Mission Prayers

*Mission prayers are provided to our WELS churches for use in weekly worship, bulletins, newsletters, and prayer lists. Each week’s request asks God’s blessings on a different area of WELS ministry. The first prayer each month is written to coincide with the showing of* WELS Connection*.*

**January 7**

*WELS* – Heavenly Father, how grateful we are for your many blessings in 2017. Thank you for our Lutheran heritage that has taught us to look to Scripture alone for salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. Thank you for the trained pastors and teachers that lead us in sharing this gospel. Thank you for successful mission efforts. We boldly pray that you use us to do even more in the coming year. Send your Holy Spirit to direct us in making disciples of every nation. Amen.

**January 14**

*Congregational Services* – Father in heaven, the calls accepted by Pastor Jon Hein to coordinate WELS Congregational Services and Pastor Donn Dobberstein to lead Adult Discipleship and Youth and Family Ministry demonstrate the important services that the synod provides—not in carrying out actual local ministry but in helping congregations to evaluate their ministry needs and then providing them with the resources to help them do that. With your blessing, these men will be instrumental in helping congregations assess ministry challenges and opportunities. Jesus, give them wisdom and diligence to carry out this work in your Name. Amen.

**January 21**

*Multi-Language Publications* – Lord God, your Word is powerful and effective. We see that truth in South Asia where, despite struggles from floods and government opposition, the printed Word about Christ is leading many to faith. The gifted workers of WELS Multi-Language Publications have been led by your Holy Spirit to share the gospel in languages most of us have barely heard of. Like when Luther translated the Bible into German, people in South Asia are hearing the Good News in their own language and rejoicing in their Savior Jesus. Thank you, dear Lord, for this gift. Amen.

**January 28**

*Immanuel, Waukegan, Ill.* – Lord of all, you desire people of every nation to be with you forever. We ask your blessings on the labors of our brothers and sisters in Waukegan, Ill., as they seek to reach out to Hispanics in their community. You have given them the means of the gospel to save souls. Now, through WELS Home Missions, they have the financial backing to carry out this important work. May more people of every race, nation, and background be led into your kingdom. Give them your blessing, Holy Spirit. Amen.

**February 4**

*Christian Aid and Relief* – Lord God, though this sin-cursed world is filled with trouble, you have overcome the world. As we, by our gifts to WELS Christian Aid and Relief, show love through the physical help of those affected by natural disasters, open their hearts to the ultimate love and the solution of all of life’s problems won through the redeeming work of Jesus. Amen.

**February 11**

*Special Ministries* – Lord Jesus, please be with the many individuals serving as chaplains to those in prisons, hospitals, nursing homes, military members and their family members, and to public servants such as police officers and firemen and women. May the regulations at these institutions permit easy access for these gospel workers. May the good news of Jesus that these chaplains share take root in the hearts of those who hear. Bless the Chaplain Certification Program so that more are equipped to go and proclaim your most holy name. Amen.

**February 18**

*Coeur d’Alene, Idaho* – *­*O Holy Spirit, continue to provide the members of The Vine Lutheran Church with strength and determination as they seek to build relationships in order to reach the lost in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. Work through Pastor Kevin Schultz and our brothers and sisters as they use the means of grace to attach people to Jesus, the true Vine, so that they can bear fruit to the honor and glory of God’s name. Amen.

**February 25**

*Ministerial Education* – Heavenly Father, the fields throughout the world remain ripe for the spiritual harvest. More workers, especially pastors, are needed to gather these souls into heaven. Give wisdom to our synod’s Conference of Presidents as they deal with a rising vacancy rate within our synod. Move the hearts of more sons of our congregations to prepare as candidates for the pastoral ministry. Encourage us all to give generous offerings to support their training at our ministerial education schools so that your kingdom may grow among us and through us. Amen.