



Pray For Us Calendar

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

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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC — AUGUST 1–31 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) officially began work in the Dominican Republic in 2004. Over the years, a group home was established to care for orphaned children with disabilities; congregations and mission plants were started; the first Dominican pastor was ordained, and several other men are currently studying for the ministry; and a deaconess-training program was launched. In addition, a new seminary and mercy center will open later this month to train students from around the Latin America region.

Remember God's work in the Dominican Republic as you pray:

- 1.** for the first class of seminary students who will enter the new seminary this fall, that they would be able to acquire their student visas and other documentation needed to study in the Dominican Republic.
- 2.** for seminary students and their families, that they would have a smooth transition to life in a new place away from family and friends. Praise God for these dedicated students who are willing to leave home to obtain a solid theological education.
- 3.** that God would grant the seminary students determination and endurance, so that they might be diligent in their studies and make the most of their education.
- 4.** for the women studying to be deaconesses, that the theological coursework and intensive practical experience would form them into capable and effective deaconesses.
- 5.** that God would grant strength to our deaconesses as they support the work of pastors by caring for the poor, the marginalized and the sick.
- 6.** that all construction on the new seminary and mercy center would be finished on time for opening day.
- 7.** that God would grant safety to the workers who are finishing work on the new seminary building and mercy center.
- 8.** with thanksgiving for all the faithful and generous people who have prayed or given of their time or treasures to make this new seminary and mercy center a reality.
- 9.** for the seminary professors, that they would be well prepared to impart wisdom and knowledge to their students.
- 10.** that the new Spanish-language theological library at the seminary would be well used and a blessing to the students and faculty.
- 11.** for the families of the professors, that they would adapt easily and find joy in a new country and culture.
- 12.** for all the missionaries and leaders of the Dominican church, that they would discern God's will so that they can build a firm foundation for the church for generations to come.
- 13.** for Lutheran congregations in Latin America, that they would be prepared to care for and support their pastors physically, mentally and spiritually.
- 14.** for seminary students who are serving vicarages, that they would learn much from their experience and be better prepared for their future ministry.



Workers haul materials during construction of the Concordia Reformer Lutheran Seminary and Mercy Center in Santiago, Dominican Republic.



The Rev. Joel Fritsche (right), LCMS career missionary to the Dominican Republic, visits with two young church members at a home near his parish, Amigos de Cristo Iglesia Luterana in Las Americas (Friends of Christ Lutheran Church) in Santo Domingo.

INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- Learn more about the Synod's mission work in the Dominican Republic, as well as the missionaries who are currently serving there, at lcms.org/dominicanrepublic.
- Do you want to read even more about what your Church is doing in the world? Visit engage.lcms.org to check out the most recent issue of *Lutherans Engage the World*.
- Did you know that Lutherans like you are sharing the Gospel and bearing Christ's mercy in every corner of the world? Find a special national or international project that YOU can champion at lcms.org/projectcatalog.

15. that God would raise up individuals and congregations to support our LCMS missionaries in the Dominican Republic.

16. that God would raise up faithful and capable men and women to serve as missionaries, both in Latin America and around the world.

17. with thanksgiving for faithful men and women who have given up the comforts of home and family to faithfully serve on the mission field.

18. that God would grant health and safety to all missionaries and their families.

19. that many in the Dominican Republic would hear God's Word and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Pray that they would make the commitment to be in church each Sunday to receive the Word and Sacraments.

20. that the Dominican Christians would continue to study God's Word and be strengthened to live faithfully and serve their neighbors in love.

21. with thanksgiving for the willingness of the Dominican people to hear and learn God's Word. By God's grace, the LCMS has established congregations and mission stations around the country.

22. that the five Lutheran mission churches in the Dominican Republic would continue to grow and mature through regular worship and Bible study.

23. that God would raise up many Lutheran school teachers and school administrators — especially from among the Dominican churches — to meet the needs of the large number of eager students.

24. that the families of our Lutheran school children would also hear God's Word and be brought to faith.

25. with thanksgiving for the large and ever-growing number of students seeking education in our Lutheran schools in the Dominican Republic.

26. that the construction of a worship facility and day school for the Lutheran church in Licey, Dominican Republic, would go smoothly and would be a blessing for many.

27. with thanksgiving for the many faithful Christians who regularly worship in our mission congregations.

28. with thanksgiving for Hogares Luteranos El Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd Lutheran Home), which provides a safe and nurturing facility for six young people with developmental disabilities.

29. that God would grant patience and endurance for the faithful workers who care for the group home's six residents. Praise God that He has used these wonderful young people to teach the Dominican Lutheran church about His love and mercy.

30. with thanksgiving that the six residents have become active members of the local Lutheran church, where they are eager to hear God's Word and to serve in any way possible.

31. with thanksgiving for the willingness of faithful and gentle caregivers who serve the residents of Good Shepherd Lutheran Home.



Starling Mendez is baptized by missionary pastor Rev. Joel Fritsche at Amigos de Cristo Iglesia Luterana in Las Americas (Friends of Christ Lutheran Church) in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

MISSIONARY & PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS

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

- Aug. 1** Josh Lange, Asia
Aug. 2 Beth Ritzman, Papua New Guinea
Aug. 3 Roger James, South Asia
Aug. 4 Britt Odemba, Kenya
Aug. 7 Gary Schulte, West and Central Africa
Aug. 8 Micah Glenn, Ferguson, Mo.; Richard Schuller, Puerto Rico
Aug. 9 Joyce Erber, Ghana
Aug. 11 Cynthia Schumacher, Ghana
Aug. 12 James Krey, Dominican Republic
Aug. 14 Rebecca Schaff, Minneapolis, Minn.
Aug. 15 Edmund Auger, Latin America; Mark Rabe, Ethiopia
Aug. 16 Kelsey Schlund, Mexico
Aug. 17 Jen-Yi (Irene) Paul, Taiwan
Aug. 18 Julie Lutz, Papua New Guinea
Aug. 20 Jonathan Clausing, Kenya; Sarah Harms, Czech Republic
Aug. 21 Dee Dee Wasmund, South Korea
Aug. 22 Robin Wildauer, Togo
Aug. 27 Lenita Campbell, Gary, Ind.; Maggie Oliver, Taiwan; Elizabeth Warren, Dominican Republic
Aug. 28 Douglas Thompson, Sierra Leone
Aug. 29 Michael Ritzman, Papua New Guinea

MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST:

Chaplain Glen Wurdeman, Fort Carson, Colo.;
 Chaplain Aaron Bell, Camp Pendleton, Calif.;
 Chaplain Gregory Todd, Washington, D.C.