



A Year of Prayer

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## Prayer Calendar – March 2024

1	Pray for closer, more meaningful relationships with God as our Lenten journey continues. May this be a time of renewal in our faith.
2	Pray for the gift of literacy. When we read, somewhere in the world a door opens to allow light to enter our lives. Pray that through reading, we light a spark for good in the world.
3	Pray for our pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: Julie Belew (3/03), Tom Otis (3/09) and Sarah Semmler Smith (3/12).
4	Pray for those who have stopped listening to and for God's voice. Remind them the voice of God is filled with power and splendor.
5	Pray for those moving through life on cruise control. Empower them to make a U-turn and find the confidence to start over.
6	Pray today for an impactful Synod Assembly planning committee meeting. May their voices merge in unity and their vision for this year's meeting be fulfilled.
7	Pray for those participating in Dwelling in the Word via zoom. May this gathering fuel the faithful to continue to raise their awareness to God's presence and the Spirit's movement by listening and reflecting on Scripture.
8	On this International Women's Day, we pray women are inspired to embrace their inner strength and to continue raising awareness to the rights of women and a recognition of the role they play in global stability. May their actions create an inspiring legacy.
9	Pray for all our ELCA Seminaries and for all the seminary students. This month we especially pray for Wade Crevier.
10	Pray for all individuals and congregations who are searching for ways to bring Jesus into the lives of the unchurched. Bless their efforts to change skeptics into believers.
11	Pray we find strength in the roots of our faith as we continue to spread God's love with the power of the Holy Spirit. This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine, let it shine, all the time, let it shine.
12	Bless the Chrism Mass for Conferences 1 & 2 in Chassell and for Conferences 3, 4 & 5 the Chrism Mass on the 19 <sup>th</sup> in Florence. May it remind us of our oneness with Christ as the Holy oils we use for sacraments are blessed or consecrated.
13	Pray for our pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month: Brahm Semmler Smith (3/13) Sarah Semmler Smith (3/13) Soren Schmidt (3/20) and Rita Chirala (3/21).
14	Pray for all who have been displaced from their homes due to conflict, disaster, famine, or war; and for Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (now known as Global Refuge) as they assist those who are seeking a new home.
15	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.

16	Pray for these congregations, Abiding Lutheran, Columbia, MD, All Saints Lutheran, Baltimore MD, Amazing Grace, Baltimore MD, Ascension Lutheran, Towson, MD, Augsburg Lutheran, Baltimore, MD, Beaver Creek Parish, Keedysville, MD, Bethany Lutheran, Brunswick, MD and Bethel Lutheran, Frederick, MD.
17	Pray for those participating in the Companion Synod meeting. We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world. Together we will enrich and deepen our ministries by exposing us to global challenges and perspectives as we seek to collaborate with one another to build up the body of Christ.
18	Pray for Kijichi Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and their NGLS mission partner First Lutheran Church, Gladstone.
19	On this first day of Spring, we pray that as the earth awakens from its winter slumber, our faith too will burst forth and grow as it is nurtured by the waters of heaven and the light of God's love.
20	Pray for those participating in the Lutheran Campus Ministry meeting via zoom. May their efforts encourage all college communities to stay strong, pray enthusiastically and keep the faith as they trust in God even when it is difficult to do so.
21	Pray for the Worship Committee as they meet to set the tone for our services and identify opportunities to engage our congregations. May their ongoing efforts inspire and uplift the church.
22	On this World Water Day, pray for sustainable sources of clean drinking water for all people.
23	Pray for our pastors who celebrate their birthdays this month: Doug Buck (3/24), Allan Johnson (3/25) and Scott Ehle (3/25).
24	On this Palm Sunday, our praise is rising. Our eyes are turning to You. Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You. We long for You. Because when we see You, we find strength to face the day. In Your Presence all our fears are washed away. <u>Hosanna</u> (Paul Baloche)
25	Pray for all families who are traveling during spring break. Bring them safely to and from their destinations and may their time together be one of reconnecting and renewal.
26	Pray those developing and utilizing technology choose to enhance the positive and healthy benefits and shun the dangerous and dark sites.
27	Pray for the end of injustice throughout the world. Instead, let justice flow like a river and righteousness flow like an unfailing stream. Lead us to opportunities to talk about your grace, mercy, and forgiveness.
28	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.
29	On this Good Friday, we lift Your name on high. Christ died once for our sins, that he might bring us to God. May we stand in awe of Jesus' sacrifice and put our trust in him.
30	Pray for those trapped in the darkness of sin. Give them hope, for where there is hope there is light. Open their hearts to this truth; no one is outside of God's love.
31	On this Easter Sunday, we give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus' resurrection. We rejoice knowing...He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own. And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known. <u>In the Garden</u> (Ed Bruce)