



A Year of Prayer  
A Lifetime of Praying!

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## Prayer Calendar – February 2025

1	Pray for all our African American brothers and sisters as they celebrate their heritage, their culture, and their impactful contributions to our world during Black History Month. May we acknowledge the continued struggle for racial justice and draw inspiration from their achievements.
2	Pray for those who lead us within our communities, our state, our country, and the world. May they work cooperatively and creatively for the greater good. Pray for patience as they work through disagreements and opportunities for compromise.
3	Pray for pastors and licensed lay ministers who celebrate birthdays this month: (2/03), Doug Norquist (2/10), Craig Mansur (2/12), Doug Schoen (2/14), Don Ludemann (2/14) and Michael Holman (LLM) (2/14).
4	On this World Cancer Day, we pray for those receiving a new diagnosis, those going through treatment and for those who are cautiously optimistic as they reach remission. Give them strength on the difficult days, comfort on the days that go well and hope for the future.
5	Pray for all our ELCA Seminaries and for all the seminary students. This month we lift in prayer Jen Elsenbroeck from our synod.
6	Pray for those recovering from unexpected injuries. Grant them patience as their bodies heal. Bless those who provide treatment and rehabilitation to strengthen broken bones and restore previous levels of functioning.
7	Pray for deacons and pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month: Lori Ward (2/7), Steven Solberg (2/12), and Chrys Hendrick (2/14) and Cathy Morris (2/23).
8	Pray we continue to set goals across all ages and stages of our life. Keep us curious and open to new ideas. Lead us to new possibilities and continue to fill our lives with purpose.
9	On this Super Bowl Sunday, we pray for clarity in competition. May the athletes perform to the best of their ability and compete with integrity. May we all show respect to the opponents, coaches, and officiating crew.
10	Pray for those whose medical treatments are no longer effective. Be with them in the difficult days ahead as they navigate an unwelcome course. Give their loved ones the strength to support them and bless those who provide the comfort and compassion of hospice and palliative care.
11	Pray for all women and girls who long to be recognized for their intellect, their leadership, and their ongoing contributions for the greater good. Give them the confidence to stand strong against the forces which seek to silence their voices.
12	Pray for those who work in dangerous professions including construction, firefighting, law enforcement, logging, mining, and the transportation industry. Keep them safe as they provide services and support to their community.
13	Pray for all who are experiencing loss. Help us to be empathetic and offer a safe place for their tears as they mourn the loss of a loved one, a home or job. Be with those who have

	lost hope or security. Give them the courage to discover they are stronger than they think.
14	On this Valentine's Day, we pray love finds a way to touch someone's life today. For those who are new to love, for those whose love may not be the priority, and for those whose love has stood the test of time. May they cherish the precious gift of love You have given them. We pray also for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one or a relationship. Let us reach out to them and show them they are loved and not alone.
15	Pray for those who are overwhelmed by personal or professional challenges. Keep them present in their faith. May they know You are leading them down the right path. "What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms."
16	Pray for pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: Brenda Greenwald (2/16), Andrew Plocher (2/17), Christine Thomas-Echelbarger (2/22), Les Niemi (2/25), and Wally Leno (2/27).
17	Pray that we do not assume the worst in people and situations. Help us to take a step back, lean into other possibilities and look at life through a more reasonable lens.
18	Pray for those who travel over the winter. For short or extended stays, be with them as they seek a break from the cold. Inspire worship, gift giving and community engagement wherever they are.
19	Pray for all those enjoying the outdoor winter activities that make our northern communities someplace special. Instill in them a sense of reverence for God's creation. May they be respectful of people and property.
20	On this World Day for Social Justice, pray for fair and just relations between all individuals in our society as they are confronted with poverty, exclusion, gender inequality, human rights violations, and social media attacks. Pray for advocates of those who have suffered at the hands of others, and for those who work to change our social systems and government programs.
21	Pray for those who long to remain independent in their home. Connect them to community resources, adaptive equipment and supportive family and friends.
22	Pray for our Synod, pastors, deacons, lay ministers, staff, worship volunteers and those who serve on council and committees. God's love takes root in their hearts and their work brings glory to God in all that they do.
23	Pray for the Professional Leader's retreat through the 24 <sup>th</sup> in Escanaba. Lead the participants through a time of reflection. Help them to know more about who You are, who they are and who You want all of us to be.
24	Pray for those starting a new job. Ease their nervousness, instill confidence, and grant them patience as they adapt to new surroundings and expectations.
25	Pray for those who may be frustrated in their faith, indifferent to worship and feeling disconnected from God. Pray they see, hear or experience something that leads them to trust Him more deeply.
26	Pray for people who are under attack by higher or more powerful forces that discriminate based on gender, race, lifestyle, and beliefs.
27	Pray for those who are teased or bullied. Guide them to genuine friends who will surround them with kindness and encouragement.
28	Pray for the members of Mtoni Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and their NGLS mission partner Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Marquette.