



Pray For Us Calendar

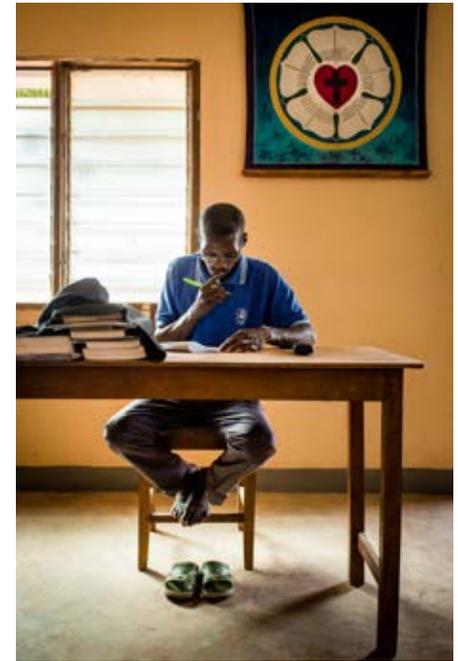
These prayer requests were submitted by coworkers in the Lord's mission.

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INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION — JUNE 1-15 Theological education is one of the seven mission priorities of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), and it forms an integral part of LCMS mission work around the world. The Synod's theological education efforts take various forms in different contexts to effectively meet people's specific needs around the world.

Remember God's work through international theological education as you pray:

- 1.** for the Synod's Global Seminary Initiative (GSI), which helps fill the need for trained church leaders who are native to the regions and cultures in which they serve. Pray that God would guide this program to strengthen the formation of pastors and deaconesses around the world.
- 2.** for the safety and well-being of LCMS professors and pastors who travel overseas to teach seminars and intensive courses for our current and emerging church partners.
- 3.** for the international students who come to the Synod's seminaries to study, that God would grant them safe travels and comfort while away from family and friends.
- 4.** that Lutheran pastors all over the world would have access to the necessary books and resources to equip them for the proper teaching of Law and Gospel.
- 5.** with thanksgiving for the Synod's generous donors, who make it possible for the LCMS to support theological education in many different locations around the world.
- 6.** for the health and safety of LCMS missionaries who live and work in foreign lands to help strengthen the theological education taking place there. Give thanks to God that these faithful families have heeded His call to serve their brothers and sisters in Christ in this way.
- 7.** for the ministry carried out through the Westfield House of Theological Studies in Cambridge, England. This ministry trains church leaders for England and many other church bodies around the world.
- 8.** for the Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (CLET) in Togo, which provides theological training for men from French-speaking countries in West Africa.
- 9.** for projects that translate Christian materials into the heart language of different people groups. Pray especially for the ongoing work of translating Luther's Works into Chinese that is taking place in Hong Kong.
- 10.** that God would bless the work of all those He calls into the ministry around the world.
- 11.** for the new deaconess formation program in the Dominican Republic. Please ask God to bless the work of the LCMS deaconesses serving as missionaries in Latin America who are overseeing this program.
- 12.** for opportunities for fellowship and continuing education for Lutheran church workers in Europe, who are spread out over a large geographic area.
- 13.** for the seminaries of LCMS partner churches around the world. Pray that they would faithfully educate future leaders for their churches.
- 14.** with thanksgiving for the Gospel multiplication that happens when pastors are equipped to teach their flocks and train new leaders for the church.
- 15.** that God would continue to grow His Church on earth. Pray that the Lord would continue to raise up church planters and mission developers according to His good and gracious will.



A student takes an exam during class at the Lutheran Center for Theological Studies in Dapaong, Togo.

INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- Read about how men trained at the Lutheran Center for Theological Studies in Togo are impacting lives in rural areas of the country at engage.lcms.org/theological-education-in-togo-spring-2017.
- Learn more about the Synod's Global Seminary Initiative at lcms.org/makeagift/gsi.
- Meet the Synod's missionaries at lcms.org/missionaries. From this webpage, you can find information about how to pray for and support the Synod's missionaries, as well as learn about current opportunities to become one!

