



## Prayers for Synod Assembly Weekend

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South-Central Synod of  
Wisconsin, ELCA



Jesus, our Savior, we are your body, your hands, your feet, your eyes. May we have your heart so that our eyes look with compassion on our siblings, our feet take us to the places that need you and our hands reach to embrace those who seek relationships that nourish and sustain us.

Jesus, our light and our guide, lead us to heed your call to follow you

### **HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Jesus. We pray for our nation, remembering we are called to be witness of God's grace in world. Bless us to hear the cries of those who struggle to hear the message of your love in the midst of their circumstances. Especially we raise up those who are homeless, those who have lost their vocations, those for whom prosperity is just a distant dream, and those for whom life is not what it should be in this place. Move us to walk by the laws you write on our hearts to bring peace and justice to our world.

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### **HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Loving God, you gift us with your life-giving Spirit. We pray that your Spirit will have her way with us, moving those in our faith communities and those who lead us to be your witnesses in the world. Empower those who lead us: our Bishops, Elizabeth and Viviane, our pastors and deacons to be moved by the Spirit of your love.

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### **HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Healing God, we pray for your compassion and renewing presence to those who lament, those who ache, those who are in need: physically, mentally and spiritually. Strengthen us, we pray, to be your presence to the sick, the weak and the dying and to offer them your comfort and your hope. Let us be a salve in their lives.

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### **HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Mothering God, we thank you for all those who hold us together and build us up as beloved community. Help us to see our families, our neighbors and our friends as partners on the road of solutions to the ills of this world. Keep us aware that we are our siblings' keeper; help us to stretch ourselves to accompany those who lack food, shelter, work and the things that let us live our daily lives.

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Risen Christ, accompany us along the way, as we seek to the living stones that proclaim your love and grace for all people. Remind us that we belong to you, the one who frees us from sin, empowering us to live our lives in you for the sake of the world. Bless us to be a blessing to those you put in our paths as witnesses to the gospel.

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We entrust all our prayers, spoken and held in our hearts, to you ever creating God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit, and the amazing love of Jesus, the Christ.

**AMEN**