



A Year of Prayer
A Lifetime of Praying!

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Prayer Calendar – March 2025

1	Pray for all front-line faith followers who lead us forth with shouts of joy! Instill courage in all of us as we say out-loud the hard things, the difficult things, and the necessary things.
2	Pray for the gift of literacy. “Reading gives us the ability to reach higher ground and keep climbing.” Pray that through reading, we light a spark for good in the world.
3	Pray for our pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: Julie Belew (3/03), Tom Otis (3/09), and Sarah Semmler Smith (3/12).
4	Pray we will hold on to Jesus’ values above all else. Through his words and his actions, he has given us a viable and sustainable plan for life and living.
5	On this Ash Wednesday, we pray for reflection and repentance. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
6	Pray that in our quiet listening and reflection, we will experience a Holy Spirit moment. May the encounter be so profound we are compelled to share it with others.
7	Pray for those inspired to take that first step in the long journey of advocacy for acceptance, equality, fairness, and inclusion. May they be fueled by God’s presence and the Spirit’s movement by listening and reflecting on Scripture.
8	On this International Women’s Day, we pray women are inspired to embrace their inner strength and to continue raising awareness to the rights of women and a recognition of the role they play in global stability. May their actions create an inspiring legacy.
9	Pray for all our ELCA Seminaries and for all the seminary students. This month we especially pray for Daniel Moschea.
10	Pray short-sighted leaders are re-directed to the needs of the people, the programs and policies which truly represent the gifts of compassion, love and the wonders of diversity.
11	Pray we are comforted knowing God is with us. Not only in time of trial and need, but throughout our daily lives. His presence is powerful when life is noisy, and He is whispering when our bodies and minds are quiet.
12	Pray for those participating in the Synod Assembly Planning meeting. Provide the wisdom they seek today, trusting that God will grant them patience in the process and insight to their purpose as they navigate the decisions ahead.
13	Pray for our pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month: Brahm Semmler Smith (3/13), Sarah Semmler Smith (3/13), Soren Schmidt (3/20), and Rita Chirala (3/21).
14	Pray for closer, more meaningful relationships with God as our Lenten journey continues. May this be a time of renewal in our faith.
15	Pray all people will seek connections that bind us together in God’s steadfast love. Pray especially for those who are lonely or isolated.

16	We pray for wisdom to lean on each other. During times of struggle, it can be tempting to dwell on what we lack or what we are unable to accomplish. Inspire us to focus on what we can do with the resources and abilities we already possess.
17	Pray for those going through the darkness of depression, despair and even death. God will guide us to a time of peace and will shine on us the promise of eternal life. In these times I say to God, "Thank God, I'm yours."
18	Pray for Kijichi Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and their NGLS mission partner First Lutheran Church, Gladstone.
19	Pray for all people with life limiting conditions. May they have access to affordable and impactful services. Bless the providers who support and sustain these resources.
20	On this first day of Spring, we pray that as the earth awakens from its winter slumber, our faith too will burst forth and grow as it is nurtured by the waters of heaven and the light of God's love.
21	Pray for those who wander amidst barriers and dead ends. Guide them back to the proven path of God's love. Give them the courage to hold onto hope. Help them to see the light when they are lost amongst the shadows.
22	On this World Water Day, pray for sustainable sources of clean drinking water throughout the world. Pray all leaders prioritize this birthright.
23	Pray for our pastors who celebrate their birthdays this month: Doug Buck (3/24), Allan Johnson (3/25) and Scott Ehle (3/25).
24	Pray for all who have been displaced from their homes due to conflict, disaster, famine, or war; and for Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service) as they assist those who are seeking a new home.
25	Pray the God of hope will fill us with joy and peace as we trust in Him for all things.
26	Pray those developing and utilizing technology choose to enhance the positive and healthy benefits and shun the dangerous and dark sites. We pray these innovators keep their head and standards high.
27	Pray for the end of injustice throughout the world. Remind us the will of God never takes us to where the grace of God won't protect us.
28	Pray for those attending the Synod Council meeting March 28 th and 29 th . May God's Word guide them through their discussions as they provide oversight in shaping the Synod's strategic direction, policies, and operations.
29	We pray for those who are alone. As communities we must strive to find those in need. We cannot survive alone. God has called us by name, we are his. Thanks be to God.
30	Pray for those trapped in the darkness of sin. Give them hope, for where there is hope, there is light. Open their hearts to this truth; no one is outside of God's love.
31	Pray for all women, men, and children who are victims of domestic violence and abuse. May they receive the help they need to leave their abusive relationships and break the pattern of violence.