



Pray For Us Calendar

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

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MERCY — MARCH 1–31 This month, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) celebrates the many ministries of mercy that LCMS members carry out both at home and abroad. Thanks to the abundant grace we have received through Jesus Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection, we have been freed to acknowledge, to value, to listen to, to have compassion on, to speak up for and to act in mercy toward our neighbors who are hurting and in need.

Remember God's work through LCMS mercy efforts as you pray:

- 1.** with thanksgiving for the mercy of God in sending Jesus to die for us on the cross, thereby freeing us to love and serve our neighbors.
- 2.** that LCMS members and congregations would be strong defenders of life — from conception to natural death.
- 3.** for unborn children around the world, that the Lord would send His holy angels to guard them from all danger.
- 4.** that the Lord would direct the work of LCMS Life and Health Ministries for the good of His people and the world.
- 5.** for pro-life ministries that support pregnant women in difficult circumstances. Give special thanks for Redeeming Life Maternity Home in Sanford, Fla., and A Place of Refuge Ministries in Milwaukee, Wis., which provide safe housing for new mothers.
- 6.** for Hope Family Counseling Center, a Lutheran pro-life center in St. Petersburg, Russia. Pray that through Hope's ministry, women and families would be encouraged to make God-pleasing choices.
- 7.** with thanksgiving for the Synod's 160-plus deaconesses. Deaconesses share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through works of mercy, spiritual care and teaching the Christian faith.
- 8.** with thanksgiving for Hogares Luteranos el Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd Lutheran Home) in the Dominican Republic. By caring for the home's six children with intellectual and developmental disabilities, the Lutheran church there is learning about mercy, service and the value God places on all His children.
- 9.** with thanksgiving for the Synod's missionaries and partners in Asia, who carry out mercy projects like providing clean water, health education and scholarships for students in rural areas.
- 10.** for Lutheran congregations in Africa that are not able to afford to put a roof on their church building. Please ask God to bless the Synod's Tin Roofs for Africa project to assist these congregations.
- 11.** for the Synod's many Recognized Service Organizations, which provide services to children, the elderly, the disabled and many others.
- 12.** for all LCMS members, that through their loving actions and words many might come to know the salvation that is found only in Christ.
- 13.** for LCMS staff based at the International Center in St. Louis, Mo., who direct, promote and encourage the church's work of mercy in the United States and around the world.
- 14.** for the Synod's domestic disaster-relief ministry. Pray that the Lord would continue to use His people — when tornadoes, hurricanes, floods or fires strike — to reassure the suffering that He is present with them in their time of need.
- 15.** for the Synod's international disaster-relief ministry. Thank the Lord that He uses all things for good and that, even when disaster strikes, He uses the LCMS and her partner churches to share His hope with people around the world.



Falesoa Jean-Pierre (front) and Mahavita Arlin install a tin roof onto a Lutheran church near Amboasary, Madagascar.

INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- LCMS Life Ministry's Ultrasound Education Project brings the miracle and sanctity of human life into the middle-school and high-school classroom through the use of ultrasound technology. Visit blogs.lcms.org/2015/ultrasound-resource to learn more about this free resource.
- Mercy Medical Teams are organizing now to provide desperately needed health care to people in underserved regions around the globe. Learn about upcoming trips at lcms.org/mercyteams.
- Get the latest Synod news and highlights delivered straight to your inbox. Sign up for "Life Together," a new monthly digital news digest: lcms.org/lifetogetherdigest.

16. for the Synod's "Planting Gospel Seeds While Serving Human Needs" program, that it would be a blessing to congregations in the U.S. as they seek to reach out to their communities.

17. that God would give LCMS church workers and congregations courage and wisdom in responding to tragedies in their own communities. Pray that they would be able to provide a faithful witness to the Gospel as they care for the hurting.

18. for the Synod's Mercy Medical Teams (MMTs), which travel around the world to address needs of both body and soul. Pray that God would keep teams safe and bless their service.

19. for upcoming MMT trips to Madagascar, Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda, that God would send qualified, passionate medical professionals to care for people who don't have access to adequate medical care.

20. that those served by MMTs would receive healing of both body and soul as they hear and take to heart the Gospel message.

21. for the Synod's retired church workers, as they rest from their years of labor. Pray that the LCMS Veterans of the Cross program would have the capacity to assist retired workers who are experiencing financial hardship.

22. for the LCMS Soldiers of the Cross program, that it would be effective in providing emergency support and pastoral care for LCMS church workers during times of crisis.

23. with thanksgiving for the Synod's 1,000-plus parish nurses, who care for the physical well-being of LCMS members around the country.

24. for pastors as they proclaim the truth and certainty of the Lord's mercy toward us in His Son, Jesus Christ. May the Lord guide and protect them as they lead His people in truth.

25. for chaplains and pastoral counselors who provide spiritual care in hospitals, prisons, police and fire agencies, and other institutions. Ask the Lord to give them strength as they serve people in the midst of some of life's most difficult moments.

26. for the well-being of mercy and aid workers around the world. Please pray that God would give them protection and renewal so they can continue to care for His children in need.

27. for Lutheran Housing Support, that the Lord would bless the organization's work to revitalize communities.

28. that God would use mercy ministries to spread His Gospel to every nation and people.

29. that we would always look compassionately on the least among us, no matter their age, ability or size.

30. that the Lord would call congregations and organizations to initiate new mercy projects in their communities and that He would send the resources necessary for these projects.

31. for the work of Lutheran comfort dogs and their handlers, as they go to the scenes of disasters and other tragedies to provide a ministry of affection.



A volunteer checks a map of Watseka, Ill., during a volunteer event for cleanup of flood-damaged homes on Jan. 9, 2016, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Watseka.

MISSIONARY & PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS

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March 2	Ryan McDermott, Ghana
March 4	Joan Jastram, Japan
March 5	Joel Klammer, Asia
March 6	Harry Steffens, Papua New Guinea
March 13	Adam Lehman, Spain; David Warner, Spain; Georgia Witt, Kenya
March 20	Clinton Hoff, Czech Republic
March 23	Linda Braun, Germany
March 24	Lalita Hoff, Czech Republic
March 31	Amanda Groshek, Taiwan; Anton Lutz, Papua New Guinea; Richard Sovitzky, Czech Republic

MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH:

Chaplain David Wollenburg, MAF Committee member; Chaplain Jonathan Lorenz, Fort Bliss, Texas; Chaplain Pon Chanthaphon, Japan; Chaplain David Schilling, Spain; Chaplain Mark Steiner, Washington, D.C.; Chaplain Michael Sneath, Quantico, Va.

