

Prayers from Various Prayer Calendars

Sunday, May 21

- **LCMS** – Thanksgiving for all missionaries, that they remain faithful in their tasks and be witnesses to the Gospel.
 - **Persecuted Christians** – Kazakhstan – Pray for the growth of God’s kingdom in Kazakhstan.
 - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Guard and protect Your Church, that she may be kept faithful in the face of temptation and persecution and be made fruitful in the work she does in Christ’s name.
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Monday, May 22

- **LCMS** – For those serving in church leadership around the world, as they guide, nurture and shepherd their people.
 - **Persecuted Christians** – Vietnam – Pray for those denied utilities, schooling or medical care because of their faith.
 - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Lord, raise up faithful pastors for the ministry of the Word and Sacraments, and faithful men and women to be teachers, musicians, deaconesses and directors of Christian education and outreach, that these may serve for the benefit of all.
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Tuesday, May 23

- **LCMS** – For laypeople around the world, that they would be fulfilled by God’s Word and Sacraments.
 - **Persecuted Christians** – Philippines – Praise God for the bold witness of Bible school graduates.
 - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Lord, You have placed us in communities and families where we are nurtured in the knowledge of Your Word and in love. May we be faithful teachers of that Word to our children and those not yet of the kingdom
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Wednesday, May 24

- **LCMS** – That God would continue to raise up faithful servants for His Church in locations around the world.
 - **Persecuted Christians** – Brunei – Pray that Christians will find creative ways of reaching out to Sunni Muslims.
 - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Lord, You are the ruler of all things. Grant that the nations may enjoy peace, goodwill, an end to terror and bloodshed, and freedom from tyranny. Guide our leaders to be faithful in their service, for the protection of life and the pursuit of all that is just and good.
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Thursday, May 25

- **LCMS** – For the Lutheran church bodies around the world interested in fellowship with the LCMS. Pray that God would guide the consideration process according to His will.
 - **Persecuted Christians** – Myanmar (Burma) – Pray God softens the hearts of the Burmese people and draws them in.
 - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Lord, bless our land and our people. Shield us from pestilence that devours vegetation, from drought that steals the harvest and from hunger when the fruits of the field are scarce.
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Friday, May 26

- **LCMS** – Thanksgivings for those who pray for those who serve where spreading God’s Word is difficult or dangerous.
 - **Persecuted Christians** – Indonesia – Pray for Christians in Indonesia, using Colossians 1:9-12 as a guide.
 - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Lord, You give us endurance for the race set before us. Grant that we may run the course You have given us in faith. According to Your good will, give healing to the sick, relief to the suffering, comfort to the grieving and peace to the dying. Strengthen them in weakness, and grant patience in their trials. Give us the peace that surpasses understanding, the gladness no man can take from us and the hope that does not fade.
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Saturday, May 27

- **LCMS** – For churches dealing with strife between members, that the Lord would guide them to a peaceful resolution.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Sudan – Pray for an effort to get 100,000 New Testaments to people hungry for God’s Word.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Lord, You have appointed us to bear witness to Your dear Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Since the world cannot endure this testimony and persecutes us in every way, encourage and comfort us, we implore You, that we would not be offended by these crosses, but continue steadfast in Your testimony and be found always among those who know You and Your Son until we obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**