

# Prayers of the People

Petitions may end with the words: Hear us, O God.

Congregation may respond: **Our mercy is great.** 

### **Prayers by Jennifer Baker-Trinity**

That you awaken us to the needs of those made ill by diseased waters, especially your children suffering from malaria.

That clean waters and healing may spring forth in regions suffering the devastation of malaria.

For the church in its ministry of healing, that it may be united in prayer and service on behalf of our brothers and sisters affected by malaria.

Strengthen your children afflicted with malaria and those who advocate in their name, that they may know your restorative power.

Your voice of calm quiets the raging seas. Comfort the sick, especially the victims of malaria. May we be messengers of healing and hope amid illness and despair.

Bless the work of missionaries, prophets, relief workers and all who work to eradicate poverty and its effects, especially diseases such as malaria. With your help, turn us from love of self to love of neighbor.

#### Prayers by the Rev. Christopher Duckworth

Awaken us to the promise of new and renewed life that accompanies our Lord's resurrection. Stir up hope in all who suffer with malaria, and renew the zeal of those who research cures and treatments, that through their lives and work the world might behold the promise of Christ's resurrection for today.

You promise to come to us, but we fail to seek your presence. Transform us by your love to seek you and serve you in the world, especially in those areas ravaged by malaria. By your Spirit of truth, guide doctors and researchers to find a cure for malaria, and grant to the leaders of the world a will to implement means to eradicate this disease.

Working through Lutheran churches in Africa, the ELCA Malaria Campaign is uniquely positioned to provide mosquito nets, insecticides, medication, health care, education and more to eliminate deaths from this disease — for good.



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Alleluia! We thank you for all who, like Thomas, seek knowledge. Grant faith and wisdom to all who tire-lessly search for a cure to malaria.

## Prayer by the Rev. Jennifer Moland-Kovash

Let us pray for people around the world struggling with malaria, that they might know your comfort and healing. Strengthen relief workers and plant in all of us the desire to prevent the spread of malaria.

## **Prayers by the Rev. Christine Nessel**

You make us bold to pray for that which may seem to be impossible. As we remember all those who have died and suffered from the effects of malaria (especially...), we pray that you bring an end to the suffering and additional treatments for the disease.

Strengthen the weak and bring joy to the suffering, especially those infected with and affected by malaria. Shower them with the resources they need so that their healing may be a sign of your good news.

O God, be a healing balm to all those who have been impacted by malaria (especially...). Infect us all with your healing love and generous compassion.

We pray for those in need of life-saving resources: vaccines, medications, medical facilities, trained medical personnel and medical equipment; especially those who are impacted by malaria.

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