



# Pray For Us Calendar

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

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**STEWARDSHIP — DECEMBER 1–15** Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of God's family — the church — in managing life's resources for His purposes. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) Stewardship Ministry exists to help congregations grow in their understanding and implementation of a life of stewardship by providing resources and ongoing support for pastors and lay leaders.

*Remember God's work through the stewardship of His people as you pray:*

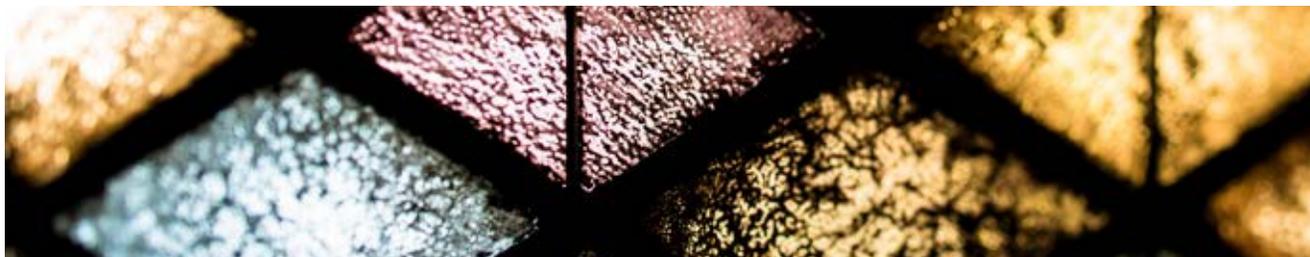
- 1.** for hearts that imitate the generosity and graciousness of Jesus. Pray that God's people would be eager to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty and clothe the naked.
- 2.** that the Lord would preserve His Word and Sacraments in our midst, so that we may be kept strong in the one, true faith.
- 3.** that the people of God would be faithful in their attendance of the Divine Service, where God strengthens our faith toward Him and our steadfast love for one another.
- 4.** that all the people of God would grow into the stature of the fullness of Christ.
- 5.** that the people of God would live out their vocations in a godly manner, always glorifying the Lord through their actions and words.
- 6.** for useful and gainful employment for those who are unemployed or underemployed.
- 7.** for both the rich and the poor in the Church, that those who have much may always be a blessing to those who have little.
- 8.** for the ministers of the Word, that they would be able to devote themselves to the ministry full time while being able to support their families.
- 9.** for the Church's missionaries, that through them the Word would go forth into the world with power.
- 10.** that the people of God would be good neighbors in the communities where God has placed them.
- 11.** for parents, that they would see their role in raising children as a holy calling from God.
- 12.** for wisdom in caring for the earthly affairs of the Church, that God's people would be honest, faithful and compassionate.
- 13.** for the people of God, that they would find joy and purpose in giving to the Lord's work.
- 14.** for hearts that are thankful for the many blessings of the Lord. Ask that the Lord would teach His people to be content with what He has provided, not wrapped up in chasing after the things of the world.
- 15.** for an ever-increasing trust in the Lord's provision. Pray that we would have the wisdom and courage to use our resources as the Lord directs.



*The Wise Men bring gifts to the Baby Jesus in this stained-glass window at Luther Memorial Chapel, Shorewood, Wis.*

## INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- Listen to Worldwide KFUD anytime, anywhere by visiting [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org).
- Find bulletin sentences, newsletter articles and other stewardship resources at [lcms.org/stewardship-ministry](http://lcms.org/stewardship-ministry).
- Did you know the LCMS is in altar and pulpit fellowship with 38 partner churches around the world? Learn more at [lcms.org/partnerchurches](http://lcms.org/partnerchurches).



**LCMS PARTNERS — DECEMBER 16–31** The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) works with many partners, including LCMS districts; Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs); the Synod's two auxiliaries, the Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML); and partner churches. Through this joint effort, the Synod and the organizations it works with can accomplish more together than any one of them could on their own.

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

**16.** for the growth and development of the Synod's 38 partner churches around the world. Ask the Lord to keep them firmly rooted in correct doctrine and steadfast faith.

**17.** for the International Lutheran Council, of which the LCMS is a member. Please pray that this organization would be successful in its mission to encourage, strengthen and promote confessional Lutheran theology and practice around the world.

**18.** for the LLL and Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM), that they would be effective in their mission to create programs that bring Christ to the nations and the nations to the Church.

**19.** with thanksgiving for the LWML and the servant hearts of its members. The LWML's unwavering support of the LCMS has made an eternal difference in the lives of many people around the world.



**20.** for the 35 districts of the LCMS, that they would be granted the resources, wisdom and leadership to serve their neighbors, whether across the street or around the world.

**21.** for Worldwide KFUO, the listener-supported broadcast ministry of the LCMS, that the Lord would reach many people through the station's programming.

**22.** that Concordia Publishing House, the Synod's official publisher, would continue to create faithful, relevant resources that are in accord with the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions.

**23.** for the colleges and universities of the Concordia University System. Pray that they would be places that nurture faith and develop students to serve the Church and world.

**24.** with thanksgiving for Concordia Plan Services (CPS). CPS navigates the changing political landscape to faithfully provide health and retirement benefits to more than 31,500 workers and 53,000 dependents.

**25.** with thanksgiving for the LCMS Foundation and Lutheran Church Extension Fund, that they would provide useful information and services for the Synod's members.

**26.** for Concordia Historical Institute, which preserves the archives and history of the LCMS.

**27.** that God would guide and protect RSOs and other religious organizations to stand firm on His Word, even as the government and culture become more and more hostile to traditional Christian faith and values.

**28.** with thanksgiving for Mission Central, an organization in Mapleton, Iowa, that links Lutheran donors with LCMS missionaries to enable more people to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**29.** for the Synod's seminaries in St. Louis, Mo., and Fort Wayne, Ind. Give thanks for their important work in forming future pastors and deaconesses for service to the Church and world.

**30.** that the Lord would use the efforts of all of these organizations to bring people to know the truth — that Jesus Christ was born, died and was raised incorruptible — so that all people might know His love and share His unending life.

**31.** that the Lord would abundantly bless the efforts of the LCMS and its partners in the coming years, and that these efforts would always be God-pleasing and filled with godly wisdom.

*Visitors browse artifacts at Mission Central's mission museum in Mapleton, Iowa.*

## MISSIONARY & PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS

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

- Dec. 3** John Wolf, Kenya
- Dec. 6** Alan Ludwig, Russia
- Dec. 7** Martin Schmidt, Hong Kong
- Dec. 9** Anita Clausing, Kenya
- Dec. 10** Eva Rickman, Asia
- Dec. 11** Martha Mahlborg, Macau
- Dec. 14** Ted Krey, Latin America
- Dec. 15** Eddie Hosch, Peru
- Dec. 18** P.A. Richard-Wokoma, Africa
- Dec. 20** Brian Gauthier, Panama
- Dec. 21** Andrew Schlund, Mexico
- Dec. 24** Thomas Aadland, Kenya
- Dec. 28** Peter Kolb, Asia
- Dec. 29** Carol Halter, Hong Kong; Noel Schaff, Taiwan
- Dec. 31** Charles St-Onge, Latin America; Megan Mantey, Uganda

## MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER:

Chaplain Joseph Watson, Vance AFB, Okla.; Chaplain Philip Houser, Adjutant General Office, Neb.; Chaplain Ronald Cox, El Centro, Calif.; Chaplain Patrick Pooch, Japan.

