



Pray For Us Calendar

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

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LCMS MISSIONARIES ON HOME SERVICE — JULY 1–15 Every other year, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) international missionaries spend approximately two months in the United States on "home service." During this time, they reconnect with the individuals, congregations and groups who support their mission work. Home service also gives them a period of rest and renewal and the chance to spend time with their families.

Remember God's work through missionaries on home service as you pray:

- 1.** for the approximately 30 LCMS missionary families who will be on home service in 2017. Ask the Lord to keep them safe during their travels.
- 2.** for God's hand to be involved in the details and logistical arrangements that are a necessary part of missionary home service, such as transportation and housing.
- 3.** for missionary families to be able to visit as many congregations and other groups as possible, while managing their limited time in the United States.
- 4.** that many congregations all over the United States would welcome missionaries into their churches for mission presentations, Sunday school, children's messages, celebration luncheons, Bible studies and other activities.
- 5.** for God to give missionary families emotional, physical and spiritual strength as they travel to many locations, share with many supporters and meet many new friends. Pray that home service would be a joyous and encouraging time, despite rigorous schedules.
- 6.** for missionary children. Pray that God would provide them with the opportunity to feel that they are a vital part of their family's ministry as they share about it with others.
- 7.** for the Lord to guide missionaries as they prepare their presentations. Ask Him to help them discern how best to share their stories and news with those who have so faithfully supported their ministry.
- 8.** that congregations and other groups would experience a revitalized interest in praying for missionaries and supporting their work after visiting with them face-to-face and hearing about what God is accomplishing through them.
- 9.** that as missionaries share their ministry experiences and joys during their home service, the Holy Spirit would challenge listeners to consider serving as a missionary themselves — in a short-term, long-term or career capacity.
- 10.** for the families of visiting missionaries, that they would be able to enjoy their time together and mutually encourage one another.
- 11.** for God to comfort and sustain the missionaries who are not able to see family and friends in the United States this year. May the Holy Spirit comfort them with His presence and the assurance of God's calling to serve far from home.
- 12.** that missionaries would have an easy transition back to life in the United States — even for a short time during home service — with minimal effects of reverse culture shock.
- 13.** that the Lord would raise up supporters for missionaries who are struggling to finding the resources necessary for their ministry.
- 14.** with thanksgiving for the many forms of support and the joys the Lord provides to missionary families as they serve Him.
- 15.** that the conversations started during home service would continue long after the missionary has returned to the mission field. Pray that through ongoing communication, missionaries and supporters would encourage one another.



The Rev. Joel Fritsche, career missionary to the Dominican Republic, visits children at Zion Lutheran School, Staunton, Ill., during a home service visit.

INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- Get tips on how to prepare for a missionary's visit to your congregation at blogs.lcms.org/2017/discover-ways-to-support-lcms-missionaries.
- Learn more about the Synod's 38 partner churches at lcms.org/partnerchurches.
- Read stories about how God is using the Synod to impact people at home and abroad in *Lutherans Engage the World* magazine. View the online version at engage.lcms.org.
- Learn about the Synod's missionaries at lcms.org/missionarysupport.

PARTNER CHURCHES — JULY 16–31 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has 38 partner churches around the world. A partner church is a church body with which the LCMS has full altar and pulpit fellowship. Many LCMS partner churches also are members of the International Lutheran Council, a worldwide association of confessional Lutheran church bodies. Some LCMS partner churches came into existence through LCMS-supported mission efforts, while others have historic roots that pre-date the LCMS or that are sourced in the mission efforts of other Lutheran church bodies.

Remember God's work in His Church as you pray:

16. for all LCMS partner churches, some of which only have a handful of congregations. Pray that they would never feel alone in their service to Christ and His Church.

17. for LCMS partner churches in Latin America and the Caribbean. Pray that God's Word would continue to spread throughout these countries to bring the Body of Christ together in fellowship and to be witnesses to His love.

18. for LCMS partner churches in Africa. Pray that God would strengthen Lutheran Christians in this region to carry out their work for His name's sake.

19. for LCMS partner churches in Asia, that God would guide and strengthen Lutheran Christians in this region, especially in areas where it is difficult or dangerous to do His work.

20. for LCMS partner churches in Eurasia. Pray that God would continue to use His Word as a light to those in darkness and as a stronghold for the life of His Church.

21. that God would continue to raise up faithful servants for His Church in locations around the world.

22. for those who serve in leadership positions in LCMS partner churches around the world, as they guide, nurture and shepherd their people.

23. for the laypeople of LCMS partner churches around the world, that they would be fulfilled by God's Word to share with their families and communities.

24. with thanksgiving for all the missionaries who serve partner churches, that they would remain faithful in their tasks and be witnesses to the Gospel through acts of mercy.

25. for the Lutheran church bodies around the world that are interested in fellowship with the LCMS. Pray that God would guide the consideration process according to His will.

26. in thanksgiving for the great cloud of witnesses whose prayers continually are ascending to God on behalf of all those who serve in areas where spreading God's Word is difficult or dangerous.

27. for all those still living in darkness, that the Gospel will be sweet to their ears and swift in healing the broken.

28. for the Lutheran churches in Eurasia as they seek to minister to the refugees in their midst. Pray for safety for both the church workers and the refugees.



The Rev. Mintre Banganare preaches during worship at the Lutheran church in Mire, Togo.

29. for Lutheran churches around the world that are dealing with strife between their members. Pray that the Lord would guide them to a peaceful resolution that would strengthen their witness to the community.

30. for safe travel between and within countries in each world region. Pray that pastors, missionaries, medical teams and all others who travel to assist partner churches would be kept safe and healthy in order that the Gospel might be proclaimed to the far corners of creation.

31. for all projects currently going on in LCMS partner church bodies, that each one would have the volunteers and resources necessary to carry out the work of the church as it shows mercy and provides physical and spiritual care for people around the world.

MISSIONARY & PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS

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

- July 2** Nicole Lohmeyer, Dominican Republic; James Sharp, Uruguay
- July 3** Amanda Gauthier, Panama
- July 4** Steven Schumacher, Ghana
- July 6** Daniel Conrad, Mexico
- July 7** Christine Lehman, Spain; Caitlin Worden, Peru
- July 8** Herbert Burch, Peru
- July 12** Lawrence Matro, Papua New Guinea
- July 15** Angela Thompson, Sierra Leone
- July 17** Stephen Oliver, Taiwan
- July 19** Roy Askins, Asia
- July 22** Jennifer Preus, Dominican Republic
- July 26** Jennie Asher, Germany
- July 27** Julie McManus, Kenya
- July 28** James Krikava, Eurasia
- July 29** Emily McDermott, Togo
- July 30** Kathryn Conrad, Mexico
- July 31** Connie Cortright, Eurasia; Jean Hoffman, South Korea

MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN JULY:

Chaplain Matthew Boarts, Maxwell AFB, Ala.; Chaplain Ryan Rupe, Norfolk, Va.; Chaplain Edward Wright, Goodfellow AFB, Texas; Chaplain Patrick Riley, Parris Island, S.C.