

26 Remember in your prayers the elementary schools of the ELCA that are helping bring God's word to our young people.

27 Pray for new ELCA missionary, Brent Wilkinson, who will teach in a school of the Japan Evangelical Church and serve in a local congregation.

### 28 National Day of Thanksgiving

Lord, thank you for your abundant generosity and never-ending grace. Let us remember you, the source of all our blessings, as we give thanks for all we have, all we've had, and all that's yet to come; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

29 Ask God to stir up our hearts as the season of Advent approaches. Nurture our leaders and help all people through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### 30 Andrew, Apostle

Thank the Lord for all of the apostles, especially Andrew, who obeyed the call of Jesus and went with his brother, without delay, to serve and share the good news.



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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 All Saints Day

Today the church remembers all the saints who have gone before us. We also pray for ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton as she takes on the duties of her new office today and for the Rev. Wm. Chris Boerger who takes the office of ELCA Secretary.

2 Offer thanks for the power of congregations to help heal a community, such as the storytelling ministry of Oceanside Lutheran Church in Oceanside, N.Y., as the congregation and community continue to deal with the effects of Hurricane Sandy.

### 3 All Saints Sunday

We thank you, O God, for all of the saints and especially for the over 240 ELCA missionaries serving the global church. We ask that you watch over them, guide and comfort them as they work beside people from many and varied areas of this world.

4 Remember in your prayers the Rev. Mary Froiland, newly elected bishop of the ELCA South-Central Synod of Wisconsin.

5 While not a presidential election year, on this Election Day remember those who serve the government in local, state and federal offices.

6 Offer your prayers for the ELCA congregations that have been infused with new life and mission, such as Hephatha Lutheran Church, an inner-city congregation in Milwaukee.

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7 Thank God for new ELCA missionaries, such as the Rev. Morsal Collier in Sierra Leone who serves by preaching, training church leaders, and assisting with strategic planning as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone expands its vision and mission.

8 Ask God to guide the work of The Lutheran World Federation and Lutheran Disaster Response as they work with the approximately 125,000 Syrian civil war refugees in the Za'atri camp in northern Jordan.

9 Lift up all ELCA pastors in your prayers, especially those pastors serving rural congregations and the special challenges and joys of that ministry.

#### **10 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

We pray, O God, together with the people of Cameroon, the Central African Republic and Equatorial Guinea: "Grant that we might sleep in peace, and that at the break of day we may find ourselves in safety."

#### **11 Veterans Day**

Remember in your prayers the service of our many ELCA veterans and the work and ministry of the ELCA federal chaplains who serve our current men and women in uniform.

12 Pray for the stewardship leaders in ELCA congregations and give thanks for resources such as "Stewards of God's Love," which aid them in their ministry.

13 Ask for God's guidance and support for the Women and Justice: One in Christ Task Force as they prepare material for the ELCA social statement on women and justice.

14 We pray for the many congregations supporting the ELCA Malaria Campaign, such as Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa, whose members reached their goal of contributing \$6,000 within a year and then decided to double it.

15 Ask God to be with the new ELCA Theological Education Advisory Council as it addresses in a holistic way issues of theological education, leadership development, candidacy, call and rostered leaders.

16 Praise God for the commitment and ministry of ELCA volunteer missionaries. Give thanks for the gifts of the many English-speaking teachers serving at the Lutheran schools in Bratislava and Tisovec, Slovakia.

#### **17 Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

We pray, O God, together with the people of Argentina and Uruguay: "Grant that we might sleep in peace, and that at the break of day we may find ourselves in safety."

18 Give thanks for the relief work of Lutheran Disaster Response especially with those affected by the September floods in Colorado as they continue to rebuild their homes and lives.

19 Give thanks for the Women of the ELCA Heartland Conference of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod for their decision to dedicate their spring gathering offering to the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program.

20 Remember in your prayers the Rev. Eric and the Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo and their service in theological education in Malaysia.

21 Give thanks to God for the life-saving changes that the ELCA Malaria Campaign has made in such places as Burure, Zimbabwe, where a member of the Burure Lutheran Parish says the treatment and prevention of malaria is much improved.

22 Pray for the 21 seminary students attending the eight ELCA seminaries who have been awarded scholarships for the 2013-2014 academic year through the ELCA Fund for Leaders.

23 Pray for peace in the Middle East and lift up the ELCA Peace Not Walls campaign and its goal of a just peace in Palestine and Israel.

#### **24 Christ the King Sunday**

Compassionate God, as we end this church year we ask that you surround all of your children with love. Be our guide into the future, comfort us and lead us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

25 Offer prayers of thanksgiving for the love and compassion shown by ELCA congregations for their neighbors, such as the ministry of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Paul, Neb., and its members who help provide nutritious meals for school children.