



Pray For Us Calendar

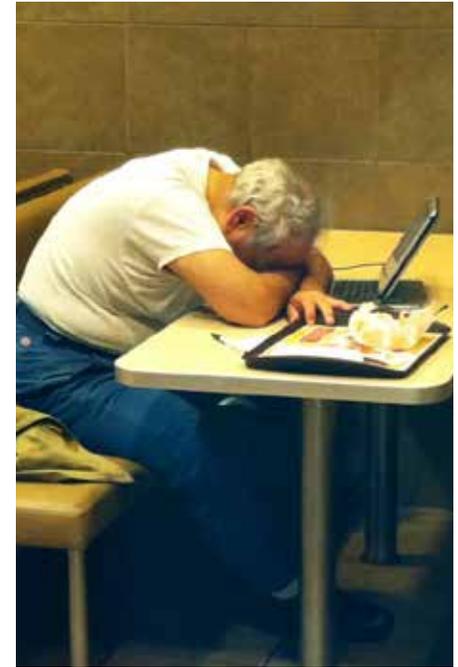
These Prayer requests were submitted by coworkers in the Lord's mission.

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DISASTER RESPONSE AND MINISTRY – MARCH 1-31 The LCMS responds to immediate and long-term needs in the face of manmade and natural disasters, partnering with districts, partner churches and Recognized Service Organizations to reach out in mercy and love. These prayer requests relate to some recent natural disasters around the globe.

Remember the Lord's work in Disaster Response and Ministry as you pray:

- 1.** for the ministry of the Disaster Response staff, especially the Rev. Glenn Merrit, LCMS director of Disaster Response and the Rev. John A. Fale, director of LCMS Mercy Operations. Pray that God would grant Glenn and his staff hearts to serve people in times of great need, and joy in the work they do in sharing the Gospel of Christ through the Word and acts of mercy.
- 2.** with thanksgiving for LCMS National Disaster Response Conferences, that attendees leave better equipped with skills and information that will be helpful when disasters arise.
- 3.** that resources would be available to continue to provide disaster response conferences in order that our church members are continually educated and prepared to respond in times of crisis, and how to best use these opportunities to show mercy to others and be a witness to our faith and foundation in Christ.
- 4.** for those continuing to recover from Hurricane Sandy. Pray that those who have lost loved ones, homes and other possessions would find stability, strength and support in God's Word and in the comfort of the community of believers at local congregations.
- 5.** for the ongoing disaster relief efforts in the New Jersey and Atlantic districts as they turn to long-term recovery plans. Pray for the leaders as they plan to set up staging areas to help distribute building supplies for families and volunteers.
- 6.** for the volunteers and first responders to the New Jersey and Atlantic Districts, that God would strengthen their hearts to put mercy into action and serve those who are in need.
- 7.** for all the families grieving the loss of children and loved ones at the Sandy Hook Elementary school shooting in December. May God grant them peace in a time of sorrow and guide them to the hope that is found in Jesus Christ.
- 8.** with thanksgiving for the work of Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) who provided the Newton, CT community with Comfort Dogs to help those mourning the tragedy of the school shooting. Pray also for thanks for their service in other disasters including the tornado in Joplin, MO and the recent Hurricane Sandy.
- 9.** for those affected by the floods in Minot, ND, where nearly one-fourth of the residents were left homeless after the Souris River's spring floods in 2011. Pray that these people find comfort and strength in Christ's Gospel as they rebuild their lives.
- 10.** for Our Savior, St. Mark and St. Paul Lutheran Churches in Minot, ND, whom God is using to meet the needs of the homeless families and others affected by the flooding. Pray for the Lord to continue to grant these congregations hearts of mercy and grace, and that He would sustain them as they serve their neighbors in love.
- 11.** for families who were devastated by wildfires in Colorado in June 2012. Pray that God would strengthen those who lost loved ones with His saving message of the Gospel.
- 12.** for families affected by wildfires in Montana and Utah in 2012. Pray that these families turn to God for guidance and strength in a time of uncertainty as they continue to recover from this disaster.
- 13.** for those whose homes were lost or damaged in the wildfires that swept across central Texas in 2011. Pray that God would bless the disaster training efforts in the Texas district, and provide comfort for those who are in need.



Exhausted resident of Staten Island, in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy

INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- View photos from the Disaster Response Conference that was held in October 2011. Visit <https://picasaweb.google.com/LutheranMOSynod/2011InternationalDisasterResponseConferenceForLutherans>.
- Keep up to date with the latest disaster response news and information on the Mercy Blog at <http://mercyforever.lcms.org>.
- Read disaster stories from the Synod's official newspaper, Reporter, on its website at www.lcms.org/reporter.
- Read the January 2012 issue of The Lutheran Witness for special disaster relief coverage and highlights. Articles are also available online at www.lcms.org/witness.

