



A Year of Prayer
A Lifetime of Praying!

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Prayer Calendar – January 2023

1		Pray this New Year finds us resolute in our faith in God. May it be a year of growing as faithful disciples of Jesus in all that we 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 our federal government and remind those elected they represent all citizens. May they lead with honesty, integrity and compassion. May they be reminded daily they are there to serve and find common ground for greater good.
3		Pray for pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month: 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 our Bishop Katherine Finegan and all bishops attending the Bishop’s Academy through January 9. May the event bring opportunities for faith building, fellowship and direction for the future.
5		Pray for pastors and deacons who celebrate birthdays this month: 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), Fran Strong (1/30), and Renee MacLeod (1/30)
6		Pray we accept Christ as our true Savior on this day of Epiphany. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
7		Pray for those who are weak in body and/or spirit. May they find comfort and strength in your embrace, and may they be stronger today than they were yesterday.
8		We celebrate the Baptism of our Lord! Pray for all who are baptized that we may show the love of God to all the world.
9		Pray for those who suffer with depression and seasonal affective disorder. May they find the light they seek through fellowship, job satisfaction, volunteer opportunities and the promise of Spring.
10		Pray for our NGLS Staff as they meet today to conduct the Synod’s business in matters great and small. Give them the confidence to make bold decisions.
11		Pray for our Synod Assembly Planning Committee as they prepare for the upcoming May Assembly at NMU. Lead them to enhanced ministries, strategic vision and the power of fellowship fueled by shared faith.
12		Pray for those who are bound by the chains of self-harm, self-doubt and insecurities. Open their hearts and minds to the power of the Holy Spirit.
13		Pray for the Synod Council meeting today and tomorrow with participants throughout the Synod joining the discussion via Zoom. Guide them through their reports, recommendations, resolutions, and responsibilities.
14		Pray that love truly does conquer all and remind us daily, “In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.”

15	Pray for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Give them comfort in their memories and support from those who will walk with them through their grief.
16	As we observe Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, 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.
17	Pray for all those who are considering the call to serve as officers, council members and in other elected offices of our congregations, parishes, synod, and churchwide ministries. Allow them to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of their faith community.
18	 <p>Today marks the Confession of St. Peter, which begins the week of prayer for Christian unity. Pray for all who confess, as Peter did, that Jesus is the Messiah, that we may come together as global partners in the work of the gospel.</p>
19	Pray for those participating in the Lifelong Faith Formation Committee meeting as they help the Synod engage more deeply with the Bible, learn more about church traditions, become better equipped to serve the work of Christ and grow in spirituality and faith.
20	On this International Day of Acceptance, let us pray Annie Hopkin's message of empowerment and love is celebrated and renews a focus on the acceptance of disabilities.
21	Pray for all those whose work requires travel including bus drivers, truck drivers, delivery drivers and others who spend hours on the road. Grant them patience as they navigate winter driving conditions.
22	Pray for those who are struggling under the weight of personal and professional challenges. Put them on a healing path and shine a light on their destination so they may clearly see the way out from under their burdens.
23	Pray for teachers at all levels who enlighten, enrich and encourage a life-long love of learning. May all teachers be fair, honest and open to enhancing their own knowledge.
24	Pray for our Synod Staff as they meet. Grant them guidance, wisdom and support as they engage in meaningful discussion.
25	Pray for our Synod Finance Committee 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.
26	Pray for justice in our economic, social and legal systems. Sustain food banks, shelters, public defenders, and programs advocating for fairness and representation for all.
27	Pray for the homeless, that they may stay safe and warm. Bless the shelters and community resources who extend genuine hospitality.
28	Pray for those attending Faithful Innovations at Fortune Lake. Bless the congregational teams and open their hearts and minds to hearing God message and how best to listen to the wants and needs of their church family, their neighbors and their communities.
29	Pray for the members of St. John Church, Columbia, MD, St. John-Creagerstown, Thurmont, MD, St. John Church, Cumberland, MD, St. John – Edgemere, Baltimore, MD, and St. John – Franklin Ave.; Baltimore, MD.
30	Pray for Tabata Shule Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and their NGLS partner congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church in Ishpeming.
31	Pray that all of us going through difficult times see Jesus as our friend and find comfort in these words, "Lean on me when you're not strong and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on."

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