



A Year of Prayer  
A Lifetime of Praying!

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## Prayer Calendar – May 2025

<b>1</b>	Pray for pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: Philip Johnson (5/1), Brittany Barkus (5/2), Catie Ford (5/3), Grant Van Lishout (5/12), Tammy Barthels (5/13), and Rita Chirala (5/15). On the National Day of Prayer, may we remain steadfast in our faith and our service to others.
<b>2</b>	Pray for all who carry multiple burdens: the single parents, unemployed, uninsured, and under-represented. Keep us from checking out or hiding from the reality that we are here to carry out God's work in making a difference in the lives of others.
<b>3</b>	May is Mental Health Month. Pray that through associated events and activities we raise awareness of trauma and the impact it may have on the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of children, families, and communities.
<b>4</b>	Pray for all who consider themselves old. May they find joy and not fear in the aging process. Keep them engaged in their communities, strong in their decision making and safe within their homes.
<b>5</b>	Pray for Licensed Lay Minister Virginia Paulson who celebrates her birthday today.
<b>6</b>	Today begins National Nursing Week through the 12 <sup>th</sup> . Pray for all nurses everywhere as they welcome the newborn, care for the ill and comfort the dying. Bless this spectrum and continuum of care unique to nurses.
<b>7</b>	May is Better Speech and Hearing Month. Pray for all Speech Pathologists and Audiologists as they evaluate and treat the young and old who present with developmental, neurologic, and age-related cognitive and communication impairments.
<b>8</b>	Pray for those tangled in their "to do" lists and their frustration with those who seek opportunities for rest and restoration. Guide them to a time of quiet that they may find the rewards of self-care.
<b>9</b>	Pray for our clergy celebrating anniversaries of their ordinations this month: Nick Johannes (5/10), Douglas Buck (5/18), Tom Otis (5/21), Norman Peterson (5/23), and George Kaiser (5/24).
<b>10</b>	Pray for all who work the overnight shift. Keep us mindful as we sleep that they are caring for the sick, protecting the vulnerable, stocking the shelves, staffing the assembly lines, driving trucks, and keeping us safe.
<b>11</b>	Pray for mothers everywhere on Mother's Day. Pray for the women who long to be mothers or grieve infertility, miscarriage, and other losses of their children; and for all who grieve the loss of their mother. We also pray for all those young adults who are confirmed this spring. May they continue to grow in faith towards Jesus Christ, our Savior.
<b>12</b>	Pray for teachers, students, and staff at all levels of education as the school year winds down. Ease the anxiety associated with final exams, celebrate the achievement of each milestone, and bless the next steps of their academic or vocational journey.
<b>13</b>	Pray for veterans who are struggling to access and receive services due to the sweeping staffing cuts within the VA. Pray for restoration of these resources, increased local support and the veteran organizations who may find the way to fill their needs.

<b>14</b>	Pray for those devastated by the impact of suicide. Pray for all who are grieving, ill, in pain or in despair. Strengthen them in their time of need and give them confidence in God's loving care. We pray the darkness of today gives way to the light and promise of tomorrow.
<b>15</b>	Pray for all participating in our Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly today through the 17 <sup>th</sup> . May our Synod continue to grow in faith and wisdom as we spread the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior to all the world as we equip the saints for ministry.
<b>16</b>	Pray for those struggling in the deep water of despair and depression. Give them the strength and courage to keep treading until they can receive the support and care they need.
<b>17</b>	Pray for all those planning, leading, and attending Baccalaureate Services – that faith will continue to be supported in our communities and students will grow in their faith.
<b>18</b>	Pray we are balanced in our love and compassion for others. Some are easy to care for and others we may find difficult to include in our prayers. May our hearts be softened and open to all. In this way we will be more like Jesus.
<b>19</b>	Pray we seek and welcome moments of peace with Jesus when our lives are chaotic.
<b>20</b>	Pray when we are caught in the endless cycle of busy, we choose stillness and know both work and rest matter.
<b>21</b>	Pray for camping ministries at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, as they gear up for summer. May the Holy Spirit empower and guide them as they watch over all who are in their care.
<b>22</b>	Pray that we open our eyes to what is going on around us. Lead us away from ignorance and denial. Empower us to take what we know and do something about it.
<b>23</b>	Pray for our clergy celebrating anniversaries of their ordinations this month: Doug Schoen (5/27), Tommy Richter (5/30), Mary Weinkauff (5/30), and Christine Thomas-Echelbarger (5/31).
<b>24</b>	Pray for members of Magomeni Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and their partner congregation Zion Lutheran Church, Manistique.
<b>25</b>	Pray we find a way to speak up against injustice at every level. Be with us as we struggle with our inner conflict of what to do. Be with us as we shake off complacency and embrace engagement.
<b>26</b>	On this Memorial Day, we remember all US military personnel who have died serving our country. We grieve with their families and pray that the day will come when no more wars are fought, and no more soldiers die.
<b>27</b>	Pray for strength during difficult and discouraging times. Give us the strength to wait for God. May we take heart and wait for the Lord.
<b>28</b>	Pray for pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: Jack Busche (5/28).
<b>29</b>	Pray for farmers and gardeners as they prepare and plant their crops and gardens. God has given us what we need to grow our food and feed our families. Thank God for the rain and sun as seeds take root and our bounty is brought forth.
<b>30</b>	Pray for wildlife emerging from hibernation and giving birth to their young that they will find the food they need and be strong as they nurture a new generation.
<b>31</b>	Pray we find a way to be kind to others. When we see someone is down and out or has lost their way, instill in us the power to reach out with a helping hand, a gentle word, or a warm embrace. "And the kindness that you show every day will help someone along their way."