

# PRAYING FOR PEACE

A Women of the ELCA Initiative for May 2026



Each day of May at 10:00 am CDT a prayer will be posted on our Facebook account.

## Prayers for May 1-May 7:

### May 1:

Faithful God,

Remind us that you always listen to the prayers of your people as they cry to you. Encourage us in our prayers as we ask you to bring peace in our hearts, between neighbors, and among warring nations.

Amen.

### May 2:

Loving God,

We lift up our immigrant sisters and brothers who are searching for space, welcome, hope, and a place to belong. Open our hearts with generosity and compassion, so we can make room in our lives and communities for justice and care. Help us trust in Your love and abundance and show us how to be people of welcome through Christ, who makes room for everyone.

Amen.

Dios amoroso,

Elevamos ante ti a nuestras hermanas y hermanos inmigrantes que buscan un espacio, una bienvenida, esperanza y un lugar donde pertenecer. Abre nuestros corazones a la generosidad y la compasión, para que hagamos lugar en nuestras vidas y comunidades para la justicia y el cuidado. Ayúdanos a confiar en tu amor y tu abundancia, y llámanos a ser un pueblo acogedor, por medio de Cristo, quien hace espacio para todas las personas.

Amén.

Written by Gabriela Contreras

### May 3:

Let us pray. O God of justice, give us determination and resolve, so that we can do the work of beating guns into swing sets and give hope to our children. This we ask through your Son, the Prince of Peace, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Written by Valora Starr (From *A Litany for Rachel's Day*)

**May 4:**

Prince of Peace, our hearts are longing for the peace you promise. We pray that our leaders find a way to dialogue with each other and the leaders of other nations in order that all may cooperate for the well-being of all people and all of creation.

Amen.

**May 5:**

Our hearts are heavy as we come to you, God, seeking your mercy and grace for the Indigenous women and girls who have been taken from us too soon.

Amen.

Written by Dr. Kelly Sherman Conroy (From the *Candlelight Prayer Vigil for MMIW*)

**May 6:**

Loving God, you meet us in the present moment and walk with us even when we do not recognize you. Ground us in your peace when the world feels restless and uncertain. Give us the courage to practice peace in our words, our actions, and our relationships. Help us to carry your peace within us and to extend it outward to others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Written by The Rev. Kristen Glass Perez

**May 7:**

Father God, give us your strength to endure the times to come. Mothering God, surround us with the comfort of your love. Help us mourn and cry. Fill us with resolve to do what needs to be done. We need your peace, more than ever right now.

Amen.

Written by Elysia McGill (From *Just Prayers*)