NEW MISSIONARIES — JUNE 16-30 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has been sending missionaries around the world since 1895, when the Synod's first missionary traveled to India. Today, the LCMS trains, sends and supports called and appointed career, long-term and short-term missionaries in various countries around the world where there are mission stations, partner churches, schools or mission relationships.

Remember God's work through the Synod's new missionaries as you pray:

16. for missionary families who are in the process of building their network of support. Although it is a necessary step toward their deployment to the field, this time can be stressful on families.

17. for missionary families who are in the process of learning a new language for their upcoming service. Pray that God would provide perseverance for this task and skilled teachers to guide and encourage them.

18. for new missionaries as they prepare to move to a new place of service. There are many things to take care of during this transition, including visas, vaccinations, earthly possessions, pets, and housing and schooling options in a new place.

19. for all missionaries who are settling into new surroundings. Pray that God would send new friends and understanding helpers during this time.

20. for Jesus' love to shine boldly through all LCMS missionaries and personnel as they meet new people and make new friends.

21. for missionaries who are struggling with visa issues that are preventing them from settling in their country of service. Please ask God to either smooth the way or open up new opportunities in another location, according to His will.

22. for the children of new missionaries, who will face culture shock and unknown challenges. Praise God for the special role that children play in building relationships with new people and for the simple way they witness to their friends and neighbors about Jesus Christ.

23. that God would raise up even more missionaries to serve Him through acts of witness and mercy around the world.

24. that God would sustain the health of new missionaries and their family members as they face stressful situations and new illnesses in new places.

25. for the Synod's national missionaries, many of whom are working in challenging inner-city settings. Ask the Lord to encourage and refresh them to do His work.

26. that these new missionaries would find fellowship and support among the other new missionaries and the regional teams they will be working with.

27. that God would grant peace and comfort to the loved ones who are saying "goodbye" to those who are being sent. Pray that God would relieve feelings of anxiety and sadness over separation from family and friends.

28. that the Church would embrace the Synod's missionaries. Pray that through LCMS members, God would provide what is needed at the right time.

29. for safe travels for those attending New Missionary Orientation, which starts July 3. Orientation provides intensive training in many different areas of the missionary experience.

30. that orientation would energize, encourage and equip these missionaries for their new roles on the mission field.



The Rev. Andrew Schlund (far left), LCMS missionary to Mexico, prays with his parishioners before a council meeting at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Mexico City.

MISSIONARY & PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS

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

June 1	Tina Matro, Papua New Guinea
June 2	Blake Warren, Dominican Republic
June 5	Heather Ruesch, Puerto Rico
June 7	Carl Hanson, Asia
June 8	Chen-Hsi (Li) Hanson, Asia; Yang Wei (Coco) Lange, Asia
June 12	Suzanne Kaster, Ghana
June 15	Joe Asher, Eurasia; Levi Karth, Peru
June 16	Micah Odemba, Kenya
June 17	Gretchen Trinklein, South Korea
June 18	Janet Froh, Kenya; Deborah Going, Japan
June 19	Charles Ferry, Southeast Asia
June 23	Craig Donofrio, Eurasia; Cheryl Naumann, Dominican Republic
June 24	Amy James, South Asia; Andrew Schaff, Taiwan
June 25	Susan Rohlfing, Czech Republic
June 26	Christine Bickel, South Korea
June 28	Bill Lohmeyer, Dominican Republic; Alexandria Rappe, Southeast Asia
June 30	Eliza Askins, Asia

MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE:

Chaplain Carl Muehler, NAS, Jacksonville, Fla.; Chaplain Jeremy Davis, Fort Riley, Kan.; Chaplain Sean Ballard, Laughlin AFB, Texas; Chaplain Timothy Rosenthal, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.; Chaplain Matthew Prince, Portsmouth, Va.; RADM James Doebler, LCMS Military to the Armed Forces Committee chairman.

