

PRAYER PETITIONS FOR OCTOBER

Mission: Growth will be encouraging women to PRAY BOLDLY by offering prayers each month in President's Mail. One prayer each month will focus on Costa Rica, our companion synod. Another will focus on a different prayer emphasis for each month. The emphasis for October is Living Waters Lutheran Church in Cherokee. A third prayer is included this month for those suffering the effects of Hurricane Katrina.

PRAY BOLDLY FOR . . .

Living Waters Lutheran Church, Cherokee, NC

Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for the faithful witness of Pastor Mary Louise Frenchman and our brothers and sisters in Christ who gather in worship at Living Waters Lutheran Church in Cherokee. Make them bold in their service to you and to others in their community. Strengthen them for the challenges they face. Guide women who are participants in Women of the ELCA throughout North Carolina to reach out in love and support for this precious community of faith. May we remember that we are forever bound together in your love. Help us to express that love with generosity and kindness. In the name of Jesus, AMEN.

Costa Rica, Our Companion Synod

Kind and gracious God, look with favor upon the Lutheran Church in Costa Rica, our companion synod. Strengthen them for the many challenges they face for the sake of the Gospel. Empower them to face with wisdom and tenacity the many daily hardships in the areas of health, education, and women's rights. Give them courage and hope in you. Show us how we can be faithful sisters to our brothers and sisters in Christ who live in Costa Rica. Guide us to build a relationship that will bring glory to you and that will honor your will for your church. In the name of Jesus, AMEN.

Those Suffering from Hurricane Katrina

O God, you are able to meet the needs of all your children even in the midst of disaster and pain. We lament the suffering of all people who are hurting in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Please comfort the grieving. Heal the sick and injured. Give wisdom and generosity to those who minister to the needs of all left in the hurricane's wake. May all find their true hope in you. In the name of Jesus, AMEN.

Prayer for Youth from Mission: Growth

Oh Lord of rest and rejuvenation, thank you for this lovely time of year when your creation starts to take a rest from its busyness. Help us to learn from your creation how to rest and help us to be an example for our young people of the need to treat their bodies with reverence and care because they are a gift from you. In Christ's name, Amen.

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