



Pray For Us Calendar

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

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SERVICE — JULY 1-15 In Gal. 5:13, Paul writes, "Through love serve one another." Service to the neighbor can take many forms, from helping to rebuild homes after a natural disaster to holding a medical clinic for patients in underserved regions around the globe. By giving their time and talents through volunteer service, members of the Body of Christ touch lives beyond their church doors every day!

Remember God's work through volunteer service in the Synod as you pray:

- 1.** for all volunteers, that God would use their hands and words to do His work and share the Gospel with those who need to hear it.
- 2.** for vacation Bible schools and other outreach events that will be held at LCMS congregations this summer. Please pray that through this service, more families would hear the life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- 3.** for Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT), a program of LCMS Disaster Response that prepares members of LCMS congregations to show Christ's love when a disaster strikes. Pray that more volunteers would desire to serve in this capacity.
- 4.** for God to raise up more short-term missionaries to serve Him on international mission fields. These volunteers serve alongside LCMS missionaries and partner churches for one week to six months.
- 5.** for all the young people who want to make a difference in the world. Pray that God would provide opportunities for them to be drawn into His Church as they serve others.
- 6.** that students at Lutheran schools would be inspired to lives of love and service to their neighbor through service-learning opportunities inside and outside of the classroom.
- 7.** that God would lead even more congregations and organizations to consider sending a short-term team to serve through the LCMS. Teams are needed to teach English, hold Bible camps and complete construction projects in Asia, Eurasia and Africa.
- 8.** for Lutheran youth who will participate in volunteer opportunities this summer. Please pray that these experiences would be positive and enriching.
- 9.** for all those serving on short-term teams, that God would grant them safety as they travel to various locations around the world to show mercy and share the Gospel.
- 10.** that more medical professionals would be led to join Mercy Medical Teams. Physicians, nurses, pharmacists, clergy and hardworking lay people are needed.
- 11.** for those who go into disaster areas to bring material aid and spiritual comfort to people who have lost homes and loved ones. Ask the Lord to grant them strength and His words of peace.
- 12.** for those who serve in both paid and volunteer leadership roles in the Church. Pray that God would guide them so that their words and actions would be to His glory.
- 13.** that the Lord would match potential volunteers with appropriate opportunities, where they will thrive and serve His Church according to His purposes.
- 14.** for parish nurses, who care for the physical well-being of congregation members. Please pray that more nurses would desire to be equipped for this unique blending of professional nursing and spiritual caregiving.
- 15.** for the faithful servants of the Lord who volunteer at the LCMS International Center in St. Louis, Mo. Their service impacts many ministries of the LCMS.



Brent Amidon of Mount Pulaski, Ill., and Traci Grever of Palatine, Ill., clean the walls of a home affected by recent flooding during a January 2016 volunteer cleanup event in Watseka, Ill.

INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- Interested in going on a short-term mission trip? Learn about opportunities through the LCMS at lcms.org/mercyteams and lcms.org/service.
- Want to know what's happening at the LCMS Youth Gathering? Follow along at facebook.com/lcmsyg and twitter.com/lcmsnyg.
- Tornadoes. Floods. Earthquakes. Mudslides. The Synod is responding in love to people who have been devastated by disaster. Learn more about how you can serve your neighbor when a disaster strikes at lcms.org/disaster.

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING — JULY 16–31 Held every three years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. This summer's Gathering, under the theme "In Christ Alone," will be held July 16-20 in New Orleans.

Remember God's work through the LCMS Youth Gathering as you pray:

16. for safe travels for the thousands of LCMS youth and adults who are traveling to the Gathering. Some 17,000 youth are expected to attend the five-day event, which begins tonight.

17. that the speakers would both encourage and challenge listeners with the truth of God's Word. Ask the Lord to use them to touch the hearts and lives of the Synod's young people.

18. that the youth would make good decisions while attending the Gathering. Pray that God would guard them from any harm or danger during this exciting time.

19. with thanksgiving for the adult leaders who brought the young people of their congregation. Pray that God would give them an extra measure of patience and understanding during the trip.

20. that God would use the Gathering as a strong witness to the New Orleans community. Pray that all interactions between participants and residents of the city would point people to Jesus.

21. for the missionary kids and international guests who attended the Gathering. Pray that this time with other believers would be a special blessing for them as they return to their communities, where they may have few Christian friends.

22. that God would use what the Gathering participants have learned and experienced to help them live out their faith as they return to their homes and communities.

23. that the Lord would use the relationships built and strengthened during the Gathering to keep these young people connected to Him and His Church.

24. for those touched by the many acts of service performed at the Gathering. Pray that God would use these simple acts of mercy to bring the unchurched to Him.

25. with thanksgiving for the hundreds of volunteers who made the Gathering possible. They give of their time, passion and expertise to ensure that participants have a safe and enjoyable experience.

26. for the 600 Young Adult Volunteers (YAVs) who served at the Gathering. Please pray that this time of service would be a blessing to these 19- to 25-year-olds as they return to their everyday lives.

27. with thanksgiving for the 230 Community Life Builders (CLBs) who served at the Gathering. These volunteers, who are 25 or older, are vital to ensuring that the whole event runs smoothly.



28. that the mountaintop experience of the Gathering would encourage youth to become more involved in their home congregations.

29. that the Synod's young people would find support in their churches as they face a culture that is increasingly hostile toward traditional Christian beliefs.

30. with thanksgiving for another successful Gathering. Thank God for continuing to bless this event for the Synod's young people year after year.

31. that God would guide the Gathering planners as they begin work on the 2019 Gathering. Pray that the Lord would give them joy and wisdom as they serve the young people of the LCMS in this way.

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; James Prothro, United Kingdom
- July 4** Steven Schumacher, Ghana
- July 6** Daniel Conrad, Mexico; Susan Dorn, Belize
- July 7** Christine Lehman, Spain; Caitlin Worden, Peru
- July 8** Herbert Burch, Peru
- July 12** Larry Matro, Papua New Guinea
- July 14** Jane Klammer, Asia
- July 15** Angela Thompson, Ghana
- July 17** Stephen Oliver, Taiwan
- July 19** Roy Askins, Hong Kong
- July 22** Johanna Balleine, Hong Kong; Jennifer Preus, Dominican Republic
- July 27** Tamás Berta-Somogyi, Hungary; Julie McManus, Kenya
- July 28** James Krikava, Czech Republic
- July 29** Emily McDermott, Ghana
- July 30** Kathryn Conrad, Mexico; John Wolf, Kenya
- July 31** Jean Hoffman, South Korea

MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN JULY:

Chaplain Matthew Boarts, Peterson AFB, Colo.; Chaplain Ryan Rupe, Norfolk, Va.; Chaplain Edward Wright, Goodfellow AFB, Texas; Chaplain James Watson, Germany; Chaplain Patrick Riley, Parris Island, S.C.

