

## **Prayers of the Southeast Michigan Synod**

### **Rise Up! Build Bridges. Bear Burdens. Break Chains. Bring Hope!**

#### **Prayers of Thanksgiving**

Congratulations to Rev. Ben and Tara Adams on the birth of their daughter, Cora, born January 11th, 2026.

#### **Prayers of Discernment**

Rostered Leaders, Licensed Lay Ministers and church leaders of our synod, congregations in transition, ministries in discernment and those in the call process.  
Those trying to discern a way forward, to begin a new chapter, or to start a new adventure.

#### **Prayers for those in Transition**

Partner agencies, including Samaritas, Global Refuge and Freedom House, and others who have had funding for services cut for Refugees and Asylum Seekers.  
The family who is being supported by our synod, as their future in the U.S. is in jeopardy.  
Congregations who are discerning their faithful next step.  
Those who begin to consider retirement.

#### **Prayers of Health & Healing**

We pray for the people of the United States that are divided and in need of Your saving grace. For the people of Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Iran, Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the Sahel region, including Burkina Faso and Mali who are suffering through war, who mourn, are displaced, are injured and those desperate for essential needs.

We pray for ways to support those in need.

We remember all who suffer from gun violence, mass shootings and war near them or their loved ones. We remember those being targeted and even killed by ICE across our country, especially in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We remember those who are displaced from floods, rains, fires and other disasters.

We pray for all who are in need of renewed strength and God's healing hands: Bob & Lois Rimbo (hospice); Dana Runestad, Pr. Darcy Reis, Pr. Kara Shaw and family (NWL Synod); Bishop Emeritus Gary Hansen (NWL Synod), Pr. Walt Dickinson, Pr. Charlie Martin, Pr. Lisa Hayes,; Pr. Sarah & Randy Mayer-Flatt; Pr. Hank & Debbie Flatt; LLM Cathy Maxwell; LLM Wayne Butts, Pr. Rosanne Anderson, Pr. Ann Preimesberger, Beverly Price & Crystal Henderson (sister & niece of Robin McCants), Lorraine (wife of LLM Wes Davis); Pr. Ted and Diane Kerr; Pr. Don Doerzbacher and daughter Joy Tournoux; Pr. Bill & Sally Moldwin,

Pr. Gustav and Nancy Kopka, Pr. Sharon Janot & Karin Cavanaugh, LLM Mike Duerksen, Pr. Terry Daly, Pr. Maxcy Christmas, LLM Joyce Brooks and Pr. Paul Benjamin. For Jack Negele, grandson of Pr. John Negele.

### **Prayers for Support & Encouragement**

Bishops of the ELCA for their leadership and that God continues to strengthen them in mind, body and spirit, especially Bishop Yehiel Curry (Chair of Conference of Bishops), Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry, Bishop Don Kreiss, Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry & the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan.

Licensed Lay Ministers, Deacons, Pastors and Lay Church Workers; Churchwide Staff, Synods and ministries, especially those of Region 6 (Indiana-Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio).

Those who have no one to pray for them:

"Loving God, we ask Your compassion and grace on those who have no one to pray for them or to witness faith or Christian love to them. Those considered at-risk and unable to be in the company of loved ones, in isolation, in prison, homeless, and those under and unemployed."

Living Water Camp Ministries, Lord of Light Campus Ministry, All Together Community, and the Zoe Campus Ministry at Oakland University.

Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University and its mission to form leaders for Christ's church at work in the world; all seminaries of the ELCA.

Our global companion partners ELCJHL (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land), outgoing Bishop, Rev, Dr. Sani Ibrahim Azar & Bishop-elect Rev. Dr. Imad Hadad), and Bishop & Mbulu Diocese, ELCT (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania) Mbulu Diocese, outgoing Bishop, Rev. Nicolaus Nsanganzelu and Bishop-elect Rev. John Nade Gwandu and Assistant Bishop Rev. Ezekiel Kakho Diyame.

All Reconciling in Christ congregations and justice ministries of our Synod.

All military personnel and their families. Immigrants & refugees.

Those elected to serve at the local, state and federal levels of government.

