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*.*

**November 5**

*WELS Congregational Services* – Lord Jesus, thank you for your blessings on our synod, including faithfulness to your Word and the many new missions opened over the years that are reaching new souls with the good news of our redemption from sin. As we look at the trends and attempt to strengthen our congregations’ part in your Great Commission, please go with us. May we trust your control and confidently seek and share you. Amen.

**November 12**

*Mt. Lebanon, Milwaukee, Wis.* – Lord of the Harvest, we thank you for the many opportunities you give us to proclaim your good news to souls who need to hear it. Today we especially thank you for blessing the work of Mt. Lebanon Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. Bless them as they call another pastor to assist them in the great work of reaching out to the people in their neighborhood. Bless the work of their pastors, their school faculty, and all the members of their congregation so that many more may hear the good news and believe in Jesus Christ, their Redeemer, and the Savior of all people. Amen.

**November 19**

*Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary* – Lord of the Church, you have urged us to pray that you would send out more workers into the harvest field. Bless the students and faculty of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary as they prepare workers. Bestow on professors the wisdom to teach your Word clearly and on students the diligence to study the Scriptures. Provide success to those who recruit and encourage young men for the pastoral ministry. Lead us all to treasure our seminary, which provides our church body with men who are prepared to preach the gospel to all. Amen.

**November 26**

*Christian Aid and Relief* – Almighty Lord, we know that you are in control of all things. In the past few months you have allowed storms and other disasters to strike many people. We know that such hardships are opportunities for us to show our love for our fellow human beings. Bless this work through our WELS Christian Aid and Relief. May the support they give to the people of this world serve as a chance to speak to about the one thing that is truly needed, the Rock that holds firm in the storms of life in this world, Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Move us all to consider how we may help those in need with our prayers, time, and offerings. Lord, bring relief to all who are still in need or danger. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**December 3**

*Home Missions* – Lord God, thank you for blessing WELS with 36 new or enhanced home missions in the last few years and for the enthusiastic core groups of members who helped initiate and grow these new congregations throughout North America. Please help us to see the evangelism opportunities you put before us and to help make those efforts successful. Amen.

**December 10**

*Indonesia* – Holy God, you seek people from every nation, tribe, language, and people. You sent your Son to sacrifice himself for all so that people everywhere might call on your name and be saved. We feel privileged to support those who proclaim your saving name to the people of Indonesia. Bless the teaching and the training there, so that they may be equipped with the tools and the love to go out to the many islands with your saving message. Amen.

**December 17**

*Martin Luther College* – Lord of the Harvest, the fields are always ripe and the need for workers is ever present. We praise you and bless your name that you have given young people the desire, talents, and tools to teach future generations of your wondrous love. Be with the 13 graduates who finished their work at Martin Luther College this week, and – according to your will – use them in your kingdom where they may serve you well. Keep our educational systems strong, and move even more to answer your call. Amen.

**December 24**

*WELS Mission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing* – Gracious Lord Jesus, you came into our world to free us from our sins. Help us overcome all obstacles to sharing this news with the world. Bless our ministries to the deaf and hard of hearing, including congregations that offer sign language interpreters at their services. May your salvation be known by any means possible, so that all may know your saving love. Amen.

**December 31**

*Mexico* – Heavenly Father, you sent holy angels to proclaim our Savior’s birth to simple shepherds. Now you send your people to share Jesus with others. We thank you for the opportunities in Mexico to proclaim the praises of the Christ Child. Bless our endeavors to use the Internet to continue to move that message to more people than we ever could ever reach face to face. Give health and safety to all who go forward to proclaim your name, so that all the residents of Mexico may know the saving peace of Mary’s Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.