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## Prayer Calendar – October 2025

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| 1  | Pray for all Older People on this “International Day of Older Persons.” Remind us of their countless contributions to our world through their words and deeds. Remind them aging is not about lost youth...but a new stage of opportunity and strength.                            |
| 2  | Pray for those who find themselves in a place they do not want to be. Give them the resources, the tools, and the perseverance to find a way out. May they connect with support services and providers who can equip them with the strategies to start over.                       |
| 3  | Pray for pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month: Don Ludemann (10/4), Tom Wickstrom (10/5), Ken Carlson (10/5), George Candea-Kromm (10/7), Christine Olson (10/9).  |
| 4  | Pray for those facing difficult decisions. May they be comforted knowing Jesus goes with them for he goes where no one wants to go. He is our rock and our salvation.  |
| 5  | Pray for pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: Timothy Vadis (10/05), David Echelbarger (10/08), Ken Carlson (10/13), Maxine Gray (10/16), and Deacon Jennifer Elsenbroek (10/13).   |
| 6  | Pray for those experiencing troubled times and find themselves weary and wanting to give up. Jesus is there to carry them through and the moment he picks them up, their heart will begin to change.   |
| 7  | Bless all Occupational Therapists as they celebrate National OT month. Bless their programming and their strategies as they foster independence in activities of daily living within schools, hospitals, extended care facilities, and home health.                                |
| 8  | Pray for those traveling to witness God’s splendor in the artistry of fall colors. Keep us patient as motorists stop and take pictures. As the seasons change, this may lead us to inner change. Lead us to a life filled with compassion, gratitude, and love.                    |
| 9  | Pray through our collective voices we become grace movers. When we are stuck, empower believers, and foster a stronger relationship with God.  |
| 10 | On this World Mental Health Day, pray for all suffering from mental illness, their families, and for those providing therapy and care. Guide them through the darkest of times so they may find light and hope in God’s love.  |
| 11 | Pray for Sarah Sleeter who is a Candidate for Ministry. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide her and lead her to a life enriched by God’s Word.   |
| 12 | Pray for the strength to ask difficult questions of ourselves and of others. May we dare to say the uncomfortable parts aloud and move beyond unspoken thoughts and feelings. Remind us silence is not more powerful than the truth.   |
| 13 | Pray we are honest when we are emotionally hurting. Becoming comfortable with our vulnerability may lead to finding ways to get back up when we are down.  |
| 14 | Pray for pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month: Doug Johnson (10/15), Sharolyn Swenson (10/15), Catie Ford (10/23), Melissa Salminen (10/28), Brittany Barkus (10/25), Melinda VanderSys (10/29), Lily Brondyke (10/29), and Judy Kirchoff (10/31). |

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| 15 | Pray for Bishop Finegan as she begins her sabbatical. Bless this time of rest and renewal. Fill her with the spirit of God's word that she may find new inspiration, untapped joy, and the desire to share this blessing with others. We pray for the Synod staff in her absence as they continue to support the ministry of our congregations. |
| 16 | Pray for pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: Maxine Gray (10/16), Stephen Gauger (10/28), Kari Vadis (10/28), Alex Ross (10/29), and LLM Larry Molloy (10/28).  |
| 17 | Pray we recognize and welcome all types of "family" by engaging in inclusive celebrations that acknowledge all family members and support systems for "We are one in the Spirit; we are one with the Lord".   |
| 18 | Pray for the members of Azania Front Cathedral, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and their partner congregation, Messiah Lutheran Church, Marquette.   |
| 19 | Pray for those moving to new communities for employment, proximity to family or desire for a new beginning. May they find comfort and support from new neighbors.   |
| 20 | Pray we strive to interrupt complacency, control, and coercion at all levels. Lift our voices and guide our actions to impactful protests.  |
| 21 | Pray our churches continue to be a safe space for being our authentic selves. Pray congregations meet people where they are emotionally, spiritually, and physically.   |
| 22 | Pray for the Faithful Finances workshop participants as they meet to discuss best financial practices for congregations so that God may be honored and ministries flourish.   |
| 23 | Pray we let go of the illusion we are in control and trust God knows what he's doing after all.   |
| 24 | Pray for those transitioning to hospice and palliative care. As they begin their walk home to God, bring them peace. Comfort their loved ones who may only see despair. Bless hospice workers so they too are blessed through their compassion and support.   |
| 25 | Pray for students at all levels that may be struggling to keep up with academic, behavioral, and social expectations. Give them the strength to voice their challenges so those who love and support them can effectively uplift them.  |
| 26 | Pray we are inspired by our dreams, our hopes, and our desire for a better tomorrow.  |
| 27 | Pray for families in conflict. Guide them to constructive resolution as they find comfort in their common bonds and mutual understanding of their differences.  |
| 28 | Pray for those impacted by government cuts in socio-economic programming including affordable groceries, housing, health care and other essential services.   |
| 29 | Pray for trick or treaters. Be with each child, parent. and guardian. Help them to feel safe and secure in their community.   |
| 30 | Pray for those who are distracted by the challenges and chaos of everyday life. We pray that they may stop, sit and stay just long enough to hear God's voice guiding them back to a place of calm and stability.   |
| 31 | Pray we are prepared for the coming winter. We ask for protection from harsh weather, dangerous driving conditions and the risks of slips and falls. We also pray for those who are vulnerable or lack resources. May we share warmth and comfort with others.  |