



A Year of Prayer
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Prayer Calendar – March 2026

1	Pray for the leaders participating in the retreat in Gladstone today and tomorrow. Bless their time together as you fill them with your Holy Spirit. Pray for our pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: Lance Crevier (3/1), Julie Belew (3/03), Tom Otis (3/09), and Sarah Semmler Smith (3/12).
2	Pray for teachers and tutors who share the gift of reading. Pray for those who navigate the challenges of dyslexia and for those attempting to learn a new language. May they find joy in the limitless possibilities of literacy.
3	Pray we resist the pull of false promises. May we find strength in the Lord and turn away from our enemies and those who seek to undermine God's word.
4	Pray we find shelter from the chaos in our lives by finding comfort in God's embrace. We know God will never turn from us nor will he withhold his compassion.
5	Pray we find a way to move from frustration with others to compassion for all.
6	Pray we find assurances that even in sin, God will never stop loving us.
7	Pray for the strength and perseverance to continue pushing forward through the messy and muddled times in our life. Remind us we can take small steps and still achieve great things.
8	On this International Women's Day, we pray women are inspired to embrace their inner strength and to continue raising awareness to the rights of women and a recognition of the role they play in global stability. May their actions create an inspiring legacy.
9	Pray for all our ELCA Seminaries and for all the seminary students. This month we especially pray for Sarah Sleeter.
10	Pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. May our faith be strengthened through our common bond of baptism.
11	Pray we all find strength in our faith as we bear the responsibilities of following in Jesus' footsteps.
12	Pray our unfocused hearts and minds turn back to God. God is never too busy for us. We should follow his lead.
13	Pray for our pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month: Brahm Semmler Smith (3/13) Sarah Semmler Smith (3/13) and Soren Schmidt (3/20).
14	Pray we give thanks each day for our many blessings. Both large and small gifts are to be celebrated as we intentionally express our gratitude.
15	Pray that each of us steps up when called to make a difference in our communities, our country and the world. When God calls us in the night, he is inviting us forward. Let's answer that call.
16	Pray for patience when we are faced with making a difficult decision. We pray for wisdom to lean on each other during times of struggle.

17	Pray that when we are feeling lost and feel far from God, we need only call out God's name and he will find us.
18	Pray for Kijichi Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and their NGLS mission partner First Lutheran Church, Gladstone.
19	Pray for all people trapped within their deepest, darkest doubt. Turn their hearts to you Lord, for you are the light in the darkness.
20	On this first day of Spring, we pray that as the earth awakens from its winter slumber, our faith too will burst forth and grow as it is nurtured by the waters of heaven and the light of God's love.
21	Pray for those who call out to God and wait anxiously for his reply. He hears us when no one else is listening.
22	On this World Water Day, pray for sustainable sources of clean water throughout the world. We pray for more rapid and meaningful solutions to the crisis of sustainable access.
23	Pray for patience as we figure out who we are meant to be, what we are meant to do and how we are meant to live. When our expectations get turned upside down, help us to find our footing.
24	Pray for our pastors who celebrate their birthdays this month: Doug Buck (3/24), Allan Johnson (3/25), and Scott Ehle (3/25).
25	Pray we are patient as winter grudgingly gives way to spring. Let's be glad in the small gifts of reawakening. The returning robins, the extending sunlight, the teasing rise in temperatures. Spring will be here...when it is ready and we will welcome it.
26	Pray we think beyond ourselves and celebrate other's gifts and accomplishments. Let us be happy for their achievements and genuinely cheer them on.
27	Pray for the Synod Council as they meet today and tomorrow. May their hearts be open to your word. May their minds be open to your guidance and may their actions reflect your mission for all of your people.
28	Pray that when our faith is shaken, our lives fill with despair and our hope is waning, that we know Jesus is praying for us and beckons us to lay our worry at his feet.
29	Hosanna Hosanna in the highest! As we enter into Holy week, we are filled with the triumph of Jesus entering the city and yet we now know the pain that awaits him before his glorious resurrection.
30	Pray when we are short on hope, we know that God is working. He sees our worry, our pain and our weariness. He does not give up on us. Let's not give up on him.
31	Pray that we find comfort in knowing whatever separates us from God is washed away in the baptismal waters.