




A Year of Prayer
A Lifetime of Praying!

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Prayer Calendar – March 2021

1	Pray for all who lead or participate in mid-week Lenten worship and other activities – that this journey leads them to greater faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
2	Today is Read Across America Day. Pray for all students who are learning to read and the teachers and librarians who work diligently to promote reading skills , and perhaps take a moment to write a prayer and read it with a young person in your life.
3	Pray for our pastors who celebrate birthdays this month : <i>Julie Belew (3/03), Tom Otis (3/09), Sarah Semmler Smith (3/12), and Dennis Meyette (3/15)</i> .
4	Pray for all our ELCA Bishops, especially Bishop Katherine Finegan and Bishop Elizabeth Eaton , as they meet for the next few days. May God's Spirit guide them, enlighten them, and strengthen them as they discern the next steps in ministry in our country and throughout our world.
5	Pray for our pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month : <i>Brahm Semmler Smith (3/13), Sarah Semmler Smith (3/13), and Christina Forsythe (3/19)</i> .
6	Pray for police, firefighters, rescue workers, and EMTs who often have to risk their lives to keep the rest of us safe. May they have all of the support and equipment they need for their safety and their work.
7	Pray for pray-ers ... all those who participate in prayer chains and prayer circles, who write devotions and read devotions, and who lift up others with their prayers.
8	Pray for all our ELCA Seminaries and for all the seminary students . This month we especially lift up in prayer Pat Kempf from our synod.
9	Pray for all those in nursing homes, long-term care facilities, or who are home bound and for those who offer them care and assistance .
10	Pray for our Synod Staff that they may be led by the Holy Spirit and know God's power and presence as they plan and coordinate the many ministries that happen through God's people here.
11	Pray for the unemployed and underemployed – that they find resources to keep themselves and their families warm and well-fed.
12	Pray for our pastors who celebrate their birthdays this month : <i>Doug Buck (3/24), Allan Johnson (3/25) and Scott Ehle (3/25)</i> .
13	Pray for all who work tirelessly to bring the COVID vaccines to communities throughout the world . May they remain strong and safe as they travel and work with a diverse group of people in their communities.
14	Pray for victims of bullying and violence , whether that is physical, emotional, or verbal in nature. Pray for enlightenment of the bullies that they may truly see and understand the harm they are inflicting and change their ways.

15	Pray for the members of St. James Lutheran Church, Union Bridge, MD; St. John Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD; St. John Lutheran Church, Columbia, MD; and St. John Lutheran Church, Thurmont, MD.
16	For all who are tired of winter and long for green, growing things and the smells of springtime.
17	Pray for our pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month: Soren Schmidt (3/20), and Rita Chirala (3/21).
18	Pray for all individuals and congregations who are searching for ways to bring Jesus into the lives of the unchurched in their communities – that the Holy Spirit will enlighten and empower them in all that they do.
19	Pray for Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, the year-round staff, especially Director Amanda Rasner, and all the summer staff who will be serving this year.
20	Pray for our Synod Council members as they meet today and continue planning for our Synod Assembly and other events and ministries within our Synod.
21	Pray for all who are addicted to drugs or alcohol; may they find hope and help to overcome their dependency.
22	On this World Water Day, pray for sustainable sources of clean drinking water for all people.
23	Pray for Pastor Jim Duehring, Assistant to the Bishop, as he continues his training at the Systems Academy online.
24	Pray for Kijichi Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and their NGLS mission partner First Lutheran Church, Gladstone.
25	Pray for all church musicians, worship leaders, and clergy as we head into the heavy worship schedule of Holy Week. May strength and good health prevail; and may all get the rest they need.
26	Pray for all women, men, and children who are victims of domestic violence and abuse. May they receive the help they need to leave their abusive relationships and break the pattern of violence.
27	Pray for our Jewish neighbors as they begin the observation of Passover. May we all learn from one another's faith and grow in our understandings of those who follow God in various ways.
28	 Pray for all who follow Jesus and boldly proclaim, "Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"
29	Pray for the members of St. John Lutheran Church, Cumberland, MD; and St. John Lutheran Church (Edgemere), Baltimore, MD; St. John Lutheran Church (Franklin Ave.), Baltimore, MD; and St. John Lutheran Church, Hagerstown, MD.
30	Pray for those with macular degeneration and visual impairments. Keep them safe and provide them with treatments and caregivers to help them navigate in the midst of a sight-biased world.
31	Pray for all the Christian men and women across our synod who give their time, energy, and resources to their congregations, the NGLS, and charitable organizations everywhere.

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