Mission Prayers

*Mission prayers are provided to our WELS churches for use in weekly worship, bulletins, newsletters, or 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*.*

**July 2**

*Missions* – Lord, we praise you for the salvation you have brought to all people through Jesus our Savior. We thank you for the privilege of being a part of sharing this good news with all nations. Bless our missionaries as they work across the world in a variety of cultures, and inspire us to do all we can to support them. Amen.

**July 9**

*Portugal* – Heavenly Father, you have gathered people into your kingdom from every race and nation. By your grace, we rejoice in the bonds of fellowship we have with church bodies around the world. Today we pray for the Lutheran Church of Portugal. Keep our brothers and sisters strong in their faith and love. Give them courage to share the gospel and stand for the truth. If it is your will, bring many more into your kingdom through their work. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**July 16**

*Saviour of the Nations, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada* – Lord Jesus, we thank you for blessing the mission efforts of Pastor Geoff Cortright and the small group of Christians at Saviour of the Nations in Vancouver, British Columbia. Your gospel, O Lord, is reaching a variety of cultures and people to bring people into your kingdom. We ask that you continue to bless their commitment to you and your saving Word, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**July 23**

*Prison Ministry* – O Lord, many are weighed down with sin and its consequences. We thank you for people who are willing to share your gospel with those in prison. We pray for their ministry as they offer rest to souls burdened with guilt. Bless their gospel message that many of their hearers may come to know Jesus and, by faith, receive the eternal rest of heaven. Amen.

**July 30**

*Synod convention* – O God, we thank you for our fellow believers in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod who confess the truth of your Word. We ask you to bless the 64th convention of our synod as it gathers in Watertown, Wis. Guide the delegates with your Spirit and give wisdom to their decisions. Thank you for the leadership of President Mark Schroeder. Continue to bless him and the Conference of Presidents as they lead our synod in celebrating our great heritage in this 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. By your grace we pray. Amen.

**August 6**

*Christian Aid and Relief* – Our loving Savior, you are a God of law and justice; you are also a God of grace. We thank you that, through faith in Jesus, we have been liberated from guilt and fear and instead given the privilege of sharing your incredible love with others. Bless the work of WELS Christian Aid and Relief, through which our churches and members help one another as well as those in our communities or in mission fields. May our love, given as humanitarian aid or disaster relief, open hearts to hearing the ultimate love story about the work of Jesus. Amen.

**August 13**

*Vietnam* – Holy Spirit, what amazing work you have given us the privilege to be part of! We thank you that multi-cultural work with Hmong in the United States has led to open doors in Vietnam. Bless Pastor Bounkeo Lor as he leads efforts to teach law and gospel to 60 church leaders of more than 70,000 people. If it is your will, may this work progress to the point where WELS can join in fellowship with this body of believers. Thank you, as well, for the growth of this church body by 40 churches and 2,400 members since we have begun our training efforts. “Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise!” Amen.

**August 20**

*Lutheran Schools* – Father, Son, and Spirit, as classes resume in schools across our synod, we ask your blessing on the new school year. Accompany students as they begin the task of learning and growing. Feed their faith as well as their intellect and make their work a joyful gift of thanks to you. Grant our teachers patience, diligence, and wisdom, as they instruct and lead our future leaders. Bless the staff at each school with the desire to work for you with all their hearts. Let this whole year be a year lived to the glory of your name. Amen.

**August 27**

*Shepherd of the Valley, Westminster, Colo.* – Lord Jesus, send your Holy Spirit to guide and bless Shepherd of the Valley in Westminster, Colo., as they start a second campus in the new, growing community of Candelas. Bless the congregation as they call a pastor to lead outreach efforts at the new site even as they go about evangelism in the community now. Lord, draw your people to you, and help them to grow as your disciples. Amen.