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*.*

**November 1**

*“One in Christ” debt offering* – Lord, thank you for so many spiritual and earthly blessings through the saving work of Jesus. We praise you for giving us the privilege of sharing the gospel and for blessing our work by bring people to faith in you. Please grant success to our synod’s gathering of a special offering to eliminate the debt so that we will be in a better financial position to continue ministry for the good of your kingdom. Amen.

**November 8**

*WELS Special Ministries* – Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for all the ways you bring people to know you as their Savior. Today we remember especially the work of WELS Special Ministries. Guide them as they serve those who needs are not met by the regular ministries of WELS parishes, schools, and agencies. Bless those served—people who have trouble hearing or seeing, who have intellectual and development disabilities, who suffer from mental health challenges, or who are away from their church homes due to military service or imprisonment. Continue to bless all those who labor in these special ministries so that many more may know the joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**November 15**

*Luther Preparatory School* – Dearest Savior, you encourage us to ask you to send workers into your harvest field. For 150 years you have answered that prayer for our church body through the Watertown, Wis., campus of our ministerial education school system. On that campus you have prepared young people for gospel ministry as pastors and teachers in our synod. We thank you for these faithful workers and ask for your ongoing blessing on the teachers at Luther Prep as they lead young people to serve the Lord of the harvest in the ripe fields around the world. Amen.

**November 22**

*Bulgaria* – Jesus, we rejoice in the victory you have won for us. With joy we see that your victory is not just for a few, but for all the world. Today we thank you for blessing our brothers and sisters in the Bulgarian Lutheran Church with a new pastor from their own people. Bless the ministry of Pastor Itsov as he reaches out with the gospel to the Romani people not only in his own country, but throughout the world through the literature he prepares. Be with Pastor Itsov, and his five fellow Bulgarian pastors, as they point more and more people to the triumph which was won for them through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**November 29**

*Eternal Rock, Castle Rock, Colo.* – Almighty Lord Jesus, you are the King of kings and Lord of lords. You rule over all things for the benefit of your church. We pray for your blessing on the home mission congregation, Eternal Rock Lutheran in Castle Rock, Colo. We ask that you would work all things well for them as they seek property on which to build a worship facility. Lead them to a location that is visible so that many more may see you. Lead them to a place with easy access so that many more may come to you. Lead them to a spot that is beautiful so that many more may see your glory. Until then, bless them wherever they gather to worship, strengthening their faith and bringing more to know you, our Savior and King. Amen.

**December 6**

*Christian Aid and Relief* – Lord of the Nations, give us a heart like yours, which cares. You care for the fatherless and widow. You care for the vulnerable and hurting. Move us to put your compassion into action. Guide the work of WELS Christian Aid and Relief as they reach out to those who have suffered calamity or provide humanitarian aid to those in need. Use the assistance we give to turn hearts to you, our kind-hearted Lord. In the name of him who showed immeasurable compassion for us. Amen.

**December 13**

*India* – Lord, lost souls in India need your care. Guide the pastors, evangelists, and mission counselors whose gospel witness builds up your believers and reaches out to the many who do not yet know you as the Savior. Defend and bless your church. May the gospel catch fire through the power of your Holy Spirit. Grant it for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

**December 20**

*Martin Luther College* – Spirit of God, use the mid-year teaching graduates at Martin Luther College for the good of your church, that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach maturity. Whatever you have in mind for them, may they, as your agents, be eager to serve you, your people, and the world with your precious Word. Amen.

**December 27**

*Grace, Minot, N.D.* – God, bless the work of Pastor Walther and the early childhood ministry of our home mission in Minot, North Dakota—Grace Ev. Lutheran Church. May the congregation display your mercy to the residents and those moving in seeking jobs in the state’s booming oil industry. Use Grace to teach hearers that true riches are not found in the ground, but in you, our priceless treasure. Amen.