



A Year of Prayer
A Lifetime of Praying!

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Prayer Calendar - August 2025

1	Pray for pastors celebrating birthdays this month: Jared Howard (8/1), Paul Raappana (8/6), Diane Srutowski (8/6), Bucky Beach (8/11), Brahm Semmler Smith (8/11), and Cori Johnson (8/13).
2	Pray for rain and the transformation of our fields and pastures. Restore balance between the warmth of the sun and the life-giving waters in time of drought. Pray for those fleeing from and fighting wildfires.
3	Pray for pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month: Molly Hunter (8/3), Kelly Ylitalo (8/9), Rell Spickerman (8/16), Lloyd Leo Luedeman (8/16), Diane Srutowski (8/17), and Bill Jacobson (8/19).
4	On this International Day of Friendship, we pray friendship becomes the bridge that connects people, countries, communities, and cultures. Pray these friendships foster peace, respect and understanding.
5	Pray for those who carry their grief in stages. Comfort them through the loss of a loved one, their home, their jobs, and their self-worth. Guide them to the path of a bright tomorrow.
6	Pray for educational administrators at elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities, and seminaries as they make plans for the fall. May they be bold and courageous in their curriculums.
7	Pray for those caught in the suspended middle of working through challenges. We cannot give up or give in. Give us the strength to persevere when all hope seems lost.
8	Pray for youth and families who struggle with hunger during the summer when schools are not providing meals. May God show them where resources are available. May God help us to be generous in our support and advocacy.
9	Pray for those who have lost their way in the pursuit of power and wealth. Empower those around them to hold them accountable. Lift the veil of complacency and blind loyalty that is stopping them from doing what is right.
10	Pray we continue to sift and sort through the right and the wrong of the world. Give us the confidence to raise our voices in protest against the people, the policies, and profiting at the expense of the marginalized, the oppressed and the unheard.
11	Pray for all seminary professors as they teach, form, and nurture women and men for public ministry in a context that is Christ-centered, faithfully Lutheran, and ecumenically committed. Bless the seminarians as they study and prepare to become called ordained ministers.
12	Pray for those who do not recognize faith is building within them. May they accept the flicker of curiosity and foster its growth through compassion, love and understanding.
13	Pray for those participating in the LLM committee meeting. Bless their time and their efforts as they identify and implement strategies to strengthen and preserve this essential ministry.
14	Pray for student athletes who are training for fall sports. Pray for coaches, fans, and officials. May they keep these events in perspective and celebrate teamwork.

15	We pray for personal and professional caregivers as they support people through life's uncertainties. Give them peace when the worries and stress of their work is unsettling.
16	Pray for those participating in biking, running, and walking competitions. Keep them safe as they face course obstacles, weather challenges and the rigors of sustained endurance. May they participate in the spirit of competition and accept the outcome with humility.
17	Pray for those frustrated at and by their work. Give them patience and perseverance to find a solution or to move on to other opportunities. Give them the confidence to self-advocate for more responsibility, increased recognition, and fair compensation.
18	Pray for pastors celebrating their birthday this month; Jim Duehring (8/18), Melissa Salminen (8/19), Jesse Brown (8/21), Matt Lamb (8/23), and Eleanor Russey (8/27).
19	On this World Humanitarian Day, we pray for the restoration and continuation of global programs which support the ongoing needs during times of world crisis. We pray for the safety of all the civilians, the workers and the organizations which provide aid in the hopes of improving lives and ending suffering.
20	Pray for those who have difficulty paying for school supplies. Bless the community organizations who sponsor backpack events and for those families who purchase supplies for other students.
21	Pray for pastors celebrating the anniversary of their ordination: Gene Wickman (8/23), Craig Mansur (8/28), Dave Christenson (8/29), and Doug Norquist (8/30).
22	Pray leaders at all levels make healthcare and housing for all people a priority. Pray they are never willing to sacrifice the needs of others in exchange for self-interests.
23	Pray for the countless volunteers throughout the NGLS who provide administrative, leadership, programming, and worship support. We thank them for their service.
24	Pray for members of Kinondoni Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and their partner congregation Bethel Lutheran Church, Ishpeming, MI.
25	Pray for LLM Sharon Babbit as she celebrates her birthday today.
26	On this Women's Equality Day, we pray for all women as we celebrate and commemorate the passage of the 19 th amendment giving women the right to vote. May they use this privilege to move us toward justice and freedom for all.
27	Pray for the Bishops who are attending the Region 5 gathering today through the 29 th . Unite them in faith, grace, and spirit as they work on behalf of God's people and the church.
28	Pray for all students, faculty and staff preparing to return to school later this month. Pray for safe schools and supportive environments as students engage in new learning experiences, new teachers, and the opportunity to make new friends.
29	As we enter the college and professional football season, we pray for the players, coaches, staff, and fans. We pray they live their faith on and off the field through the spirit of teamwork and healthy competition.
30	Pray for those entering their first year of college. Calm their fears and uncertainty as they enter this new phase of life. Give them the confidence to try new things, embrace new challenges, and discover new interests.
31	Prayers of thanksgiving for our wonderful summer. For freshly cut grass, for trips to the lake, for fireworks and fireflies. We give you thanks, dear Lord, for all this and more.