

Prayer Calendar – November 2024

1	On this All Saints' Day, we recall the names and faces of those family and friends who have gone before us. May we remember on this feast that it is God's grace, apart from our works, which makes us saints. We pray that we find lasting rest in the mercy of God.
2	Pray we all find reasons to be happy. May we measure our success by the positive impact we have on those across the street and around the world.
3	Pray for pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: Katherine Finegan (11/03), LaVonne Stephenson (11/09), George Candea-Kromm (11/11), and Mike Laakko (11/13).
4	Pray for pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month: Thomas Skrenes (11/16), Paul Heykes (11/22), and Steven Anderson (11/28).
5	On this election day, pray for voters, volunteers, and candidates. Keep us steadfast in our commitment to democracy. May we cherish the gift and privilege of free elections.
6	On this National Stress Day, let us pray for all people who are experiencing stress related to both personal and professional challenges. Be with them as they struggle to balance the demands of life and the responsibilities of daily living. Give them refuge in your love.
7	Pray for those from twelve synods participating in the Boundaries Training. Bless their collaborative learning, group discussions and Zoom interactions.
8	November is National Adoption Month. Pray for families touched by adoption - those who have adopted a child or have given a child to others through adoption. We also pray for children in foster care. May they soon find love and stability in a forever home.
9	Pray for athletes at all levels who have been injured. Grant them the care they need to heal and the patience to recover fully before attempting to resume their participation.
10	Pray for those participating 11/10 through 11/12 at the First Call Theological Conference in Marathon, WI. We pray they will be guided by their love of Christ, their passion for ministry and their joy in serving.
11	On this Veterans Day, we pray for all veterans. We thank them for defending our nation and standing up for oppressed people everywhere. We ask God to heal those who are facing PTSD and other physical and psychological injuries. May we love our country and live with pride. May we not forget those who died. All gave some and some gave all.
12	Pray all people are guided by this simple oath: "I promise to stay humble, work hard and be kind."
13	Pray we are guided by the one true light. Remind us life may take us to unexpected places, but love is what brings us home.
14	Pray for those participating in the Walking with Our Indigenous Neighbors Task Force being held at the Synod office and via Zoom. Inspire an honest and impactful discussion to increase understanding of the impacts of colonization on Indigenous people.
15	Pray for all hunters to have a safe and successful season. We thank those who share their bounty with the hungry in their communities.

16	Pray that when God closes a door, we will praise him in the hallway! Make us better listeners so we can hear when he is calling us. Lead on, dear Lord, lead on.
17	In these days of emphasis on stewardship, we pray that we may become better stewards of all that God has given us: our planet and its resources, ourselves, our time, our talents, and our possessions; all signs of God's gracious love.
18	Pray for the Endowment Committee meeting via Zoom. Guide them in their discussion and their wise decisions regarding the use of these funds.
19	We pray for pastors celebrating birthdays this month: Earl Bergh (11/20), Tom Wickstrom (11/22), David Van Kley (11/25), and Molly Hunter (11/29).
20	Pray for the LLM supervisors as they meet at the synod office. They are tasked with the mentoring of these faithful companions of God. May their support encourage passionate and profound ministry.
21	Pray for the Leadership Support Committee as they meet via Zoom. Bless their commitment to supportive and sustainable solutions for our leadership's growth and development.
22	Pray for the members of Mbezi Beach Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and their NGLS partner congregation Eden Lutheran, Munising.
23	Pray for all leaders. Motivate them to facilitate collaboration versus conflict. Give them insight, perseverance, and strength that they continue to put the needs of the many over the needs of the few or the one.
24	On this Christ the King Sunday, we pray that we may follow our Lord and King faithfully and fully. Help us to give our whole lives to conducting his mission in our world.
25	Pray for all women who are subjected to physical and/or sexual violence. Give them the courage to speak up against their abuser and access to safe and sustainable options. Pray that all countries prioritize their safety.
26	Pray for those traveling to be with family, friends, and loved ones. Pray for those who may have anxiety in anticipation of large gatherings. For those encountering delays and detours, grant them patience in reaching their destinations.
27	Pray for Licensed Lay Ministers who celebrate birthdays this month: Andy Hill (11/28). Pray also for Deacons who celebrate a birthday this month: Lori Ward (11/28).
28	We give thanks this day for the blessings God has bestowed upon us – the blessings we see around us in our daily lives; our health, families, and friends; the blessings that we overlook; and most of all the blessings of hope which we have in our Lord, Jesus Christ.
29	Pray on this Black Friday, all people will put God before goods. Shopping is an opportunity to be grateful for our blessings and mindful of those who struggle to afford the basics. Giving to others builds social connections and they will know we are Christians by our love.
30	As we prepare for Advent, we pray our hearts and minds are open to these words, "Mightier than the waves of the sea is His love for you."