



Pray For Us Calendar

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

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INTERNATIONAL WITNESS — FEBRUARY 1–29 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has a long tradition of international mission work that dates back to the 1880s. This work has encompassed many different witness and mercy projects over the years in some 90 countries around the world. Today, LCMS efforts focus on training pastors, planting churches and starting schools, all while working in collaboration with partner churches in the five mission regions. God has blessed the far reach of LCMS mission work through LCMS members who support this work with prayers and gifts.

Remember God's work through LCMS international witness work as you pray:

- 1.** for all missionaries around the world, as they are separated from friends and family this holiday season. Ask that God would give them comfort and courage.
- 2.** that missionary families would be granted the things they need to serve in other countries, such as visas and work permits, solid educational institutions for their children and high-quality medical facilities near their new homes.
- 3.** that the Lord would open up the hearts and minds of people around the world, so that His grace-filled message can be spread far and wide.
- 4.** for short-term mission teams that are preparing to serve alongside LCMS missionaries and Lutheran partners around the world. We ask that they might be given support and safety in this work to share Christ with others.
- 5.** for the Synod's 36 partner churches around the world, that they would continue to teach Christ's Word in all of its truth and purity.
- 6.** for the children of missionary families, that the Lord would grant them health and flexibility as they adapt to new places and cultures.
- 7.** for political stability around the world. Pray that God would bring peace to war-torn areas so that missionaries are able to safely enter those places to share the Gospel with hurting people.
- 8.** for all refugees around the world, that God would work all things according to His purposes so that more people would have the opportunity to learn about His saving love.
- 9.** for the pastors of the Independent Evangelical–Lutheran Church (SELK), the Synod's partner church in Germany, who are ministering to the flood of refugees to the country. Ask God to energize and encourage them for this fruitful but exhausting work.
- 10.** for the work of the Global Seminary Initiative, that it might strengthen education at Lutheran seminaries around the world and help equip future church workers for service to the Church.
- 11.** for the Bible camps that will be held in the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland this summer. Pray that God would provide willing volunteers for these camps, where hundreds of youth will hear the Gospel and make new Christian friends.
- 12.** that partners — including the Synod, LCMS districts, LCMS congregations, international church partners and others — would work together to effectively share the Gospel with people of every land and language.
- 13.** that God would raise up indigenous pastors, deaconesses and other church leaders to reach out to their own communities and share His saving Word.
- 14.** for Christians around the world who are in danger, that the Lord would protect them from harm and strengthen their faith to face these trials.
- 15.** with thanksgiving for the work God is doing in the hearts of students in Christian schools around the world, such as at Concordia Middle School in Chiayi, Taiwan, where several LCMS missionaries work.



Refugees read through a translated copy of Luther's Small Catechism during Bible study at St. Trinitatisgemeinde, a SELK Lutheran church in Leipzig, Germany.

INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- Learn more about how the SELK is reaching out to Middle Eastern asylum-seekers who are flooding into Germany: blogs.lcms.org/2015/synod-walks-with-german-partner.
- Get the latest Synod news and highlights delivered straight to your inbox. Sign up for "Life Together," a new monthly digital news digest: lcms.org/lifetogetherdigest.
- Visit lcms.org/missionarysupport to learn about current missionaries and to find one to support through your prayers and financial gifts.
- Did you know that the LCMS is working, has working partnerships or has historical work in 90 countries? Learn more about the amazing scope of the Synod's mission work at lcms.org/international.

16. *for the Lutheran preaching station in Macau, which has formed around Concordia English Center. Please pray that through the relationships built at the center, more people would come to know their Savior, Jesus.*

17. *for churches, that they would be unified in purpose and filled with love. Ask that God would heal all divisions so that His people's words and actions might be a witness to others.*

18. *for the new lunch program for children at Castillo Fuerte Mercy House in the impoverished La Victoria district of Lima, Peru. Ask God to use this ministry to meet physical needs while teaching children about God's great love for them.*

19. *for the two new Castillo Fuerte locations set to open in Lima early this year. Pray that God would use these centers to provide a refuge in the Lutheran church to even more children, volunteers and staff members.*

20. *that God would raise up even more missionaries to serve as pastors, deaconesses, teachers and in other roles on the mission field.*

21. *for the training of pastors and evangelists in Africa. Several LCMS missionaries are involved in this work at the seminaries of our partner churches, where they help educate future leaders for these quickly growing churches.*

22. *that all people may come to believe in Jesus' glorious resurrection, which delivers us from sin, death and the power of the devil.*

23. *for the missionary training programs at the seminaries of the LCMS, that future missionaries would be properly equipped for this diverse and sometimes difficult work.*

24. *for the safety of all missionaries, especially those who work in countries that are hostile to the Gospel. Ask God to send His holy angels to guard these faithful people from danger.*

25. *for the children who benefit from "Christ's Care for Children: Kenya," a project of the LCMS Office of International Mission that provides education, meals and spiritual care at boarding-school facilities for Kenyan children who might otherwise not be able to attend school.*

26. *that God's Word and the Small Catechism might be rightly translated into the heart languages of all peoples, that they might come to know the true God.*

27. *for discernment, that we might heed God's call to serve in His name, whether that is around the world or here at home.*

28. *with thanksgiving for all of the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ who support LCMS missionaries through their prayers and gifts. This support helps these missionaries to fulfill their callings.*

29. *with thanksgiving for all past missionaries. Thanks be to God that the Gospel seeds they planted continue to bear much fruit.*



The Rev. Joshua Gale, LCMS career missionary to Peru, greets children for chapel at Castillo Fuerte Mercy House in Lima.

MISSIONARY & PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS

Download the prayer cards of missionaries and other personnel from lcms.org/prayercards.

- Feb. 3** Denise Schlesselman, Czech Republic
- Feb. 4** Shara Cunningham, Kenya; Melissa Hosch, Peru; Peggy Krikava, Eurasia; David Preus, Dominican Republic
- Feb. 6** Mary Aadland, Kenya; Matthew Wasmund, South Korea
- Feb. 8** Christel Neuendorf, Dominican Republic
- Feb. 9** Danelle Putnam, Dominican Republic
- Feb. 10** Kenneth Horvath, Southeast Asia; Eric Semler, Asia
- Feb. 13** Tyler McMiller, Mexico
- Feb. 15** Johanna Stinnett, Ethiopia
- Feb. 22** Leif Hasskarl, Cayman Islands
- Feb. 26** Adam DeGroot, Philadelphia, Pa.; Charles Evanson, Eurasia

MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY:

Chaplain Charles Mallie, Virginia Beach, Va.; Chaplain Lynn Christensen, Camp Lejeune, S.C.; Chaplain Matthew Christensen, Fort Wainwright, Alaska; Chaplain Benjamin Carnahan, Great Lakes, Ill.; Chaplain Dann Ettner, Moffett Army Air Base, Calif.