



A Year of Prayer  
A Lifetime of Praying!

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## Prayer Calendar – May 2023

<b>1</b>	Pray for pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: Philip Johnson (5/1), Catie Ford (5/3), Grant Van Lishout (5/12), Tammy Barthels (5/13), and Rita Chirala (5/15).
<b>2</b>	May is Mental Health Awareness Month; Pray that through associated events and activities we raise awareness of trauma and the impact it may have on the physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing of children, families, and communities.
<b>3</b>	Pray for all those young adults who are confirmed this spring. May they continue to grow in faith towards Jesus Christ, our Savior.
<b>4</b>	Pray for all older Americans. Pray we respect and honor our elders accepting their wisdom and guidance on our own life journey.
<b>5</b>	Pray for Licensed Lay Ministers who celebrate birthdays this month: Virginia Paulson (5/5).
<b>6</b>	Today begins National Nursing Week through May 12. Pray for all nurses everywhere as they welcome the newborn, care for the ill and comfort the dying. Bless this spectrum and continuum of care unique to nurses.
<b>7</b>	May is Better Speech and Hearing Month. Pray for all Speech Pathologists and Audiologists as they evaluate and treat the young and old who present with developmental, neurologic, and age-related cognitive and communication impairments.
<b>8</b>	Pray for all teachers, students, and staff at all levels of education as the school year winds down. Ease the anxiety associated with final exams, celebrate the achievement of each milestone and bless the next steps of their academic journey.
<b>9</b>	Pray for our clergy celebrating anniversaries of their ordinations this month: Nick Johannes (5/10), Douglas Buck (5/18), Tom Otis (5/21), Tera Kossow (5/22) Norman Peterson (5/23), George Kaiser (5/24), and John Shallow (5/24).
<b>10</b>	Pray for our Northern Great Lakes Synod Staff as they finalize plans for our Synod Assembly and continue to lead ministries in our Synod and around the ELCA.
<b>11</b>	Pray that all people may persevere through varied life setbacks and find strength in seizing these challenges as opportunities.
<b>12</b>	Pray for those who provide childcare and for those seeking affordable childcare. Children learn through play, through interaction and through structured activities. Bless these opportunities and those who provide them.
<b>13</b>	Pray we commit to observing, watching and listening to what our communities need from us. Compel us to invest in their future gifting our time, talent and treasure.
<b>14</b>	Pray for mothers everywhere on Mother's Day. Pray for the women who long to be mothers or grieve infertility, miscarriage, and other losses of their children; and for all who grieve the loss of their mother. Pray that mothers recognize they don't have to be perfect to be an amazing mom.
<b>15</b>	Pray for those participating in the Synod Assembly online workshops this week. Open their hearts and minds to the sustaining power of education.

<b>16</b>	Pray for the congregations of St. Martin, (Annapolis, MD), St. Mary Lutheran (Westminster MD), St. Matthew (Keedysville, MD), St. Paul (Aberdeen, MD) St. Paul (Burkittsville, MD) St Paul (Cumberland, MD) and St. Paul-Curtis Bay (Baltimore, MD)
<b>17</b>	Pray for all those planning, leading, and attending Baccalaureate services – that faith will continue to be supported in our communities and students will grow in their faith throughout their lives.
<b>18</b>	Pray for all those who are participating in our Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly today through May 20 at NMU. May our Synod continue to grow in faith and wisdom as we spread the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord to all the world and equip the saints for ministry.
<b>19</b>	Pray for students who will be graduating from high schools, colleges and universities. May they be strong and courageous. May they not be afraid; May they not be discouraged, for the Lord their God will be with them wherever they go. ~Joshua 1:9
<b>20</b>	Pray for those impacted by suicide and for the families and friends suicide has devastated. Pray the darkness of today gives way to the light and promise of tomorrow. Pray that asking for help is seen as courageous and those answering that call for help are guided by your comfort and strength.
<b>21</b>	Pray for pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: John Shallow (5/21) and Jack Busche (5/28).
<b>22</b>	Pray for farmers and gardeners as they prepare and plant their crops and gardens. You have given us what we need to grow our food and feed our families. Thank you for the rain and sun as seeds take root and our bounty is brought forth.
<b>23</b>	Pray for wildlife emerging from hibernation and giving birth to their young that they will find the food they need and be strong as they nurture a new generation.
<b>24</b>	Pray for our clergy celebrating anniversaries of their ordinations this month: Dean Peterson (5/26), Doug Schoen (5/27), Tommy Richter (5/30), Mary Weinkauff (5/30), and Christine Thomas-Echelbarger (5/31).
<b>25</b>	Pray for neighborhood connections as winter gives way to outdoor opportunities. Pray we see the power of a smile, a casual wave or a simple conversation as we venture outside for yardwork, walks and longer days.
<b>26</b>	Pray for our Synod Staff as they follow-up on decisions and plans that were made during the Synod Assembly.
<b>27</b>	Pray for camps and camping ministries, especially Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, as they gear up for the summer and as their summer staff members are trained. May the Holy Spirit empower and guide them as they watch over all who will be in their care this summer.
<b>28</b>	Pray for members of Magomeni Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and their partner congregation Zion Lutheran Church, Manistique.
<b>29</b>	On this Memorial Day, we remember all US military personnel who have died serving our country. We grieve with their families and pray that the day will come when no more wars are fought, and no more soldiers die
<b>30</b>	Pray all people embrace curiosity and originality. Remind them the quality of their life is enhanced by the quality of the people in their life.
<b>31</b>	Pray these words will give us comfort and assurance that we are not alone; “As you go on your way, may God go with you. May God go before you to show you the way. May God go behind you to encourage you, beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over, within you to give you peace.”

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