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*.*

**March 4**

*Teacher recruitment* – Jesus, our Teacher, thank you for building our WELS school system to have the reach and respect that it does today. As you bless our efforts with new opportunities, we pray that would you also send out workers into your harvest field as you have promised to do. Continue to give wisdom and success to the professors who train our teachers, and guide students through the right experiences to prepare them for the settings they will serve. Send your Holy Spirit to use our schools to make disciples for you. Amen.

**March 11**

*Santo Tomas, Phoenix, Ariz.* – Lord of the church, we thank you for the 20 years of grace that you have granted to Santo Tomas, our Spanish-speaking mission in Phoenix, Ariz. Please continue to bless their ministry as they seek to reach many souls with the life-changing gospel. May Santo Tomas’ efforts to create cross-cultural bridges to the lost in their community inspire us with similar mission zeal to reach all those who live in our own communities, regardless of their culture or background. Amen.

**March 18**

*WELS* – Lord God, we thank you for the blessings you have given to us as we continue to work together as a synod. We thank you for unity of faith, which is hard to find in this world. We acknowledge, dear Lord, that it is only because of you and your mighty Word that such unity can exist among us. Preserve within our hearts, as a synod, the desire to clearly confess the Scripture. Finally, Lord, bless our efforts as we strive together to make your Word known to a world that so desperately needs to hear it. Amen.

**March 25**

*Hymnal project* – Lord of hosts, we thank you for the gift of music through which many of the inspiring truths of your Word are so regularly placed upon lips. We ask that you bless the work of those who are currently working on the new hymnal project. Lord, may their work bring glory to you, and may the new hymnal serve to edify your church in the years and decades to come. Amen.

**April 1**

*Apache mission* – God, we praise you for the mission work you have carried out through our synod since our missionaries first traveled to the Apache reservation 125 years ago. Through your Holy Spirit you have called to faith and preserved your children there for generations. Amidst the earthly challenges that exist, we pray that your hope continues to prevail among the Apaches as well as those with whom they share the gospel on the reservation and beyond. Amen.

**April 8**

*Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary* – Lord Jesus, you gave some to be pastors and teachers in your church. As our seminary students prepare for their calls into the full-time ministry, bless their vicar year. Fill them with a love for souls, teach them to engage people with their sermons and Bible studies, and grant them the desire to continue serving you wherever you lead them! In your name we pray. Amen.

**April 15**

*Hendersonville, N.C.* – Lord of the harvest, thank you for sending Pastor Paul and Kathy Zell to serve the believers at Living Savior in Hendersonville, N.C. Bless this daughter congregation of Living Savior in Asheville, N.C., and give the members unity of purpose and strength in fellowship as they work together for your gospel mission. Help each member to see that each of them have a ripe mission field to work every day! In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**April 22**

*Lutheran Schools* – Heavenly Father, teaching children to learn about Jesus, along with the wonders of your creation, is such a privilege. We need men who are willing to serve as principals in our schools. Please raise up men with willing hearts who are up to the challenges of 21st century schools to guide teachers, encourage students, and build up families. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**April 29**

*WELS Church Extension Fund* – Lord of the church, thank you for the resources you have provided for so many building projects through our WELS Church Extension Fund. These centers of worship become beacons of light for dark communities and safe havens for lost souls. Please continue to bless Church Extension Fund’s faithful management of the resources they have, so many more congregations may benefit from their work. We come to you through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.