

## **November 2020 Prayer Prompts prepared by Pastor Hope Deutscher (With ELCA Resources)**

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

- 1** *All Saints Day* Give thanks for those who are living and those who have passed.
- 2** *Native American Heritage Month* The ELCA's American Indian and Alaska Native membership is around 4,850. Pray for the ministry and witness of native congregations in the U.S. and world.
- 3** Pray for the Spirit to grant us wisdom and courage in our discernment and decisions as we elect leaders for our nation, states and communities.
- 4** Ask the Spirit to increase our generosity and engagement with our neighbors in need and to help our communities become more just, generous, and compassionate.
- 5** Pray for people and communities in the western US fighting wildfires or recovering from them. May God protect the firefighters, emergency responders and volunteers who are helping residents.
- 6** Praise God for leading and renewing us with light and truth throughout our baptismal journey.
- 7** We pray for all who are affected by COVID-19 infections.
- 8** Pray that our faith will be bold yet humble through acts of justice, mercy, empathy, advocacy, care and love.
- 9** Give thanks to God for Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA.
- 10** Pause, reflect and pray for God's help with whatever is most troubling or perplexing in your life.
- 11** *Veterans Day* Remember and give thanks for the service and personal sacrifice of women and men who have served our nation in times of peace and war. We pray for those currently serving in the military.
- 12** Pray for Lutheran Disaster Response helping people who are recovering from natural disasters.
- 13** Give praise and glory to God! We are alive and free because Jesus died and rose again for the sake of all humankind, that when we pass from this life, we will enjoy life together with God forever.
- 14** Pray for pastors and Christian education leaders who are working through the challenges of youth ministry during the pandemic.
- 15** Ask God to help us live in the present as children of God who share the good news of Jesus Christ, grow the church, strengthen one another and serve their neighbor.
- 16** Give thanks for the people in our daily lives who lift our spirits, inspire our faith, renew our hope and equip us to serve our neighbor.
- 17** Ask God to guide you in learning more about your faith through scripture, Bible and Book studies.
- 18** Pray for federal chaplains serving in the U.S. military and Veterans Affairs hospitals as they minister to military members and their families here and around the world.
- 19** Pray for students who are struggling to learn this year. May they be attended to in their challenges.
- 20** We humble ourselves and trust in God's promise of love, forgiveness and new life in Jesus Christ.
- 21** Pray for those working through the sometimes long and emotional process of becoming foster or adoptive parents. May we find ways to support and care for them, celebrating joys of parenthood.
- 22** Ask for God's mercy and forgiveness when we fail to respect our neighbor, care for their needs and love them as Jesus loves us.
- 23** Pray that, as followers of Christ we will exercise patience, caution and concern for our neighbor as the COVID-19 pandemic continues long past our expectations and assumptions.
- 24** Give thanks for followers of Christ and children of God who gather in faith communities everywhere to praise God, grow in faith and celebrate the unity we have in Christ. Pray that we might never show bias toward or rebuff people who are curious and seek the good news we have received.
- 25** Praise God for musicians and hymn writers, whose hymns stir our faith, inspire us, speak of God's work and express our joy and gratitude to God.
- 26** *Thanksgiving Day* Let us lift up prayers of gratitude for the blessings and abundant resources we enjoy, and remember those who suffer food insecurity, hunger and poverty.
- 27** Pray that we will be humble but not shy about praying in private or with others, trusting that God understands us when our words, spoken or silent, feel awkward or inadequate.
- 28** Praise God for the immense, complex and awesome universe!
- 29** *First Sunday of Advent* We cry out for relief, healing, positive signs of change in the world and reassurance that we'll all be okay. Pray that we will trust in God's promises and presence through Jesus.
- 30** Pray for those who are working in the service industry that we may value their work, advocate for fair wages and benefits, and express our gratitude for their hard work serving others.