

LSS Sunday Prayer Petitions

Prayers from ELCA resources:

A prayer for the care of children (adapted from ELW p. 82)

Almighty God, with a mother's love and a father's care you have blessed our families and communities with the joy and responsibility of children. As we bring them up, give us gracious love, calm strength, and patient wisdom, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

A prayer for the neglected (ELW p. 79)

Almighty and most merciful God, we call to mind before you all whom it is easy to forget: those who are homeless, destitute, sick, isolated, and all who have no one to care for them. May we bring help and healing to those who are broken in body or spirit, that they may have comfort in sorrow, company in loneliness, and a place of safety and warmth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for mental health workers (adapted from ELW p. 74)

Gracious God, you have called workers to varied tasks in the world and in your church. We give thanks for those who serve as counselors, therapists, family coaches, peer support specialists, and in other roles through the ministry of Lutheran Social Services. Grant them joy and a spirit of bold trust, that through their work the kingdom of heaven may draw near to the poor in spirit and those who mourn may find comfort.

A prayer for counselors and peer support specialists (adapted from ELW p. 85)

God, our refuge and strength, our present help in time of trouble, care for counselors, peer support specialists, and other caregivers who guide journeys of recovery. Strengthen them in body and spirit. Refresh them when weary; console them when anxious; comfort them in grief; and hearten them in discouragement. Be with us all, and give us peace at all times and in every way; through Christ our peace. Amen.

A prayer for those in trouble or bereavement (ELW p. 84)

Almighty God, your love never fails, and you can turn the shadow of death into daybreak. Help us to receive your word with believing hearts, so that, confident in your promises, we may have hope and be lifted out of sorrow into the joy and peace of your presence; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.