



# Pray For Us Calendar

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

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**MERCY MINISTRIES — NOVEMBER 1–30** This month, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) celebrates the mercy work being carried out by LCMS members 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 love and serve our neighbors who are hurting and in need.

*Remember God's work through the Synod's mercy ministries as you pray:*

- 1.** that God would soften hearts that are hard to the suffering of others. Ask Him to give all people compassion and a willingness to help and serve their neighbor.
- 2.** with thanksgiving for women around the world who heed the call to serve God's Church as deaconesses. Pray that His kingdom would be served through their acts of mercy with the compassion and love of Jesus.
- 3.** for safe travels for Deaconess Grace Rao, director of LCMS Deaconess Ministry, as she visits deaconess students around the world to provide training and encouragement.
- 4.** that deaconesses would not grow weary or become indifferent to the suffering around them. Instead, ask that God would refresh them each day to love and serve others.
- 5.** for all those who work in prison ministry, that they might find joy in bringing God's Word of hope and healing to those behind bars.
- 6.** for the unborn, the elderly and all those whom our sinful world considers "burdens." Ask God to help us see the way He sees — with eyes of life.
- 7.** that the Jan. 27 March for Life in Washington, D.C., and the Jan. 21 Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco would be an encouragement to those who attend and a positive witness to those they encounter.
- 8.** with thanksgiving for the dedicated volunteers who join the Synod's Mercy Medical Teams. In July, a team provided much-needed medical care to more than 2,000 people in Madagascar in just one week!
- 9.** for safety for Mercy Medical Teams that will travel to Madagascar and Kenya later this year. Ask that their efforts would be a blessing to the people they serve.
- 10.** for God to provide even more skilled volunteers for Mercy Medical Teams. Doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other types of medical professionals, as well as pastors and hard-working laity, are needed.
- 11.** with thanksgiving for the Synod's 1,000-plus parish nurses, who use their many skills to care for the health and well-being of LCMS members.
- 12.** that God would call even more Lutheran registered nurses to serve their churches and communities as parish nurses.
- 13.** for the Synod's domestic disaster-response ministry. Pray that the Lord would continue to use His people to reassure the suffering that He is present with them in their time of need.
- 14.** for the Synod's international disaster-response ministry. Thank the Lord that He uses all things for good. Through disaster response, the LCMS and her partners have been able to share the Gospel with people around the world.
- 15.** with thanksgiving for the thousands of volunteers who have been trained to serve on Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT). LCMS Disaster Response trains these LCMS members to respond to their communities with tangible acts of love and mercy following a disaster.



Sharon Thomas (right), a nurse from Belvidere, Ill., and chairman of the board of Lutherans in Medical Missions, takes the blood pressure of a visitor during the first domestic Mercy Medical Team at Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church in Philadelphia.

## INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- Have you seen "Eyes of Life," a new campaign from the LCMS that provides a positive voice in the discussion of life issues? Visit [eyesoflife.org](http://eyesoflife.org) to watch a music video and read about how others value life as a gift from God.
- Learn more about Christ's Care for Children: Kenya and how this program is helping children attend school and learn about their Savior, Jesus: [engage.lcms.org/caring-for-children-in-kenya-fall-2016](http://engage.lcms.org/caring-for-children-in-kenya-fall-2016).
- Did you know that LCMS Disaster Response offers a variety of free resources in both English and Spanish? Visit [lcms.org/disaster](http://lcms.org/disaster) to download Bible studies, essays and other resources.

**16.** *that the Lord would raise up even more volunteers who are willing to serve their communities through Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT).*

**17.** *for those affected by the flooding in Louisiana in August. Pray that through LCMS districts, congregations and members, communities would be restored and transformed through acts of mercy and a bold witness to the Gospel.*

**18.** *that no matter what comes our way — whether hurricane, tornado, fire or other tragedy — the Lord would comfort us with His promise to never leave us or forsake us.*

**19.** *for all those involved in ministry to the homeless, that they would not grow weary and that God would provide willing hands and feet to help in this work.*

**20.** *for the “Planting Gospel Seeds While Serving Human Needs” program, that it would help LCMS congregations build closer relationships with their neighbors and make new disciples for Christ!*

**21.** *that LCMS congregations would be wise, passionate and creative as they look for tangible ways to serve their communities — whether that’s through a food pantry, an after-school program or another outreach program.*

**22.** *that LCMS members would take seriously God’s call to love their neighbors in word and deed. Ask the Holy Spirit to stir up zeal in their hearts to serve His Church with their time, talents and treasures.*



*Volunteer Penn Weldon of Thibodaux, La., helps muck-out a flood-damaged home in Baton Rouge, following the August 2016 floods.*

**23.** *with thanksgiving for the 560-plus ordained or commissioned ministers of the Gospel who serve in LCMS Specialized Pastoral Ministry.*

**24.** *for LCMS pastoral counselors, clinical pastoral educators and chaplains who provide 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.*

**25.** *that military chaplains would continue to have the freedom to boldly share the Word of God with servicemen and women.*

**26.** *for the safety and well-being of the Synod’s military chaplains, who eat, sleep, train, work and exercise with their flock, both in combat and in garrison, bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to service members in time of peace, great stress and war.*

**27.** *for those who care for the spiritual and emotional needs of LCMS missionaries. These people, based both on the international mission field and in the U.S., help missionaries deal with the ups and downs of life abroad.*

**28.** *for the deaconesses and deaconess students in the Dominican Republic, who go out into the community to love people and share the Word of God each week.*

**29.** *that God would bless Christ’s Care for Children: Kenya, which helps to provide a safe, Christ-centered environment for Kenyan children who otherwise wouldn’t be able to attend school.*

**30.** *that God would bless the work of the Selbständige Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche (SELK), our partner church in Germany, as it serves migrants and refugees and proclaims the Gospel to them.*

#### MISSIONARY & PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS

Download the prayer cards of missionaries and other personnel from [lcms.org/prayercards](http://lcms.org/prayercards).

- Nov. 1** Rebecca Krey, Dominican Republic
- Nov. 2** Paula Donofrio, Czech Republic
- Nov. 6** James Neuendorf, Dominican Republic
- Nov. 7** Christopher Ahlman, Germany
- Nov. 11** Karin Semler, Asia
- Nov. 20** Kristin Lange, Germany; Michael Paul, Taiwan
- Nov. 22** Shelee Warner, Spain
- Nov. 23** Charles Cortright, Eurasia; Edward Naumann, South Asia; Stefanie Rabe, Ethiopia
- Nov. 24** Freeman Rohlfling, Czech Republic
- Nov. 26** Daniel Jastram, Japan; Monica Naumann, South Asia
- Nov. 29** Sean Harlow, Northern Asia
- Nov. 30** Jana Inglehart, Dominican Republic

#### MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER:

Chaplain Mark Bowditch, Robins AFB, Ga.; Chaplain Mark Sedwick, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Chaplain Christopher Sutton, Kingsville, Texas; Chaplain William Schneider, Lawton, Okla.; Chaplain Robert Kraft, Fort Sill, Okla.