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*.*

**September 4**

*Missions* – Heavenly Father, thank you for the opportunity to evangelize diverse people groups within our own communities, groups who can then share the gospel with loved ones in other parts of the world. Give us a heart like Jesus to look after the earthly and spiritual needs of our neighbors. May your Holy Spirit fill us with zeal to share our faith and love with others. Amen.

**September 11**

*District presidents* – Lord Jesus, recently there was a leadership change in our synod as the terms of four district presidents came to an end and new presidents were elected: Rev. Philip Hirsch replaced Rev. Earle Treptow in the Nebraska District; Rev. Charles Westra replaced Rev. John Guse in the South Atlantic District; Rev. David Kolander replaced Rev. David Rutschow in the Southeastern Wisconsin District; and Rev. Michael Jensen replaced Rev. Herb Prahl in the Western Wisconsin District. We thank you for the years of service of the outgoing presidents and pray that you would continue to bless the work of their successors. Amen.

**September 18**

*Special Ministries* – Almighty God, you often enable your Word to be proclaimed and your church to spread through the use of new technology. Please bless WELS Special Ministries as they promote the use of their online form to identify and share the gospel with those in special circumstances such as serving in the military, living overseas, impacted by incarceration, or challenged by intellectual and development disabilities. May your Word applied to their specific circumstances provide much-needed encouragement. Amen.

**September 25**

*Ukraine* – Lord, we thank you for your work in rebuilding the Lutheran Church in Ukraine, and especially for the opportunity the Ukrainian Lutheran Church had to acquire and dedicate a building of their own in Kiev. Let this serve as an opportunity to reach even more people with the gospel, and if it is your will, let it also help to establish the legitimacy of the Lutheran church within Ukraine so that additional barriers to the spread of the gospel might be torn down.

Amen.

**October 2**

*Lutheran Schools* – Lord, thank you for the leaders of our Lutheran schools and early childhood centers who have taught and served as role models for us and for our children. At a time where there is a growing need for these leaders in our schools, we pray that you would grant success to our synod’s mentorship program to train principals and others. May all obstacles be removed from the work of our schools in bringing up the next generation of your children. Amen.

**October 9**

*Grace, Benson, Ariz.* – O Heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the privilege to gather together in local congregations of believers so that we might hear your Word and praise your holy name. Today we ask that you continue to send your Holy Spirit to bless the message of salvation being proclaimed at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, a multi-site home mission congregation serving four locations in the Tucson, Ariz., area. Send your Holy Spirit to work faith in the hearts of those who hear the good news about their Savior and continue to gather your sheep into the fold as we anticipate the glorious return of your Son. In his name, Amen.

**October 16**

*Pastoral Studies Institute* – Gracious Lord, you have charged us with the task of making disciples of all nations. What joy and privilege! Since the field of labor is vast, O gracious Lord, we ask that you bless the work of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in training pastors and its Pastoral Studies Institute as they guide and assist non-traditional students. Equip professors to instill in their students the knowledge needed to carry out gospel ministry. Bless students with knowledge, patience, and resolve throughout the course of their studies. Amen.

**October 23**

*Multi-Language Publications* – Lord of all nations, we ask you to continue to bless the efforts of our synod’s Multi-Language Publications staff. As they endeavor to translate the gospel message into the native tongues of people throughout the world, give them strength and encouragement to continue on in their good work. Cause your Holy Spirit to work through the Word and create faith in the hearts of those who receive these publications. Use the Word to accomplish your purposes and at last to bring many souls to your side in heaven. Amen.

**October 30**

*Youth Ministry* – Heavenly Father, we thank you for blessing us with leaders: parents, teachers, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and other examples of Christian faith who have trained us to know you and your Word. As we look ahead to training up the next generation of your visible church we ask for your blessing and guidance, including upon the new program for equipping youth leaders that is being implemented by our synod’s Youth and Family Ministry. Bless this program as we seek to equip leaders in our congregations to train up children in the way they should go—your way of salvation. Amen.