



# Pray For Us Calendar

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**MERCY WORK — MARCH 1–31** This month, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) celebrates the many ministries of mercy that LCMS members carry out both at home and abroad. Thanks to the abundant grace we have received through Jesus Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection, we have been freed to acknowledge, to value, to listen to, to have compassion on, to speak up for and to act in mercy toward our neighbors who are hurting and in need.

*Remember God's work through LCMS mercy work as you pray:*

1. with thanksgiving for the mercy of God in sending Jesus to die for us on the cross, thereby freeing us to love and serve our neighbors.
2. for the Mercy Medical Team that will travel to Madagascar later this month. Please pray that God would keep the team members safe and bless their service to the people of Madagascar.
3. for upcoming Mercy Medical Team trips to Kenya and Madagascar later this year, that God would send qualified, passionate medical professionals to care for people who don't have access to adequate medical care.
4. with thanksgiving for the Synod's 160-plus deaconesses. Deaconesses share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through works of mercy, spiritual care and teaching the Christian faith.
5. for Lutheran Housing Support's projects in St. Louis, Mo., and Fort Wayne, Ind., that the Lord would bless the organization's work to revitalize these communities.
6. for the Synod's retired church workers, as they rest from their years of labor. Pray that the LCMS Veterans of the Cross program would have the capacity to assist retired workers who are experiencing financial hardship.
7. for the LCMS Soldiers of the Cross program, that it would be effective in providing emergency support and pastoral care for LCMS church workers during times of crisis.
8. with thanksgiving for the Synod's 1,000-plus parish nurses, who care for the physical and spiritual well-being of LCMS members around the country.
9. for LCMS pastors, as they proclaim the truth and certainty of the Lord's mercy toward us in His Son, Jesus Christ. May the Lord guide and protect them as they lead His people in truth.
10. for chaplains and pastoral counselors who provide spiritual care in hospitals, prisons, police and fire agencies, and other institutions. Ask the Lord to give them strength as they serve people in the midst of some of life's most difficult moments.
11. for LCMS members, that through their loving actions and words many might come to know the salvation that is found only in Christ.
12. for the Synod's domestic disaster-relief ministry. Pray that the Lord would continue to use His people — when tornadoes, hurricanes, floods or fires strike — to reassure the suffering that He is present with them in their time of need.
13. for the Synod's international disaster-relief ministry. Thank the Lord that He uses all things for good and that, even when disaster strikes, He uses the LCMS and her partner churches to share His hope with people around the world.
14. that the Lord would direct the work of LCMS Life and Health Ministries for the good of His people and the world.
15. for the mercy ministries that LCMS missionaries are establishing in Latin America. Pray that these ministries, which are provided alongside the Word and Sacraments, would lead more people to Christ.



*The Rev. Ross Johnson (right), director of LCMS Disaster Response, and Rosalyn Hadley carry flood relief supplies to St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Pensacola, Fla.*

## INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- Do you know what the Bible teaches about abortion, euthanasia and other life issues? Find nearly 200 free resources on many different topics at [lcms.org/life/resources/lifelibrary](http://lcms.org/life/resources/lifelibrary).
- LCMS Disaster Response prepares LCMS members to respond to local disasters through Lutheran Early Response Training (LERT). Learn more about holding a training event in your area at [lcms.org/disaster/resources](http://lcms.org/disaster/resources).
- Mercy Medical Teams are organizing now to provide desperately needed health care to people in underserved regions around the globe. Learn about upcoming trips at [lcms.org/mercyteams](http://lcms.org/mercyteams).

**16.** *for the health and safety of professional medical workers who will travel to West Africa to help fight the Ebola epidemic. In November, the LCMS began offering travel scholarships for Lutheran medical professionals who choose to respond personally in Africa.*

**17.** *that God would give LCMS church workers and congregations courage and wisdom in responding to tragedies in their communities. Pray that they would be able to provide a faithful witness to the Gospel as they care for the hurting.*

**18.** *for the well-being of mercy and aid workers. Please pray that God would give them rest and renewal to continue to care for His children in need.*

**19.** *for the Synod's many Recognized Service Organizations, which provide services to children, the elderly, the disabled and many others.*

**20.** *with thanksgiving for the recent opening of the Hope and a Prayer Center by the Sea in Far Rockaway, N.Y. The outreach center is the result of LCMS mercy work following Superstorm Sandy, which devastated the area in 2012.*

**21.** *for pro-life ministries that support pregnant women in difficult circumstances. Give special thanks for Redeeming Life Maternity Home in Sanford, Fla., and A Place of Refuge Ministries in Milwaukee, Wis., which provide safe housing for new mothers.*

**22.** *that we would always look compassionately on the least among us.*

**23.** *that LCMS members and congregations would be defenders of life — from conception to the end of life — and that they would take advantage of resources to help them do so.*

**24.** *for continuing recovery efforts in the Philippines following the Nov. 8, 2013, typhoon that killed at least 6,000 people and left 4 million displaced. The Lutheran Church in the Philippines — with the help of the LCMS and other organizations — is still at work, helping to build homes and restore livelihoods.*

**25.** *for the Synod's "Planting Gospel Seeds While Serving Human Needs" program, that it would be a blessing to congregations as they seek to reach out to their communities.*

**26.** *for LCMS staff based at the International Center in St. Louis, Mo., who direct, promote and encourage the church's work of mercy in the United States and around the world. Ask the Lord to bless their work and travels.*

**27.** *for the work of mercy that brings clean drinking water, food and education to underserved people in remote areas of the world.*

**28.** *for the various domestic mercy ministry projects that are supported by grants. These projects are carried out by LCMS congregations, Recognized Service Organizations and other groups who serve in Christ's name.*

**29.** *for unborn children around the world, that the Lord would send His holy angels to guard them from all danger.*

**30.** *that the Lord would call congregations and organizations to initiate new mercy projects in their communities and that He would send the resources necessary to cover the costs of these projects.*

**31.** *with thanksgiving for the special gifts and offerings gathered during this month to support mercy ministries in the LCMS.*



*Marlene Soares talks with children at an October 2014 Mercy Medical Team clinic in Madagascar.*

#### MISSIONARY & PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS

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- March 4** Joan Jastram, Japan  
**March 5** Joel Klammer, Asia  
**March 6** Ruth Pollex, Dominican Republic; Harry Steffens, Papua New Guinea  
**March 13** David Warner, Spain; Georgia Witt, Kenya  
**March 22** David Baker, Eurasia  
**March 23** Linda Braun, Germany  
**March 31** Amanda Groshek, Taiwan; Anton Lutz, Papua New Guinea

#### MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH:

Chaplain Jonathan Lorenz, Fort Bliss, Texas; Chaplain Pon Chanthaphon, Japan; Chaplain David Schilling, Spain; Chaplain Mark Steiner, Navy District, Washington, D.C.; Chaplain Steven Hokana, Fort Hood, Texas; Chaplain Robert Crossan, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Chaplain Michael Sneath, Norfolk, Va.