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February 24, 2019

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We pray for those who have been called to pursue a calling of ministry in our ELCIC church. We pray that the call touches hearts so that many will come forward to serve as Christ's hands. Let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

We pray for those who have a calling to serve those at the fringes of society; a calling to feed the hungry, to advocate for the weak. Recalling the diaconal symbol of the bowl and towel, remind us to serve as Christ served. Let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

We pray for the two seminaries of the ELCIC, who serve by training people for ministry in church and world. Let us pray.

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We pray for peace and justice in our communities. We pray for insight on how to keep our planet healthy. We pray for our neighbours and friends, that we build a better world through our hands. Let us pray.

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We pray that you bless the diaconal ministers who are called and serve in various ministries, that they might serve with compassion and wisdom. We pray each called rostered minister be given the insight and the wisdom and the energy to serve you God in the advancement of your Kingdom. We pray also for those who are on internship as they grow in wisdom, that they might serve God every day.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Dear Lord, you heard and know our needs even more than we do. We pray for those in discernment. We pray for the individual members of the congregation who are contemplating answering the call to be diaconal. Let us pray.

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Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**



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