






A Year of Prayer  
A Lifetime of Praying!

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## Prayer Calendar – January 2022

1		Pray that this <b>New Year</b> will be a year of growing as a faithful disciple of Jesus in all that you do. Pray that all followers will listen for the Spirit to guide them and to provide help in just the right places.
2		Pray for <b>our United States Representatives and Senators</b> , as they convene for this new year and serve our country and our states during challenging times. May they work with integrity, honesty, and compassion, sharing the yoke of service with one another and pulling together to get the job done.
3		Pray for <b>pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month</b> : Kayla Keilholtz (1/4), Dennis Meyette (1/10), Elisabeth Daniels (1/15), Margaret Johnson (1/17), Jesse Brown (1/22), Nicole Hanson-Lynn (1/25), Jay Welshonse (1/29).
4		Pray for <b>our Synod Executive Committee</b> as they meet today via ZOOM. May they be inspired by the Holy Spirit as they continue to serve our Synod Council and our Synod during these challenging times.
5		Pray for <b>pastors and deacons who celebrate birthdays this month</b> : Greg Mileski (1/5), Tommy Richter (1/10), Doug Johnson (1/13), Lenora Tahtinen (1/14), David Jensen (1/16), Elisabeth Daniels (1/16), Margaret Johnson (1/24), Soren Schmidt (1/27), Reneé MacLeod (1/30), and Fran Strong (1/30).
6		<b>Epiphany</b> ... Pray that as the Magi brought gifts of great value to the newborn King, <b>all people will be willing to give generously</b> of their time and possessions for those who are in need.
7		Pray for our <b>Synod Staff – Heather, Betsy, Bishop Katherine, and Pastor Jim</b> – as they work tirelessly to coordinate ministries throughout our Synod and with our mission partners around the ELCA and the world.
8		Pray for <b>all those who are considering the call to serve</b> as officers, council members, and in other elected offices of our congregations, parishes, synod, and churchwide ministries.
9		We celebrate the <b>Baptism of our Lord!</b> Pray for all who are baptized that we may show the love of our Lord to all the world.
10		Pray for <b>all congregations, their leaders, and their staff</b> as they prepare for annual meetings and ministry in the year to come.
11		Pray for <b>our ELCA Seminaries, professors, and students</b> as they participate in J-term special programs and prepare for the spring semester.
12		Pray for <b>our Synod Worship Committee</b> as they meet today to plan for our Synod Assembly worship.
13		Pray for the members of <b>Bethel Lutheran Church, North East, MD; Braddock Lutheran Church, Frederick, MD; Calvary Lutheran Church, Mt. Airy, MD; and Chapel Lutheran Church, Woodsboro, MD.</b>
14		Pray for the <b>unemployed and underemployed</b> that they may find the resources they need to keep them and their families warm and well-fed this winter.

<b>15</b>	Pray for <b>our Synod Council members</b> as they meet today to pray, discuss, and discern our mission and ministry tasks in response to God's blessings among us.
<b>16</b>	Pray for <b>all teachers</b> who help to enlighten and shape our children's lives with patience and kindness.
<b>17</b>	As we observe <b>Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday</b> , pray for our nation and our world. Pray 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.
<b>18</b>	 <b>The Confession of St. Peter</b> – this day <b>begins the week of prayer for Christian unity</b> . Pray for all who confess, as Peter did, that Jesus is the Messiah, that we may come together as partners in the work of the gospel.
<b>19</b>	Pray for <b>our Synod Finance Committee</b> as they meet today and continue to review the monetary aspects of our Synod ministries. May the Holy Spirit encourage, lead, and guide them in their decisions.
<b>20</b>	Pray for <b>Deacon Lori Ward and the Lifelong Faith Formation Committee members</b> as they meet today and plan for future learning opportunities. May they and all the students and teachers grow in their faithfulness and service.
<b>21</b>	Pray for <b>bus drivers, truck drivers, and others who spend many hours on the road</b> that they may be safe and alert as they travel, especially on slippery roads.
<b>22</b>	Pray for <b>Pastor Jim Duehring and the congregational teams at the Faithful Innovations Training</b> today. May they be inspired and energized by the Holy Spirit.
<b>23</b>	Pray for <b>our Synod's Companion Synod Committee</b> as they meet today. May they find creative ways to share ministries across the world when travel is such a challenge.
<b>24</b>	Pray for <b>ministries in transition and congregations who are seeking rostered leaders</b> to serve them, especially St. James Lutheran Church, Rudyard, and their Interim Pastor Matt Lamb.
<b>25</b>	Pray for <b>those who are serving in Lutheran Campus Ministry, especially Pastor Bucky Beach, Pastor Bre Kinnunen, Pastor Tony Morrison and Pastor Sarah Semmler Smith</b> and all the students who are growing in many ways.
<b>26</b>	Pray for <b>those who are struggling with gender orientation and identity issues and for their families</b> . May we create a world where all are welcome and valued and supported with God's love and grace.
<b>27</b>	Pray for <b>the homeless</b> , that they may stay safe and warm as ice and snow continue to cover our landscape.
<b>28</b>	Pray for the members of <b>Christ Lutheran Church (Edmondson Ave.), Baltimore, MD; Christ Lutheran Church, Hagerstown, MD; Christ Lutheran Church (Inner Harbor), Baltimore, MD; and Christ Lutheran Church, Lavale, MD.</b>
<b>29</b>	Pray for the members of <b>Tabata Schule Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania</b> , and their NGLS mission partner Trinity Lutheran Church, Ishpeming.
<b>30</b>	Pray for <b>those who suffer with depression and seasonal affective disorder</b> that they have the care they need during this long winter and the longer pandemic.
<b>31</b>	Pray for <b>staff at medical facilities</b> – kitchen workers, custodial crews, and other support staff who work tirelessly and often behind the scenes with little recognition. Pray also for the medical staff who have given so much during the last year.

**“We pray for congregations in the Delaware-Maryland Synod as part of our domestic partner synod relationship.”**