

## ***March 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** *Women's History Month* Give thanks for all women who have shared their gifts and leadership in the church and society, raised and cared for us, taught us, and fought for justice, equality and healing.
- 2** Give thanks that we can trust completely God's promises, love and forgiveness.
- 3** Pray for our youth that they may have productive days in school, learning, creating and having fun!
- 4** Pray for synod bishops and the presiding bishop as they discuss future church goals and structure being implemented in the churchwide organization during the Conference of Bishops being held this week.
- 5** During Lent, pray that God will help you reflect on aspects of our life and faith that we find difficult to examine and confess; remember the suffering, death and resurrection of our Redeemer.
- 6** Ask God to bless and guide our efforts to worship, commune, study scriptures, socialize and care for each other online and in-person. Give thanks and ask for help in exploring new ways to be church together.
- 7** Pray that when we become distracted from our identity and purpose, we may be drawn back to God.
- 8** Let us give thanks for a God who is merciful and gracious with us, even when we try to turn away.
- 9** Pray that in the sign and symbol of the cross we will see the power of God at work for our salvation through Jesus Christ — a gift of love and mercy for all people and nations.
- 10** In joy, we celebrate those who special moments and celebrations this month!
- 11** Give praise and glory to God, whose ways and commands are revealed to us with clarity.
- 12** Pray that an increased number of COVID shots will be given, especially the vulnerable, essential workers.
- 13** Give thanks for the organizations that help us understand the needs of our neighbors, equip us for social concerns and encourage us to respond as God calls us to serve and act.
- 14** "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." Give thanks and praise to God for this wonderful news!
- 15** Give thanks that God has created us to do good in the world and that, even in complex and difficult circumstances, the Spirit is teaching and emboldening us to love and serve our neighbor.
- 16** Give thanks that God loves us, hears our pleas, and gives us hope, comfort and relief amid our troubles.
- 17** Pray for our ELCA missionaries serving alongside companion churches and organizations in Africa.
- 18** Ask God to prepare and equip congregations and communities to respond to the severe weather that often comes in spring; may we be prepared and help one another endure them.
- 19** Give thanks that God, through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, rescues us from darkness, sin, death and all that separates us from our loving and merciful Creator.
- 20** Thank God for our special relationship with the Reformed Church in America, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1997. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders.
- 21** We grieve the suffering and death of Jesus, yet we also rejoice in his resurrection and the promise of salvation that comes with it. Pray that we will follow Jesus wherever he leads us.
- 22** Pray for church lay leaders, who give of themselves to grow the church, serve neighbors in need, nurture the faith of others and equip disciples of all ages.
- 23** Pray for God's mercy and love every day, that we might be instilled with joy and hope.
- 24** We pray for our youth who serve others in a variety of ways through church and service organizations.
- 25** Pray for all those who grieve and suffer the loss of a loved one, friend, co-worker or neighbor, especially those impacted by the death of someone from COVID-19.
- 26** Pray that the Holy Spirit will make us humble, loving servants.
- 27** Pray for our ELCA missionaries serving alongside companion churches and organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- 28** *Palm Sunday* Jesus endured persecution, betrayal, arrest and an unfair trial leading to his death — all for our salvation and the fulfillment of God's promises and love. We give thanks for all that Jesus endured for us.
- 29** Pray that we might appreciate the diversity of humanity, our communities will reconcile our differences and embrace, teach and act on our values.
- 30** Prayerfully reflect on who Jesus, our Savior, teacher, servant, and Son of God.
- 31** Give thanks that "we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses" who accompany us in our baptismal journey of service and witness.