice Kapka, an ELCA missionary teaching in Bratislava, Slovakia.

**25** Pray for the new congregations being helped in part by the ELCA Vision for Mission fund as they grow to be instruments of God's love in the world.

**26** Pray for Robert Kasworm and his work in health care administration as an ELCA missionary in Moshi, Tanzania.

### **27 Third Sunday after Epiphany**

Merciful Lord, grant that we may live in peace with our neighbors in our communities, in our country and around the world. Help us to live with love for those in pain and in need, and to live out compassion for everyone we meet. Amen.

**28** Remember in your prayers ELCA missionary Kathleen Hetzel, who is a teacher in Liptovsky Mikulas, Slovakia.