

# **PRAY BOLDLY!**

## **PRAYERS FOR APRIL**

### **A PRAYER FOR THE HUNGRY** from Marie Piisila

Almighty and gracious God,

We pray for grateful hearts, for humble awareness of our abundance amid all the world's poverty and pain.

We pray for courage to give generously of our resources – our imaginations, our time and abilities, our material wealth.

We pray for the strength to reject the rationalizations which lead to indifference and silence in this climate of entitlement and insatiable desire.

We pray for confident hope, in the presence of such overwhelming needs, to know that each offering makes a welcome difference to others, and to You.

We pray for lifestyles of justice and mercy, living more simply, being advocates for those more needful than we, supporting fair trade, being compassionate in our role as citizens.

We pray for your promised forgiveness for the fears, the selfishness, the thoughtlessness, the suspicions, the self-righteousness which hinder our loving service, and then we pray for grateful and greater obedience to mark our thanksgiving.

We pray all these things in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen!!!

(Written by Pastor Ed Whetstone, Salem Lutheran Church, Catonsville, Maryland, from his Litany)

### **A PRAYER FOR COSTA RICA** from Judy Schlegel

Lord Jesus, in this season of Lent we again share in your passion, and we know that you experience our struggles. You also share in the struggles of the people of Costa Rica. As we approach Easter, we call upon you to bring resurrection to the people of Costa Rica. May they find new life and new hope in you. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.