



A Year of Prayer
A Lifetime of Praying!

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Prayer Calendar – April 2023

1	Pray for those on the Autism spectrum, their families, friends and those who advocate, educate and celebrate their individuality. Pray we discover those with Autism are Always Unique Totally Interesting Sometimes Mysterious.
2	On this Palm Sunday, pray for all who welcome Jesus into their hearts and boldly proclaim, “Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”
3	Pray for pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: Linda Forray (4/3), George Kaiser (4/14) and Nancy Kauppi (4/16).
4	Pray for accountants, treasurers, and tax preparers as they work long hours helping others get their taxes sent in on time.
5	Pray for minorities seeking fair and affordable access to health care. Bless the providers who bring their experience and expertise to the underserved.
6	On this Maundy Thursday, just as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we pray that each of us may find joy and fulfillment in a life of service to others as disciples of our Savior, Jesus the Christ.
7	On this Good Friday, we pray with gratitude that “You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky, Lord I lift Your name on high.”
8	Pray for pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month: Linda Forray (4/8), Breanne Kinnunen (4/22), and Terry Frankenstein (4/23).
9	 <p>On this glorious Easter we proclaim “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!” “Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!”</p> <p><i>The Lord is Risen!</i></p>
10	Pray the Golden Rule is not simply referenced but revered and put into practice across the world. Pray all people fearlessly act with compassion, empathy and respect. Pray that all people value their integrity and hold it dear when tempted by money, power or fame.
11	Pray for all our Seminary students, especially Krystle Moraska, as they continue their preparation for rostered ministry.
12	Pray for our NGLS Staff as they meet to discuss and conduct the business of our Synod. Bless their ongoing commitment to serving the needs of our congregations.
13	Pray all people will discover their God-given gifts and nurture them and engage them for the greater good. For those who coach, mentor, guide and coax these gifts, a prayer of gratitude for their dedication.
14	Pray for all participants in the Youth Advocacy Retreat as they gather today through April 16. Bless their exploration into social justice as it relates to hunger, biases against minorities and countless other topics deserving of our advocacy and civil engagement.

15	In this National OT month, we pray for all occupational therapists who bring independence to activities of daily living. Bless their treatment strategies as they support individuals recovering from accidents, illness, and injuries.
16	Pray for all active and reserve duty military as they serve our country and support others throughout the world in our unwavering quest for peace. Bless their families as they too serve in their unselfish sacrifice of not having their loved ones home.
17	Pray for those giving and receiving donated organs. Comfort those waiting for organs and bless those who give lifesaving gifts in the midst of personal loss.
18	Pray we find that in “God there is a welcome, in God we all belong. May that welcome be our song!” Dare us to claim the promise of your love!
19	Pray for all participants in the Christ’s Kaleidoscope meeting as they put love into action and see others as Jesus sees us.
20	Pray for pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: Sherry Van Lishout (4/20). Chrys Hendrick (4/28), and Bob Patrick (4/29).
21	Pray for the upcoming Synod Assembly, which takes place next month at Northern Michigan University.
22	Today is Earth Day. Pray for our planet and for all creation. Empower and enlighten us as its caretakers that we responsibly preserve it for future generations by leaving it better than we found it.
23	Pray for Pastor Grant Van Lishout as he is installed as the Pastor at Prince of Peace in Eagle River. Bless his ministry, the congregation and the community as he leads them in thought, word and deed.
24	Pray for those living with diabetes as they seek to manage their condition.
25	Pray for Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service as they work with people who have fled from their homes due to famine, hunger, war, or natural disasters.
26	Pray for our Northern Great Lakes Synod Staff as they meet today in Marquette and make plans for our ministries in our Synod and around the ELCA.
27	Pray for those participating in the Lifelong Faith Formation Committee meeting as they seek ways to increase knowledge and understanding of the Bible, church history and contemporary Christian issues.
28	Pray for the participants in the Synod Council meeting today and tomorrow. As they walk together, make them courageous leaders who work collaboratively in meeting the diverse challenges of coordinating Synod ministries, educational opportunities, financial challenges and fostering partnerships within our institutions and congregations.
29	Pray for the congregations of St. Mark, Estonian (Laurel MD), St. Mark, Hagerstown, St. Mark, Hampstead, St. Mark, Myersville-Wolfsvill, St. Mark, Snydersburg, (Hampstead MD), St. Mark-St. Paul St., (Baltimore MD) and ST. Mark, (Wilmington DE).
30	Pray for the members of Mbagala Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and their NGLS mission partner Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rhinelander.