



A Year of Prayer  
A Lifetime of Praying!

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## Prayer Calendar – February 2024

1	Pray for both the Synod Council/Synod Dwelling in the Word members and the Leadership Support Committee as they meet. Keep them aware of God's presence and the Spirit's movement through scripture as they gather in a community of faith. We pray the Leadership Support Committee identifies and develops strategies to effectively support and strengthen our church leaders.
2	Pray for all our African American brothers and sisters as they celebrate their heritage, their culture, and their impactful contributions to our world during Black History Month.
3	Pray for pastors and licensed lay ministers who celebrate birthdays this month: (2/03), Doug Norquist (2/10), Craig Mansur (2/12), Doug Schoen (2/14), Don Ludemann (2/14) and Michael Holman (2/14).
4	Pray for all our ELCA Seminaries and for all the seminary students. This month we lift in prayer Wade Crevier from our synod.
5	Pray for the World Hunger Committee as they meet today via Zoom. May the Holy Spirit encourage, lead, and guide them in their strategies to meet the global humanitarian crises which leave people without life- saving resources.
6	Pray for our Finance Committee when they meet. We give thanks for the generosity of our congregations and pray for wisdom in our management and oversight of these gifts.
7	Pray for deacons and pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month: Lori Ward (2/7), Steven Solberg (2/12), Chrys Hendrick (2/14), and Cathy Morris (2/23).
8	Pray for our Synod Staff as they meet. May God bless them in all they do as they lead us to spread God's blessings throughout our Synod, nation, and world. Pray also for the Worship Committee as they meet to strengthen the impact of our services through message, music, and membership engagement.
9	Pray for those who lead us within our communities, our state, our country, and the world. May they work cooperatively and creatively for the greater good. Pray for patience as they work through disagreements and opportunities for compromise.
10	Pray for all those enjoying the outdoor winter activities that make our northern communities someplace special. Instill in them a sense of reverence for God's creation. May they be respectful of people and property.
11	Pray for those battling eating disorders. Pray for healing of their mind and body. May they find comfort in God's word and through trust in God and themselves, a restored body and spirit.
12	Pray for all families. From their roots to stems keep them strong and steadfast in their love for you and each other.
13	We pray married couples are reminded love is the common bond that strengthens over time, enriches their relationship in times of joy and uplifts them during times of trial.

14	On this Ash Wednesday, pray a prayer of repentance for yourself and lift all Christians as we reflect on our journey to the cross. May this Lenten pilgrimage help us to grow in our faith and our ability to live out God's abiding love in our lives.
15	Pray for the faith-filled and for those with little or no faith. Help all people to see "Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above. With wisdom, power, and love. Our God is an awesome God!"
16	Pray for pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: Brenda Greenwald (2/16), Andrew Plocher (2/17), Christine Thomas-Echelbarger (2/22), Les Niemi (2/25), and Wally Leno (2/27).
17	Pray that we may all demonstrate a random act of kindness. Surprise someone with a friendly gesture, an encouraging word, an unexpected gift, or a charitable contribution.
18	Pray for worship leaders, musicians, and ministry techs as they continue to adapt to the needs of congregation members who worship in church or remotely.
19	Tomorrow is World Day for Social Justice, pray for fair and just relations between all individuals in our society as they are confronted with poverty, exclusion, gender inequality, human rights violations, and social media attacks. Pray for advocates of those who have suffered at the hands of others, and for those who work to change our social systems and government programs.
20	Bless the solemn Chrism Mass at Faith Lutheran in Sault St. Marie. Through this historical ritual may all who are witnesses be strengthened in their faith.
21	Pray for all who are experiencing loss. God's tears mingle with theirs as they mourn the loss of a loved one, a home or job. Be with those who have lost hope or security. May stability be restored to their lives.
22	Pray for the congregations of Christ Lutheran, Millersville, MD, Christ Lutheran, Upperco, MD, Christus Victor, Baltimore, MD, Church on the Square (Canton Mission) Baltimore, MD, Community Omar, Frankford, DE. Community of St. Dysmas, Baltimore, MD, Conococheague Parish, Clear Spring, MD and Divinity Lutheran, Towson, MD.
23	Pray for people of all ages who find themselves subject to bullying. Give them the courage to ignore the cruelty and find solace in the surety of God's love.
24	Pray we embrace and encourage our youth. Empower them to set an example in their speech, their conduct, their love, and their faith.
25	Pray for all women and girls who long for an education and face a variety of barriers including cultural, societal, and regional conflict. Open the world's eyes to the power of learning and the impact it can have on all humankind.
26	Pray for all those families and individuals dealing with mental illness. Help them to see the promise of each new day. Pray that all levels of government will provide resources to keep patients safe and provide effective treatment for them.
27	Pray for Bishop Finegan as she travels to and attends the Conference of Bishops through March 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Pray for faith-filled energy and inspiration during this time of reflection, study, and fellowship.
28	Pray for the members of Mtoni Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and their NGLS mission partner Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Marquette.
29	Pray for patience when things do not go our way. Help us keep our anger and frustration in check so that we may think clearly and make sound decisions.