



# Pray For Us Calendar

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

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**LCMS PARTNERS — DECEMBER 1–31** The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) works with many partners and other organizations around the world in order to extend the reach of the Gospel. These include 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); LCMS partner churches; and many more. 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:*

- 1.** for the growth and development of the Synod's 36 partner churches around the world. Ask the Lord to keep them firmly rooted in correct doctrine and steadfast faith.
- 2.** for the Lutheran Church in Norway, the Synod's newest partner church. After several years of doctrinal discussions, the two church bodies entered into a fellowship agreement that will be presented for ratification to the 2016 Synod convention.
- 3.** 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.
- 4.** for the LLL and Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM), that they would be effective in their mission to create culturally relevant programs that bring Christ to the nations and the nations to the Church.
- 5.** for LHM's ministry center in Lebanon, which is providing food, hygiene supplies, medicines and Christian programming to Syrian refugees displaced by a violent civil war between rival Muslim groups. In 2014, LCMS Mercy Operations gave LHM a grant to help in this effort.
- 6.** 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.
- 7.** for LWML President Patti Ross, who was elected at the auxiliary's convention in June. Ask God to give her wisdom as she leads the LWML during the next three and a half years.
- 8.** for the 35 districts of the LCMS, that they would be granted the resources, wisdom and leadership to appropriately serve their neighbors, whether across the street or around the world.
- 9.** for Gospel proclamation efforts on the national mission field. Please pray that acts of witness and mercy would be done for all those in need in body and soul.
- 10.** for KFUE Radio, the listener-supported broadcast ministry of the LCMS, that the Lord would reach many people through the station's programming.
- 11.** that Concordia Publishing House, the Synod's official publisher, would continue to create faithful and relevant resources that are in accord with the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions.
- 12.** for the LCMS Foundation. Please ask the Lord to bless the Foundation's work of helping individuals and congregations practice biblical, Christ-centered stewardship in their ministries and families.
- 13.** for the 10 campuses of the Concordia University System. Pray that they would be places that nurture faith and develop students to serve the Church and world.
- 14.** 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.



*Participants cheer in the exhibit hall during the 36th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines, Iowa.*

## INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- Learn how to listen to KFUE Radio anytime, anywhere: [kfuam.org](http://kfuam.org).
- Want to learn what you can do to stand for life and traditional marriage? Visit [lcms.org/freetobeforthright](http://lcms.org/freetobeforthright) for articles and resources.
- The LCMS is in altar and pulpit fellowship with 36 partner churches around the world. Do you know in which countries these church bodies are located? Learn more: [lcms.org/partnerchurches](http://lcms.org/partnerchurches).

**15.** *with thanksgiving for Lutheran Church Extension Fund, which facilitates faith and the sharing of the Good News through investments, loans and services that help build, transform and sustain our congregations.*

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

**17.** *for the Synod's 170-plus RSOs, which extend the reach of the Church by providing social services, outreach programs and education to people in diverse circumstances.*

**18.** *for the Rev. Michael Salemink, the new executive director of Lutherans For Life (LFL), an RSO of the LCMS. Ask God to bless Salemink and LFL as they seek to equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for life.*

**19.** *that God would change hearts and minds so that even more individuals would partner in the effort to provide tangible care and support for women in crisis pregnancies who feel that they have no option but to abort their babies.*

**20.** *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.*

**21.** *with thanksgiving for Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa, an organization that links Lutheran donors with LCMS missionaries. This faithful work has enabled many missionaries to share the Good News of Jesus Christ all around the world.*

**22.** *for unity in purpose, good communication and harmony among the Synod and its partners as they work together to share the Gospel in the Lord's harvest fields.*

**23.** *for Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS). Please pray that the Lord would bless LIRS as it shows His mercy to the refugees, unaccompanied children and migrants who arrive on America's shores.*

**24.** *for Lutheran World Relief (LWR), Baltimore, that it would be faithful to its Lutheran confession as it strives to end poverty, injustice and human suffering worldwide.*

**25.** *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.*

**26.** *with thanksgiving for all those who partner with LCMS missionaries, both at home and on the mission field. This love and support gives strength to those who are called to serve in various places around the world.*

**27.** *for Lutheran Services in America (LSA), an umbrella organization that*

links more than 300 Lutheran social-service ministries throughout the U.S. and the Caribbean. LSA's members provide services to one in every 50 Americans.

**28.** *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.*

**29.** *that LCMS organizations might be good stewards of the gifts God has given, using resources wisely and looking for ways to have the greatest impact on those in need.*

**30.** *that God would prepare the hearts and minds of all who will hear His message of salvation through Lutheran organizations. Ask the Lord to send His Holy Spirit to create faith through the hearing of His Word.*

**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.*



*Museum artifacts at Concordia Historical Institute on the campus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.*

## 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;  
Justin Massey, Dominican Republic;  
Valerie Pritchard, Hong Kong
- Dec. 10** Eva Rickman, Asia
- Dec. 14** Ted Krey, Dominican Republic
- Dec. 15** Edward Hosch, Peru  
Charles St-Onge, Canada
- Dec. 18** P.A. Richard-Wokoma, Africa
- Dec. 19** Serena Derricks, South Korea
- Dec. 22** Daniel Johnson, Eurasia
- Dec. 24** Thomas Aadland, Kenya
- Dec. 25** Bethany Haugen, Macau
- Dec. 28** Peter Kolb, Asia;  
Kristin Matasovsky, South Africa
- Dec. 29** Carol Halter, Hong Kong

## MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER:

Chaplain Joseph Watson, Randolph AFB, Texas;  
Chaplain Philip Houser, Adjutant General  
Office, Neb.; Chaplain Richard Graves, Fort  
Carson, Colo.; Chaplain Ronald Cox, El Centro,  
Calif.; Chaplain Patrick Pook, Japan.

