

26 Give thanks that God teaches us love, mercy and radical hospitality through the example of Jesus, the wisdom of Scripture and the encouragement of our siblings in Christ.

27 Pray for synods, newly elected bishops and leaders, and mission endeavors initiated during assemblies, that they will be effective and fruitful in spreading the gospel and doing God's work in the world.

28 Pray that, where religions conflict, the Spirit will help us bridge divides through dialogue, collaboration and mutual respect as we care for neighbors in need and advance justice in our communities.

29 "Peter felt hurt because [Jesus had asked him], 'Do you love me?' ... [Peter] said to [Jesus], 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep'" (John 21:17). Ask God to forgive us when we stray from the work Jesus left us, the work of loving and serving our neighbors and our siblings in Christ. Pray that Christ's selfless, sacrificial, far-reaching love will inspire us to embrace God's work in the world.

30 Ask the Spirit to open us to new insights and wisdom when we read Scripture — the ageless word of God that guides, inspires and informs our daily life.

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

1 Pray that our words and actions will glorify God and reflect the immeasurable, unprejudiced grace God has shown humankind through the gift of Jesus Christ.

2 *Pride Month* Give thanks to God for the gifts, wisdom, leadership and faith of our LGBTQIA+ neighbors and siblings in Christ. Ask the Spirit to embolden us as we work together for justice, total inclusion and love for humanity in all its diversity.

3 Remember in prayer ELCA outdoor ministries across the country as they equip young adults to lead summer camp programs for people of all ages and abilities, encouraging spiritual growth, developing life skills and fostering relationships in Christ-centered communities.

4 Give thanks for the beauty, bounty and awe-inspiring complexity of nature — a gift from God that nourishes all of us. Promise to exercise wisdom and responsibility in using, protecting, sharing and restoring creation.

5 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Central/Southern Illinois, Central States, Indiana-Kentucky, Lower Susquehanna and New Jersey synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

6 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the La Crosse Area; Metropolitan Washington, D.C.; Northeastern Iowa; Southern Ohio; and Southwestern Minnesota synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

7 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the East-Central Synod of Wisconsin and Eastern North Dakota Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

8 *Day of Pentecost* “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you” (John 14:26). We are never alone or forgotten. Give thanks to God that we have received the gift of the Spirit, who accompanies us throughout our baptismal journey.

9 Pray for summer ministries that serve congregations and their surrounding communities by sharing the gospel, stirring faith, providing day care and serving neighbors in need.

10 Ask God to help us nurture a new generation of leaders for our church, our communities and our nation — people of faith, wisdom, compassion, creativity and courage.

11 Pray for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who languish in jails, prisons, correctional facilities or immigration detention centers, that the Spirit will inspire their faith and hope and that they might access skilled legal, physical, spiritual and emotional care.

12 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Florida-Bahamas, Grand Canyon and South Carolina synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

13 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Illinois, Northwestern Pennsylvania, Southwestern Washington, Upper Susquehanna, Virginia and Western Iowa synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

14 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Sierra Pacific Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

15 *The Holy Trinity* “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us” (Romans 5:5). Pray that our faith in Jesus Christ, the embodiment of God’s unwavering love and forgiveness, will strengthen our confidence in both the reality and the mystery of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

16 For Father’s Day (June 15), remember in prayer biological fathers, stepfathers, adoptive fathers and foster fathers, that they will treasure the joys of fatherhood and find support and wise counsel for the challenges of parenting, passing along their faith, teaching compassion and respect, and encouraging and guiding their children.

17 Pray that in times of uncertainty and anxiety, we will find comfort and strength in God’s steadfast love and that, from this foundation, we will confidently and courageously bear God’s peace, justice and reconciliation into the world.

18 Amid conflict and war, pray for national leaders, diplomats and other representatives whose negotiations might bring ceasefires and lasting peace. Ask the Spirit to guide their deliberations and stir their humility, respect, compassion and mercy.

19 *Juneteenth* This day of celebration, dating back to June 19, 1865, commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. Give thanks and praise to God for creating humankind in all its diversity, and ask God’s forgiveness for yielding to fear, suspicion and intolerance of others. Ask God to guide and strengthen our work of including all people in the church and society.

20 *World Refugee Day* On this day, we honor the courage and resilience of refugees and immigrants, and work to build empathy and support for people who have fled their home countries because of conflict, natural disaster or economic crisis. Give thanks that we can respond together through AMMPARO Migrant Ministry, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, Global Refuge and Lutheran social service organizations.

21 Lift up prayers of joy and thanksgiving for the first day of summer in the Northern Hemisphere (June 20). Give thanks for longer days, growing crops and opportunities to enjoy the outdoors — gifts from God that awaken our senses and lift our spirits.

22 Pray for high school youth attending the Lutheran Summer Music program at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind., that their musical gifts will be nurtured and encouraged in a welcoming faith community of youth from across the country.

23 Give thanks for community resilience, support and justice grants, which our church awards to programs and projects, in the United States and around the world, that focus on global mission, social justice and humanitarian assistance in vulnerable communities.

24 Give thanks for the relief work we do together through Lutheran Disaster Response, and remember in prayer those impacted by disasters and severe weather as they rebuild their lives and communities. Pray that we will be generous with our prayers, encouragement, volunteer assistance and financial support until they recover — physically, spiritually and emotionally.

25 Pray for Seafarers International House in New York City, a mission affiliated with the ELCA that has served mariners and immigrants since 1873. Remember in prayer seafarers who work under difficult and dangerous conditions and are isolated from family, friends and faith communities for long periods.