



A Year of Prayer
A Lifetime of Praying!

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Prayer Calendar – January 2025

1	In prayer we give thanks for the new year. We pray it brings peace to the world, hope to those in despair and joy in the small things that surprise us each day. Lord, keep us centered in faith as we move through the known and unknown as the year unfolds.
2	Pray for those who make new year's resolutions. Give them patience and persistence as they work toward achieving their personal goals. Grant courage and conviction as their commitment waivers. Many will seek to change their lives for the better. Keep them focused on that objective while others may work to undermine their intentions.
3	We pray to always have eyes that see the best in people and a heart that forgives the worst.
4	Pray we remember that God's love is here to stay when so much around us is fleeting. May this promise allow us to build our lives on stable ground.
5	Pray for pastors and deacons who celebrate birthdays this month: Greg Mileski (1/5), Tommy Richter (1/10), Doug Johnson (1/13), Lenora Tahtinen (1/14), David Jensen (1/16) and Elisabeth Daniels (1/16)
6	On this Epiphany we give thanks. From heaven to earth a baby came and with him hope. May we know Christ as our one true Savior. Let the light from that blessed star follow us all the days of our life.
7	Pray for our Synod Assembly Planning committee as they prepare for the upcoming spring assembly. Lead them to enhanced ministries, strategic vision and the power and impact of shared faith.
8	Pray we find sense in the confusion and a way to smile through our tears. Keep reminding us that God is with us and leads us to a place of promise and hope.
9	Pray for those who suffer with depression and seasonal affective disorder. Remind them God is present when we fall and through his love helps us to find the strength to get back up and move forward in faith.
10	Pray for the Synod Council meeting via Zoom January 10th and the 11 th Guide them through their reports, recommendations, resolutions, and responsibilities.
11	Pray for those providing emotional support to family and friends who are struggling with unexpected news or ongoing challenges that are never ending. Help all of us to be empathetic in our listening and non-judgmental in our responses.
12	Pray for all those who are considering the call to serve as officers, council members, and in other elected offices of our congregations, parishes, synod, and churchwide ministries. Allow them to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of their faith community.
13	Pray for the Endowment Committee as they meet via Zoom. May their efforts inspire confidence from the donors and ensure long term stability for God's work.
14	Pray for pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month, Elisabeth Daniels (1/15), Lon Hider (1/15), Margaret Johnson (1/17), Jesse Brown (1/22) and Nicole Hanson-Lynn (1/25)

15	Pray no one is without shelter during these coldest months. May doors and hearts be open to those seeking warmth and the comfort of food and a safe place to rest.
16	Pray for those overwhelmed by the bills that are now due from year end expenses.
17	Pray for those who guide, mentor, and teach seminarians. Strengthen their own faith journey as they serve as a resource and beacon for our future pastoral leaders.
18	Pray we seek refuge in God as we navigate the uncertainties of life. Lead us to those who can assist us and lead us to community resources. Give us the courage to ask for help and to help others as we are able.
19	Pray we all find a way to care for ourselves. Remind us self-care is not a selfish act. Grant us time to renew, refresh and re-imagine healthy living.
20	On this Martin Luther King Jr.'s day, pray for our nation and our world that divisions based on race, culture, and faith that still exist among us may be overcome, not by power and violence, but by love for all of God's children.
21	Pray for all leaders that their objectives be to serve and not be served. Instill in them compassion for others, including those who are often forgotten, overlooked, and cast aside. Open their eyes to possibility not power and helping not hurting.
22	Pray for the World Hunger Committee as they meet via Zoom. Pray for all organizations who seek a solution to end hunger and food insecurities. To feed the world is to feed the future for those longing for healthy families.
23	Pray for all those whose work requires travel including bus drivers, truck drivers, delivery drivers and others who spend hours on the road. Grant them patience as they navigate winter driving conditions.
24	Pray for pastors celebrating birthdays this month; Margaret Johnson (1/24), Soren Schmidt (1/27), Fran Strong (1/30) and Renee MacLeod (1/30)
25	Pray for all faith journeys. "Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day."
26	Pray for justice in our economic, social, and legal systems. Sustain food banks, shelters, public defenders, and programs advocating for fairness and representation for all.
27	Pray that people do not ignore symptoms of a stroke or heart attack. Give them access to emergency care and bless the first responders who are often first on the scene.
28	Pray for the Finance Committee. May their knowledge, strategic planning and oversight be guided by your hand as they allocate our resources for the greatest good.
29	Pray for the Worship Committee as they meet to share inspiring ways to lift Your name on high and sing Your praises.
30	Pray for Tabata Shule Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and our NGLS partner church, Trinity Lutheran Church in Ishpeming.
31	Pray that all of us going through challenging times see Jesus as our friend and find comfort in these words, "For I know the plans I have for you. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."