



A Year of Prayer
A Lifetime of Praying!

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Prayer Calendar – May 2024

1	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).
2	On this National Day of Prayer, we pray for those participating in Dwelling in the Word via Zoom. May they love God's Word so much they cannot keep the good news to themselves.
3	May is Mental Health 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 well-being of children, families, and communities.
4	Pray we resist compromising our integrity for money, power, or fame.
5	Pray for Licensed Lay Minister Virginia Paulson who celebrates her birthday today.
6	Today begins National Nursing Week through the 12 th . 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.
7	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.
8	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.
9	Pray for our clergy celebrating anniversaries of their ordinations this month: Nick Johannes (5/10), Douglas Buck (5/18), Tom Otis (5/21), Norman Peterson (5/23), and George Kaiser (5/24).
10	Pray for all workers who are scheduled for the overnight shift. Keep us mindful as we sleep, they are caring for the sick, protecting the vulnerable, stocking the shelves, staffing the assembly lines and in countless capacities keeping our economy moving forward.
11	We pray for Fair Trade as we bring issues before God, asking that God's love and justice will transform the rules and practices of trade. May we remain committed to building healthy and sustainable communities world-wide.
12	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. We also pray for all those young adults who are confirmed this spring. May they continue to grow in faith towards Jesus Christ, our Savior.
13	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.
14	Pray for those impacted by suicide and for the families and friends who are devastated. Pray the darkness of today gives way to the light and promise of tomorrow. Pray that those who make and receive the calls for help are guided by your comfort and strength.
15	We pray we open our hearts and minds to make room for diverse expressions of faith. We give thanks for voices that challenge us and bring us together in God's name.

16	Pray for the congregations of Faith Lutheran -North Ave (Baltimore MD), Faith Lutheran (Salisbury MD), Feagaville Parish (Frederick MD) First English Lutheran (Baltimore MD) First Lutheran (Ellicott City, MD) Foxville-Greensburg Parish (Smithsburg, MD) Glen Lutheran (Glen Burnie, MD) and Global Peace Lutheran Fellowship (Frederick, MD)
17	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.
18	Pray for all those who are participating in our Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly today. 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.
19	Pray that when we are worried, we know we can give our troubles to God, for God is always listening.
20	Pray that no matter how many times we lose our way, get turned around or simply stuck that we know God will always guide us and welcome us back home.
21	Pray for camping ministries at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, as they gear up for summer. May the Holy Spirit empower and guide them as they watch over all who are in their care.
22	Pray for farmers and gardeners as they prepare and plant their crops and gardens. God has given us what we need to grow our food and feed our families. We thank God for the rain and sun as seeds take root and our bounty is brought forth.
23	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.
24	Pray for members of Magomeni Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and their partner congregation Zion Lutheran Church, Manistique.
25	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).
26	Pray for all the faithful around the world as we celebrate the mysteries of God in three persons on this Holy Trinity Sunday. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty. Our song shall rise to thee.
27	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.
28	Pray for pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: Jack Busche (5/28).
29	Pray for all who are grieving, ill, in pain or in despair. Strengthen them in their weakness and give them confidence in God's loving care.
30	Pray all people find the courage and confidence to take that first step toward a new job, a new relationship, returning to church, welcoming a stranger, exploring ways to give back and becoming healthier. Remind them the quality of their life is enhanced by the quality of the people in their life.
31	"The road is long, with many a winding turn, that leads us to who knows where," we pray God will accompany and guide us as our life's journey continues. Open us up to the wonder of God's creation and the endless gifts and opportunities God bestows upon us.