

# Eastern Mission

Apostolic Lutheran Church of America

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Dear Friends,

## Prayer of Martin Luther

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel  
that needs to be filled.

My Lord, fill it.

I am weak in the faith;  
strengthen me.

I am cold in love;  
warm me and make me fervent,  
that my love may go out to my neighbor.

I do not have a strong and firm faith;  
at times I doubt  
and am unable to trust you altogether.

O Lord, help me.

Strengthen my faith and trust in you.

In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have.

I am poor;  
you are rich  
and came to be merciful to the poor.

I am a sinner;  
you are upright.

With me, there is an abundance of sin;  
in you is the fullness of righteousness.

Therefore I will remain with you,  
of whom I can receive,  
but to whom I may not give.

Yours in Christ,

Drew Holmgren