



## 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 8 -May 14:

**May 8:** Dear God, This May, we acknowledge the 50th anniversary of the arrival of the largest group of Hmong refugees to the United States. We are grateful for the gifts and valuable contributions of the Hmong community in our church and society. We pray for the safe journey, warm welcome, and peace for all seeking asylum and protection from violence and war. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

**May 9:** My heart is unsettled. Breathe in me. Breathe with me. With each breath, may I feel your Spirit. Center me in your love. Set my mind on you, that I may know your peace in Jesus. Amen. The Rev Gail Heidke (Just Prayers)

**May 10:** God of peace, end our warring madness as a mother calms her children. Let us each be a mother to others in the world. Work peace through our peace. Amen.

**May 11:** God of justice and mercy, we pray for those elected to serve in government. Speaking for the people is an awesome responsibility, especially in today's polarized political climate. As elected officials make decisions that impact us all, may they listen to your voice, God. May they follow your example of compassion and fairness. Remind them of your loving care for the world, so that hunger, homelessness, and hate are eliminated from society forever. Amen.

Written by Elise Seyfried (From *Just Prayers*)

**May 12:** Dear God, sometimes peace seems impossible. Help our unbelief. Build our trust. Make us instruments of your peace. Amen.

**May 13:** Peace, peace, again, we pray for peace.

**May 14:** God, You can make war cease. You can break the bow and shatter the spear. You promise to let us all take refuge in you. Come to us now, and breathe your peace on us. Amen.