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*.*

**May 7**

*Martin Luther College* – Lord of the Church, thanks that, through your Spirit, you are leading young men and women to Martin Luther College to study for service as pastors, teachers, and staff ministers. Thank you, also, for the enthusiasm of our WELS congregations to encourage these students. We pray for their success and that we can continue to find ways to ease the financial burden of their education. Amen.

**May 14**

*Ministerial Education* – Father in heaven, today we ask your blessing upon all those who graduate this month from our synodical schools: Martin Luther College, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Luther Preparatory School, and Michigan Lutheran Seminary. Bless these graduates as they enter a new phase of their lives as your witnesses, especially those receiving divine calls into the public ministry. May your wisdom and strength be with them in all that they do for the glory of your name. Amen.

**May 21**

*Reformation 500* – Dear Lord, what a wonderful blessing it is for us this year to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation! Thank you for those who used their talents to produce the new Luther film, *A Return to Grace: Luther’s Life and Legacy.* Continue to bless the efforts of all those congregations utilizing this film in their outreach efforts to emphasize your grace and the saving message of your gospel. Amen.

**May 28**

*Kenya* – Heavenly Father, we praise you for opening so many doors around the world for us to enter with the life-giving message of the gospel. Today we thank you for the work being accomplished in Kenya. You continue to shower blessings upon the Christians in this part of our world as a result of visits made this past fall by Pastor Peter Bur and Prof. Allen Sorum. Thank you for using them to train South Sudanese pastors and spiritual leaders to serve South Sudanese refugees with the gospel. Bless all future visits to this country, and continue to tighten the bond of fellowship we share with the saints in Kenya. Amen.

**June 4**

*Eternal Rock, Castle Rock, Colo.* – Our gracious God, we praise you for building your church through all adversity. Thank you for blessing Pastor Oldenburg and the members of Eternal Rock in Castle Rock, Colo., with a positive response to their outreach in that community. We ask that you continue to reach many more souls there. Also, inspire us to a mission mindset of showing love to our community so that they want to hear what we have to share about Jesus. Amen.

**June 11**

*Worship conferences* – Lord Jesus, you revealed to your apostle John all the saints in heaven worshiping you. We praise and thank you for the opportunity to worship you here on earth as our Savior and Lord. We implore your blessing on the WELS National Conference on Worship Music and the Arts, taking place this week in Kenosha, Wis. May presenters and participants glorify you in worship and workshops. Inspire us with the desire to give you our best as we worship you. Amen.

**June 18**

*LWMS convention* – Holy Spirit, it’s your will to bring every sinner on earth to faith in Jesus as Savior. Fill the Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society convention with your presence as participants gather this week to worship and to support mission work at home and throughout the world. Bless all attendees with safe travel and with a fervent desire not only to carry out your Great Commission, but also to inspire others to join in this soul-saving work. Amen.

**June 25**

*Student mission trips* – “We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.” Heavenly Father, we praise you that another generation is arising to share your plan of saving light with our spiritually dark world. Guard and keep these young people safe as they share their faith in Jesus on summer mission trips. Bless their gospel proclamation according to your saving will. May their words and actions bring glory to your saving name. Amen.