



South Carolina Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 God's work. Our hands.



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 Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church and the ELCA South Carolina Synod**

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Prayers Petitions for each Sunday in August

Sunday, August 1

"Let all the Souls here rest in Peace. For we shall not repeat the Evil." (Epigraph at Hiroshima Peace Park)

Our God, we pray here for your caring love prevail on earth through our presence, especially for those who suffer from radiation such as in Hiroshima, Nagasaki, Three Mile Island, Chernobyl, Fukushima, and other places. Grant us your Holy Spirit, so that we shall participate in your ongoing creation of genuine Peace and Harmony in Christ on earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Help us, O Lord, to see the beauty in living in peace with one another. Make our homes and families havens of your peace and love to strengthen and sustain our lives each day. Hear us, O God.

Your Mercy is great.

Sunday, August 8

Please be with the 35 Hiroshima Nagasaki peace messengers from high schools all over Japan and protect them from any accident, disease, or evil. Especially we pray for Ms. Ann Fukuhara from Kyushu Gakuin, a Lutheran high school in Kumamoto. We pray that their travels to Hiroshima and Nagasaki and activities there during August will be a part of your peace in the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord, in your wisdom you created the heavens and the earth. With your breath you brought forth all life and it was good. Through your compassion, you sent Jesus to bring peace and reconciliation. Bless your people with a spirit that reflects your love, compassion and peace. Make us instruments of grace and workers for peace throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

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Sunday, August 15

Bring your peace to the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics this summer, even in the midst of controversial arguments. Especially, we pray for the Paralympic athletes and whoever else may be vulnerable to the virus. Please protect their health and bless them with your peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of unity, you give us voices and hearts to sing your praise together. Join the worship of your people in South Carolina, Japan, and all places, that we might give you thanks at all times and for everything. Give us your wisdom, that we might recognize one another as beloved siblings in Christ, holding our griefs and our joys as one. Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

Sunday, August 22

Merciful God, let us be your servant to follow what Jesus taught us to be peacemakers among people and nations and bless us through the fruits of peace and love on earth. Plant in our hearts the seeds of shalom and grow them with your holy water so that we are prepared to be your instrument and bloom flowers of your peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the nations, we pray that you would inspire us to create a peaceful world and that our will and hope for peace be enriched by the resurrection life of Jesus Christ and the breath of the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God,

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Sunday, August 29

We give you thanks for this opportunity to pray for peace and share your love with our companion church, Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church, on the month of August, when we recall the tragedy of the World War II 76 years ago. Help every nation to be determined never to wage war and give us a vision of your kingdom taking place on the planet you created. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all creation, we lament the ways in which we do not care for this beautiful and perfect place you have created and given us the duty to steward. We confess and grieve the loss of life and destruction of your creation that was a result of the atomic bombs that were dropped 76 years ago. We pray for hope and healing for all of your creation, for humans and our relationships with one another along with the healing of your soil and lands. May we be your hands and feet and your spirit fill us and move us to always be working for reconciliation and healing. Hear us O God,

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