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**World AIDS Day 2021**  
**ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton Video Message**  
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As we observe World AIDS Day, I offer this prayer.

Let us pray.

God of all compassion, comfort your family members who live with HIV and AIDS. Spread over us all your quilt of mercy, love and peace. Open our eyes to your presence reflected in their faces. Open our ears to your truth echoing in their hearts. Give us the strength to weep with the grieving, to walk with the lonely, to stand with the depressed. May our love mirror your love for those who live in fear, who live under stress and who suffer rejection.

Comforting, healing God, grant rest to those who have died and hope to all who live with HIV and AIDS.

God of life, help us to find the cure now, and help us to build a world in which no one dies alone and where everyone lives accepted, wanted and loved.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.