

February 2021 Prayer Prompts

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We offer these prayer prompts to help you connect with God and create a daily routine of prayer.

- 1** Pray that the Spirit will guide, inspire and shape the church to renew our sense our purpose.
- 2** As we celebrate Black History Month, we give thanks for the gifts and witness of our neighbors. We ask God to guide us in our commitment to equality and racial justice.
- 3** Give thanks for our freedom in Jesus Christ; pray that we use that freedom to proclaim God's glory.
- 4** Pray for our youth and families in our churches – may they grow in their faith as we walk alongside them.
- 5** Pray for ELCA Global Mission in Asia/Pacific region assisting with disaster preparedness and relief.
- 6** Ask God to help us listen to each other with respect in addressing and healing division with those of different political and ideological views.
- 7** Pray for healing and redemptive powers of Christ over illness, oppression, and spiritual darkness.
- 8** Pray for food pantries that are providing relief and hope to those facing food insecurities.
- 9** Ask God to help us bring relief and hope and to address the root causes of hunger and poverty.
- 10** Pray that we will nurture and equip one another for participating in God's work in the world.
- 11** Give thanks for God's abundant love, which "heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds."
- 12** Pray for outdoor ministry organizations and their leaders as they continue to discern and plan for adapting their ministries – especially as they envision what this summer might bring.
- 13** Thank God for our full communion partner, the Episcopal Church. We pray that we will find strength and resources to share the gospel and serve our neighbor.
- 14** Ask God to help you focus on the Good News and blessings from Christ, without recognition.
- 15** Pray for patience and faith in God's promise, that, like the disciples we will experience glory and joy in the kingdom of heaven.
- 16** Pray for President Biden, Congress, state and local leaders, who are working for unity in a diverse nation.
- 17** Pray that people will see the light and love of Christ through us in our actions.
- 18** *Ash Wednesday* As the sign of the cross is traced on your forehead, we know that Christ's life, suffering, death and resurrection means that God has done something wonderful and mysterious for you.
- 19** Ask the Spirit to teach us humility and to remind us that God made us to care and love one another.
- 20** Pray for families, caregivers and friends who cannot be physically present with loved ones.
- 21** God knows our complexities, vulnerabilities and shortcomings yet is merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love.
- 22** Pray to remain focused on our baptismal journey of faith, learning, service and sharing the gospel.
- 23** Give thanks for those working to vaccinate people against COVID, even as we work to prevent its spread and treat those who are ill. We pray for emotional, spiritual and physical stamina.
- 24** Let our prayers and yearnings echo those of the psalmist who wrote, "Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation."
- 25** We pray that during Lent we will reflect on our faith, lives and endeavors with honesty and humility.
- 26** We give thanks for all who serve as lay leaders of our churches.
- 27** Praise God for being patient and loving toward us and for saving us in our desperation and darkness through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- 28** We cannot fully comprehend God's ways or what Jesus has accomplished for our sake and salvation. Pray to be alert and receptive to what God is revealing to us and to how the Spirit stirs in us faith, wisdom and understanding.