

### 30 Vigil of Easter

Pray for the Rev. David and Alicia Brondos, ELCA missionaries in Mexico City, and their ministry of theological education.

### 31 Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day

O God, on this day when the tomb of our Lord and Savior was found empty, we rejoice in knowing that Jesus is indeed resurrected and alive. Let us not forget the joy and hope we find in his resurrection. Help us to be made new just as Christ was dead but rose again.

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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** Remember in your prayers the members of the Roman Catholic Church, both the clergy and the lay people, during the process of choosing a successor to Pope Benedict XVI.

**2** Pray for Ella Vandervlugt, an ELCA missionary teaching in Bratislava, Slovakia.

### **3 Third Sunday in Lent**

Gracious God, help us to remember that you were here when the world was made. Help us to trust in your faithfulness, and to know that in an unpredictable and chaotic world, you will always remain.

**4** Give thanks for the lifesaving ministry of Dr. Mark L. Jacobson, an ELCA missionary in Tanzania who was awarded the 2013 Dr. Nathan Davis International Award in Medicine from the American Medical Association for his work in that country.

**5** Remember in your prayers Kjerstin Sanden, who is spending a year volunteering in Buenos

Aires, Argentina, as part of the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program.

**6** In light of the decision by the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus to sever its relationship with the ELCA and other churches, pray for the global ecumenical movement and for a healthy dialogue among the varied Christian traditions around the world.

**7** Pray for ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission participant Adam “Lee” Kirberg, whose volunteer work in Madagascar includes teaching.

**8** Include in your prayers Robin Strickler, an ELCA missionary in Rwanda serving in education administration.

**9** Pray for Carolyn Stypka, an ELCA missionary teaching English as a second language in Tokyo.

#### **10 Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Dear Lord, embrace us in your mercy. Hold us close in your great grace and compassion, that we may show the same love to others as you have shown to us.

**11** Pray for ELCA missionaries Dr. Helmut and Rotraut Diefenthal and their work as radiology trainers in Tanzania.

**12** Pray for the children in the world’s refugee camps. More than half of the Syrians in Jordan’s Za’atri camp are under the age of 18.

**13** Pray for the Rev. Peter Harrits, the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission coordinator for Malaysia, as he helps guide young volunteers through their year of service with the program.

**14** Give thanks for the ELCA Malaria Campaign and the global effort to fight malaria in Africa, which has helped slow the rate of deaths from the disease there.

**15** Pray for Patrick Cudahy, who is teaching for a year in Malaysia as an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer.

**16** Pray for the ministries of the pastors of the ELCA who daily share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

#### **17 Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Merciful God, we thank you again for another week and another morning, for calling us to be your servants all the days of our lives.

**18** Lift up the many people still suffering from the effects of the economic collapse. May the love of God and the kindness and concern of others help them find joy and stability in their lives.

#### **19 Joseph, Guardian of Jesus**

Pray for Elizabeth Michell, an ELCA missionary teaching in Bratislava, Slovakia.

**20** Pray for Kristen Lee and her service in Mexico as an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer.

**21** Pray for the congregations of the ELCA as they strive to do God’s work with their hands often amid difficult social and economic circumstances.

**22** Remember Rebecca Wicker in your prayers as she walks in accompaniment with new friends in Malaysia as an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program participant.

**23** Pray for Barbara Robertson and her ELCA missionary work providing HIV and AIDS education in Tanzania.

#### **24 Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday**

Everlasting God, like your Son and Servant, Jesus Christ, riding into Jerusalem, help us to go where you’ve called us boldly and confidently. Prepare us for what lies before us, however difficult the journey may be.

**25** Pray for ELCA missionaries the Rev. Jose David Rodriguez and Kathryn Baker and their work with future pastors at a seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

**26** Give thanks for those who through Kalos, the ELCA legacy society, have designated a gift in their will, trust or to an endowment to support the work of this church.

**27** Pray for Samantha Berglund, an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer serving with a Christian residential outdoor activity center in Tollesbury, England.

#### **28 Maundy Thursday**

Pray for all those who, like Jesus on the night of the Last Supper, are facing trials and tribulations that they may feel the strength of God by their side.

#### **29 Good Friday**

O God, on this day we give thanks for your unending love manifested through Christ’s suffering on the cross that through him we may share in the peace and joy of the victory over death. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.