

Prayer Calendar - June 2025

1	Pray all people see power in kindness on this "Say Something Nice Day." Each of us has the capacity to show up kindly and make a difference in the world. Kindness is about showing up with compassion and acting for the greater good.
2	Pray for pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: Lauri Maki (6/3), Nick Johannes (6/6), Terry Frankenstein (6/14), Mike Markwell (6/17), and Melinda VanderSys (6/18).
3	Pray for pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month: Fran Strong (6/4), David Van Kley (6/4), Ken Michaelis (6/5), Mike Markwell (6/5), Peter Vorhes (6/6), Keith Kolstad (6/7), Ron McCallum (6/8), David Echelbarger (6/10), and Lee Goodwin (6/14).
4	Pray for a safe end to the school year and the start of summer break. As we welcome warmer weather and pursue more outdoor opportunities, may we all be environmental stewards as we enjoy our bountiful and beautiful natural resources.
5	Pray on this "World Environment Day" that we recognize the Earth is one thing we all share. Help us to cherish our resources and preserve clean air, clean water, and tillable land for today and all our tomorrows.
6	Pray for those participating in the Synod Council retreat. May this faith-based time be one of reflection, renewal, and rejuvenation.
7	Pray that we put our faith into action. Talking about the problems our country is facing is not enough. Make us people who take the initiative to go beyond words and do something.
8	On this Best Friends Day, we pray each of us has that special someone who understands our past, believes in our future, and accepts us just the way we are.
9	Pray that amid everyday darkness, we don't give up in our longing for the light of Jesus Christ. "He is the light of the world. Whoever follows Him will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."
10	Pray for our elected officials. Give them the courage to hold each other accountable, put their constituents before themselves and work in unison for all people.
11	Pray we know we can step into the deep waters of faith and be made new, for God will not leave or forsake us.
12	Pray for LLM Elaine Hendrickson as she celebrates her birthday today. Also, on this "World Day Against Child Labor," pray for children subjected to the abuse, exploitation, and neglect associated with this atrocity. Bring those who traffic our children to justice.
13	Pray for Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Ministers of Word and Service who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month: Micheal Laakko (6/15), David Jensen (6/17), Maxine Gray (6/17), Jennifer Elsenbroek (6/18), Earl Bergh (6/19) George Olson (6/19), Jon Magnuson (6/19) Matt Lamb (6/21), and Alex Ross (6/21)
14	Pray for the gift of patience with ourselves and with each other. Everything is possible with love and patience.

15	Pray for all fathers and those like a father to someone. May these men lead by example in their guidance, their love and mentorship. Pray for those who long to be a father and those who grieve the loss of a child.
16	Pray for people who are navigating a system that is designed to keep them struggling and oppressed. May leaders at every level prioritize the needs of the people they claim to lead.
17	Pray for everyone who is traveling for business or pleasure. Keep them safe and patient as they navigate unfamiliar destinations or encounter delays.
18	Pray for Pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: Dean Marin $(6/22)$, Breanne Kinnunen $(6/22)$, Kay Richter $(6/22)$, Jon Magnuson $(6/25)$, and Bill Jacobson $(6/25)$.
19	On this Juneteenth Day, pray we will never forget the significance of ending slavery in this country. Freedom is a fundamental right for all of God's people. Do not let us become complacent in minimizing or marginalizing those who seek freedom and are too often denied.
20	Pray for pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month: Raymond Korry $(6/22)$, Tim Johnston $(6/22)$, Stephen Gauger $(6/25)$, John Kuziej $(6/25)$, Eleanor Russey $(6/25)$, Wally Leno $(6/26)$, Dean Marin $(6/26)$, Philip Johnson $(6/26)$, and David Johnson $(6/26)$.
21	Pray for those considering ministry and a God-given desire to do something significant. Be with them as they discover who they are and who they are meant to be. Guide them Lord toward their destiny.
22	Pray for all who are attempting to transform hardship into hope. Strengthen their body, their heart and spirit. May they never give up or surrender to the seemingly insurmountable odds.
23	Pray for all those who are travelling. Keep them safe and may they seek opportunities for worship and remember in God there is a welcome and our churches have room enough for everyone inside.
24	Pray for members of Magogoni Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and their partner congregation Christ the King Lutheran Church, Escanaba, MI.
25	Pray those whose wealth insulates them from the day-to-day struggle so many people face will truly open their eyes to homelessness, poverty, social injustice, and starvation. Shift their thinking from profits and power to people and the problems they face.
26	Pray for those who are living with the effects of PTSD. Nurture them, engage them and guide them toward a healing of their hearts and minds. Strengthen them in body and spirit that they may find reason to take on each new day.
2 7	Pray for those participating in the Youth Committee retreat through the 28th. May this time breathe inspiration into their lives and their commitment to building a community of faith for our youth.
28	Pray for pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month: Lauri Maki $(6/28)$, David Murphy $(6/28)$, Paul Raappana $(6/29)$, and Alex LaChapelle $(6/29)$.
29	Pray we are not deterred on our path to Jesus as we encounter barriers, detours, and obstacles. Keep us steadfast on our journey.
30	Pray for peace of heart and mind for all who work hard and are exhausted by their efforts, even knowing effort does not always equal security and success.