



A Year of Prayer
A Lifetime of Praying!

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Prayer Calendar - September 2025

1	On this Labor Day, we pray for all workers in our country who work with their hands and minds. Grant them strength, health, and safety as they fulfill their duties. Connect those in need of work with viable employment. Give them encouragement and support as they enter the workforce. May we see the value of every worker and help us to treat them with respect and gratitude.
2	We pray for all students, faculty, and staff at every level as they enter the new school year. May the joy of teaching and learning challenge everyone to welcome new opportunities and innovative teaching strategies. May foundational skills be expanded and both tangible and intangible lessons be taught.
3	Pray for families facing the challenges of new school year expenses including supplies, clothing, transportation costs, books, and academic fees. Rally communities to support their families, friends, and neighbors. Pray we give generously and joyfully to organizations that connect people with much needed resources.
4	Pray for athletes at all levels. May they be guided by good sportsmanship as they respect their teammates, opponents, and the officials. May they honor the rules and the intended spirit of competition. Make them mindful that their actions reflect on the coaches, the organization, the team and ultimately, on God.
5	On the International Day of Charity, we pray we will joyfully share our blessings, our faith, and our time with others. Open our hearts, our minds, and our eyes to countless ways we may comfort, encourage, and strengthen others.
6	Pray for pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: David Murphy (9/6), Gene Wickman (9/8), Bishop Emeritus Thomas Skrenes (9/8), Judy Kirchoff (9/9), Rell Spickerman (9/10), George Olson (9/12), Steven Solberg (9/14), and LLMs Karen Anne Hanson (9/19), and Jon Babbitt (9/19)
7	Pray for pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month: Grant Van Lishout (9/8), Nancy Kauppi (9/10), and Renee MacLeod (9/18).
8	Pray for all incoming first-year students who are leaving what's familiar and entering the challenges of higher learning. Give them the confidence to try new things, take reasonable risks, and seek assistance as needed.
9	Pray for Temeke Lutheran Church in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and their NGLS partner congregation Gloria Dei Lutheran in Hancock.
10	Pray we ignore the voices that shout "you are not beloved." Turn our hearts and minds to God's still, quiet voice as we turn down the volume on the noise of the world and focus on seeking clarity and a closer relationship with God.
11	Pray we are comforted by knowing we are held in God's loving arms even when we are not at our best.
12	Pray for the Synod Council as they meet through September 13 th at Immanuel Lutheran in Escanaba. We pray these dedicated and compassionate leaders create a legacy of impact.
13	Pray for the Lutheran Campus Ministry programs throughout the Synod. May they continue to strengthen and support this vital ministry on college campuses.

14	Pray that we are more patient in our communication with others. May we take the time and make the effort to truly listen and strive to understand what they are saying. May others have the same patience with us in our attempts to convey our intent.
15	Pray we welcome the spirit of fall and the majesty of God's creation. Bless us as we transition from the glory of summer to the crispness of fall. As the seasons change, may we reflect on the year, prepare for the coming winter, and seek guidance and strength as we move forward in faith.
16	Pray we celebrate all friendships. Lifelong friends, those we have met through work or leisure and those "gift-friends" who come to us late in life. Remind us making a friend takes only a moment and yet being a friend may last a lifetime.
17	Pray that we turn our back on evil. There is nothing of value in rooting for evil to succeed. It is destructive and demoralizing. Turn us toward the truth and the light that is Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
18	Pray for pastors celebrating birthdays this month: Mary Weinkauff (9/22), Paul Heykes (9/26), Dave Christenson (9/27), Peter Vorhes (9/28), and Lee Goodwin (9/29).
19	Pray for the SWO Retreat through the 21 st at Fortune Lake as they gather for the theme "Hidden Women of Faith." May their daily lives be guided by God's word as they unite to share the Gospel with others.
20	Pray we delight in the joy of giving to, praying for, and forgiving others. One act of grace at a time can have a lasting and profound impact. Mother Teresa said, "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples."
21	Pray for the Bishop's Convocation through the 23 rd at Fortune Lake. Bless all clergy and LLMs who are participating in this review of the reports from the Churchwide assembly. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them,"
22	Pray for pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month: Julie Belew (9/22), Kay Richter (9/23), Greg Mileski (9/24), Tim Vadis (9/27), and Kari Vadis (9/28).
23	Pray we open our eyes and our hearts to God's word and love. We are all worthy of being part of God's family. His love never waivers and his promise of eternal life never ends.
24	Pray we find ways to stay within the moment and cherish each moment as a gift. Help us to not look back with regret or to look forward only with dread of what might be. "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it".
25	Pray for those seeking freedom from tyranny, oppression, exclusion, extortion, and fear. Give them courage to break away and the strength to keep moving forward. We know liberation always comes at a cost. We pray their becoming free is worthy of their sacrifice.
26	Pray for those who cling to their demons if it keeps their life predictable. May the Holy Spirit rise up within them and shake them out of their complacency.
27	Pray we have the confidence to speak up and speak out. Let's give power to the voiceless who for too long have gone unheard. May every whisper reach a crescendo of truth. Let the voiceless become the voice of the Gospel in all of us.
28	Pray for unity when all around us is broken. Together we can repair, rebuild, and restore harmony within our churches, our community, and the world.
29	Pray for healing in our hearts, our minds, and our relationships. May love break in and find a way to foster a sense of safety, reduce stress, and promote overall well-being.
30	We pray for our fractured and fragmented world. May our voices tremble with the hope that all who believe and all who want to believe can work together for a kinder, healthier, sustainable future.

