

COMPANION SYNOD PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Global Mission Team works hard to keep our hearts aware of the global church, and our ongoing relationship with our companion synod the KELC. We strive to create opportunities to "connect" - not only on a monetary level but also on a personal level. This year, we have created a prayer-exchange for the season of Lent. The pastors and other leaders of the KELC have sent us prayer requests, one for each day during Lent and Holy Week. Through this list we can know more deeply (and pray for) the joys and concerns of our sisters and brothers in Kenya.

Over the past couple of months, we have also collected prayer requests from around the Allegheny Synod that lift up specific concerns and joys from our ministries and communities, and have sent our list to the KELC so that they can pray for us more deeply.

Thank you for committing yourself to prayer in this busy season - our brothers and sisters in the KELC will be praying for us as well. May God be with you in this time of Lenten preparation, and may God's Spirit help us to grow closer together as sisters and brothers in Christ.



February 17: We pray for relief from the financial challenges that threaten our mission work.

February 18: We pray for God to bless our newly elected Assistant Bishop and his work among the church.

February 19: We pray for all the pastors and leaders of KELC that they will be blessed with the Spirit of wisdom and given sound judgment in the leadership of their parishes and congregations. We pray that God will provide more pastors to minister in our parishes.

February 20: We pray for the continued recovery of Rev. Friedrich Heiss from a compressed fracture of his lumbar vertebra and that the work of the Christian Education Department will continue to progress in his absence.



February 21: SUNDAY – We give you thanks for the gift of your Holy Spirit that unites us as one people in Christ. As we come into your presence, may our worship be pleasing in your sight, that we may praise you in spirit and truth.

February 22: We pray for adequate rain in the upcoming long rains so that the people of Kenya can produce a good harvest and continue to recover from drought and famine.

February 23: We give thanks for all our partners and the support that they provide for our work and pray that God will continue to bless them and their members.

February 24: We give thanks for the relative peace that exists in Kenya at present and pray that it continues.

February 25: We give thanks for the recent rains that have brought relief from drought and famine in many parts of Kenya

February 26: We give thanks for the Allegheny Synod and its prayerful support of our church. We pray that they will be blessed and that they will be able to visit our church in the near future

February 27: We give thanks for Bishop Kahuthu, for those working in the Office of the Bishop, and for 80 years of Lutheran mission work in Kenya



February 28: SUNDAY – We give thanks for your WHOLE church around the world, and pray that you would guide us together in each of our communities to share your good news.

March 1: We pray for the people of Haiti that God will provide them food, water, shelter, and medical assistance.

March 2: We pray for KELC Youth Department, and for education, employment, and moral guidance for the youth of KELC and Kenya in general. We give thanks that the Youth Department now has a strategic plan to guide its mission over the next five years.

March 3: We pray for KELC HIV/AIDS Office and ask God's guidance in helping to roll back HIV and AIDS and malaria in Kenya and for His blessings upon our work. We pray that He will

energize the pastors to be proactive in the initiatives to end these diseases. We give thanks for the Lutheran initiatives to end these diseases

March 4: we pray for the KELC Women’s Department and pray for the reduction of poverty among the women of Kenya, for the reduction of domestic violence and violence against women in Kenya, and for the reduction of child abuse in Kenya.

March 5: We pray for the women of Kenya to gain equal rights in marriage, property ownership, labor, leadership, and education.

March 6: We pray for the success and blessing of the next Women’s World Day of Prayer, on March 7.



March 7: SUNDAY - Thank you for entrusting us with your Word – He is Risen! Inspire the witness of all your children, that all people may know the power of your forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection.

March 8: We pray for the many orphans and widows of HIV and AIDS in Kenya and all over the world.

March 9: We give thanks for the success of the women’s literacy program and the continued progress of the women’s department projects.

March 10: We pray for the KELC Communications Department, that God may grant us courage to continue to highlight the issues of and speak for the voiceless and the helpless without fear of intimidation or threats. We pray that God may use the Communications Department for advocacy and creating awareness and harmony in a diverse country with diverse opinions and beliefs.

March 11: We pray that the Communications Department may find favor in God’s eyes to continue its work in the midst of financial crises that threaten to close the department in the church.

March 12: We pray for the Jerusalem Congregation and thank God for the good health of our congregants and for the number of congregants attending Sunday service.

March 13: We pray that God will provide enough pastors for the Nairobi parish.



March 14: SUNDAY – We give you thanks and praise for the promise of your resurrection; may your new life always bring us hope.

March 15: We pray that God will bless the fundraising initiatives of the Jerusalem-English service instrument committee so that this service will finally have its own instruments for worship.

March 16: We pray for the Mathare Congregation and for those living in the Mathare slums that adjoin our church and especially our parishioners that live in the slums.

March 17: We pray that God will provide clean water, hygienic sanitation systems, adequate food supplies, available medical facilities, education facilities for their children, and the hope of employment.

March 18: We pray for our parishioners who are burdened by drug addictions and ask that they find peace in Christ and healing of their addictions.

March 19: We pray for the Nairobi International Lutheran Congregation, that our land dispute be settled so that we may continue the construction of our church .

March 20: We pray for economic justice for all people of Dagoretti .

March 21: SUNDAY – We praise you, O God, for a new day. Let us see each day you give us as a gift to share your love with those around us.

March 22: We pray that our HIV and AIDS support group will have more outreach to the people of the community.

March 23: We give thanks for the support of our faithful servants and for the good rains we experienced in this past rainy season.

March 24: We pray for the Mission of Embu/Kianjokoma, and ask for the progress of our mission at Mt. Kenya and that more congregations will open in our area.

March 25: We pray for the Congregation of Ukambani, and that those still practicing traditional religion come to a deeper understanding of Christianity so that they can accept it into their daily lives .

March 26: We pray for the Missions of Kajiado and Lunga Lunga, that our people will be provided with clean water and that dams will be constructed to collect water.

March 27: We pray for adequate supplies of corn porridge to alleviate the hunger of our people .



March 28: SUNDAY – As your Son entered into Jerusalem and heard the people shouting out “Hosanna!” may we join in their praise. Let it be unceasing until your return.

March 29: We pray for the Mission of Kajiado, and that the three nursery schools in our area obtain adequate medicine and Insecticide Treated Nets.

March 30: We pray for the Mission of Ngurumani, and that Maasai people of our region, especially the women. We pray that women will find freedom from traditional practices that keep them oppressed, such as FGM, and that women will be granted more equality. We pray that the children will be able to obtain education. We pray that the men and youth will come to church instead of just the women.

March 31: We pray for the Congregation of Malindi, and for the cessation of hostilities and healing of the rift between the group that supports the previous pastor and the group that supports the new pastor.

April 1: We pray that the congregation will start being self-sufficient and move beyond the mentality of dependence on missionaries

April 2: We pray that all of our congregations will obtain buildings for worship. One congregation still worships under a tree, and one was evicted from its building by an Arab trader. The case is in court; we pray for a successful resolution of the dispute

April 3: We are thankful for the growth of the mission in the region; there are two parishes with 23 congregations and one mission area.



April 4: We give thanks for the drinking well project and our partnership with Rantzau/Munsterdorf in Germany.