Remember the Lord's work in Disaster Response and Ministry as you pray:

14. *for the continued relief and recovery efforts in Japan following the March 2011 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster. This calamity has opened doors of ministry in Niigata, where a congregation of the Japan Lutheran Church is present.*

15. *for the ministry of Japan Lutheran Emergency Relief, a joint effort between the Japan Lutheran Church, the West Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church and others. Pray for the Lord to guide this group as its members continue to assess needs and make decisions about the use of resources.*

16. *for the people of Japan, as they continue to grapple with this disaster and its effects. Pray that through suffering and confusion, the Holy Spirit would open their hearts to the truth and comfort of Christ's Gospel.*

17. *for the people in Joplin, MO who were affected by a massive tornado in 2011. Remember those who are still mourning the loss of loved ones and who are trying to rebuild their lives after losing homes, jobs, vehicles and more.*

18. *for the ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church and Martin Luther School, an LCMS congregation and school located in Joplin. Give thanks for the leadership and passion of the congregation and school's staff members in providing support and encouragement to meet the needs of the community in Christ's name.*

19. *for the long-term recovery plans and post-disaster ministry in Chile,*

which was struck by a devastating earthquake in 2010.

20. *for the long-term recovery plans and ministry opportunities for those affected by an intense tornado in Myanmar in 2010.*

21. *for people across 13 eastern states who suffered effects from Hurricane Irene in 2011, and for LCMS congregations in the areas as they continue to minister to them and support those whose homes suffered damage from flash floods.*

22. *for those who suffered the affects of tornadoes in Iowa in April 2012. Pray that these families find comfort and strength in God's word to rebuild their lives.*

23. *for the people in the Philippines who suffered from the destruction of Typhoon Bopha in December 2012. Pray that relief efforts would be swift and timely in the wake of tragedy.*

24. *for the members of the Lutheran Church in the Philippines who are suffering the loss of loved ones, their homes and basic immediate needs.*

25. *with thanksgiving for the disaster response training conference in the Asia Pacific region received only days before Typhoon Bopha hit, that their training be useful to them in assisting and caring for those who have lost homes, possessions and loved ones.*

26. *for those in Guatemala who are suffering in the aftermath of a destructive earthquake in November 2012, that those who have lost*

loved ones, the wounded and those suffering from homelessness will find refuge and strength through the LCMS Disaster Response team and the message of the Gospel that they bring.

27. *with thanksgiving that there have been many opportunities to share the Gospel in Guatemala and many doors have been opened to share God's Word and show mercy to all who are in need.*

28. *for the volunteers from LCMS congregations who travel to help relief efforts in areas of devastation, that God would work through their actions and words to help bring the news of the Gospel to people who are hurting.*

29. *for all victims of disasters, that the Lord would strengthen their faith in the midst of trials and provide them the hope, comfort and strength that only He can give.*

30. *for all volunteers, caregivers and workers who minister to victims of disasters, that God would guide them to show Christ's mercy and love in times of devastation and confusion. Pray that God's Word would bring peace to troubled souls around the globe.*

31. *for the synod president, the Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, that he remain a faithful leader and role model, and that God would grant him wisdom and discernment in his care for our church body in times of crisis.*

MISSIONARY & PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS

Download missionary & other personnel prayer cards from the LCMS website:

www.lcms.org/prayercards.

March 5 Joel Klammer, Shanghai

March 13 Kay Lindsay, Shanghai

March 16 John Mehl, Hong Kong;
Shauna Strohschein, Hong Kong

March 19 Ardith Vandercook, Asia

March 21 Nicole Barthel, Asia

March 22 David Baker, Kazakhstan

March 31 Anton Lutz, Papua New Guinea;
Amanda Groshek, Taiwan

MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS

IN MARCH: Chaplain Cristiano Artigas, Chaplain Eric Ebb, Chaplain John Meyer, Chaplain Rodney Armon, Chaplain Leander Berndt, Chaplain John Elser, Chaplain Pon Chanthaphon, Chaplain Robert Geaschel, Chaplain David Schilling, Chaplain Mark Steiner, Chaplain Craig Muehler, Chaplain Steven Hokana, Chaplain Robert Crossan, Chaplain Mark Schaarschmidt, Chaplain Michael Sneath



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