



Resources for Congregations:
ELCA Fund for Leaders Day of Giving – Sunday, Aug. 14

Prayers

Use these prayers during your service.

Petition to be added to Prayers of Intercession:

Arise, O God, and sustain leaders. We pray for the ELCA Fund for Leaders seminary scholarship program and join in thanksgiving and celebration of the Fund's 25th anniversary. Bless all pastors, deacons, seminarians, and those in faithful discernment, and empower us in our commitment to support future leaders of your church. Continue to shepherd the Fund for Leaders program for another 25 years and beyond. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Or:

Integrated with the first petition of the existing Prayers of Intercession:

Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people, especially deacons, pastors, and seminarians. In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the ELCA Fund for Leaders, empower the work of those who care for your church and move us to support the next generation of faithful leaders. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners (*especially . . .*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Promotional text

Cut and paste this text into your bulletin or e-news announcements.

For over 25 years, the ELCA Fund for Leaders has been supporting leaders of tremendous promise. By making seminary more affordable, the ELCA Fund for Leaders (FFL) scholarship program gives future ministers the freedom to serve the church wherever they are needed most. FFL is hosting its first-ever Day of Giving on Aug. 16. Thanks to a generous donor, **all gifts to FFL will be matched, dollar for dollar, until we reach \$25,000.** Double your impact on our church's future by making a gift today! Call 800-638-3522 or visit [ELCA.org/FundforLeaders25](https://www.elca.org/FundforLeaders25).