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*.*

**March 5**

*Worship Conference* – Lord God, we praise your glorious name. As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation we thank you for our Lutheran musical heritage where all worshipers rejoice in the gospel through music and other art forms. Bless this year’s National Worship Conferences that attendees may be inspired and learn much. May the joy of worship be passed along to a new generation. Also guide us, Lord, as we seek to give you glory in the production of the new hymnal. Amen.

**March 12**

*Missions* – Lord Jesus, after you rose victoriously from death you told your disciples to go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Not only do you equip us to preach, you also surround us with opportunities to do so. You have lately given us opportunities we never expected. Through our mission work at home, you have given your Spirit to immigrants who are leading us to people in their home countries who hunger for your peace. We pray that you go with them back to their homelands and bless their collaboration with WELS Missions in places like Kenya, Liberia, and Vietnam. Continue to pour out your Spirit in abundance as we train and proclaim in all the world, that your kingdom may continue to come among us and many others. Amen.

**March 19**

*Luther Preparatory School* – Father in heaven, through the prophet Isaiah you illustrate the high honor of the ministry of the Word by saying, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace and salvation.” Bless our efforts to show that beauty to young people, that they might see the honor you have given all of us and consider full-time work in the public ministry. Today we pray especially for your blessing on Luther Preparatory School. Use the faculty and staff as your instruments to show your love and forgiveness. Guard all students from the temptations of youth. Fill them with strength and courage to let their light shine into this dark world through their words and actions. Amen.

**March 26**

*Divine Peace, Garland, Texas* – Lord Jesus, we thank you for giving Divine Peace in Garland, Texas, the opportunity to serve people through a second campus and for the support to call a second pastor through our Board for Home Missions. Send your Holy Spirit to work through Pastors John Hering and Gunnar Ledermann and all the members of Divine Peace. Open the eyes of everyone they touch to see your love for them in your boundless forgiveness and perfect will. Amen.

**April 2**

*Training workers in mission fields* –Lord of the Church, the Holy Spirit is prompting many in other countries to seek theological training to become leaders in their local church bodies. Guide our synod as we teach them through seminaries, online coursework, and other arrangements. Continue to work in all of your people a love for your Word, its doctrines, and our calling to proclaim the gospel. Amen.

**April 9**

*Germany* – Heavenly Father, 500 years ago you preserved your Word through the work of Martin Luther. In Germany, many faithful believers worked hard to live their faith and proclaim the truth. We thank you for the years of grace you have showered on us through our German brothers and sisters. Please bless their celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Please open the hearts of a nation that witnessed the renewal of the gospel message and fill them with the desire to learn about your son, Jesus, and his work of salvation. In his name we pray, Amen.

**April 16**

*Early childhood ministry* – Lord Jesus, you have blessed our synod with 392 early childhood ministries. So many children walk through our doors in need of care, learning, and their Savior. Give us teachers who know and trust you and will clearly teach them about your Word. Lead young men and women to consider the opportunity to serve as early childhood directors. The need is great, and the opportunities are many. Help us reach out to as many children as we can, and lead their parents to hunger and thirst for the wonderful news about Jesus! Amen.

**April 23**

*Immanuel Hmong, St. Paul, Minn.* – Holy Spirit, we thank you for the work Pastor Pheng Moua and his wife have done to share the gospel with the Hmong population in the Twin Cities and around the world. We especially ask that you would bless the work he does with their youth group. Many young men and women gather to hear about Jesus. Bless their studies and works of service. Help raise up a new generation that loves your Word and the good news of salvation! In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

**April 30**

*Brazil* – Lord Jesus, thank you for watching over our two Brazilian national pastors and the work they do to tell the people of Brazil about you. Give them wisdom, perseverance, patience, and zeal as they take up their new responsibilities to lead this small group of believers. Fill their congregations with strength, creativity, and your guidance as they seek to do your work and carry out your ministry. Let the preaching of the gospel bear much fruit so that these congregations will grow and flourish. In your name we pray, Amen.