

## Prayers from Various Prayer Calendars

### Sunday, August 20

- **LCMS** – For the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above to be given to us, so that God’s Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edification of Christ’s holy people.
  - **Persecuted Christians** – Mauritania – Pray that believers will boldly gather for worship, fellowship and discipleship.
  - **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. Be merciful to us, heavenly Father, for daily we are tempted by Satan, and daily we sin and transgress Your will. For the sake of Christ Jesus and His bitter suffering and death upon the cross, forgive us.
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### Monday, August 21

- **LCMS** – The Church would work together in God-pleasing unity and their joint efforts would further God’s kingdom.
  - **Persecuted Christians** – Maldives – Pray for creative approaches to ministry in this hard-to-reach country.
  - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Be merciful to Your Church here and in every place. Defend our pastors from arrogance and pride, and strengthen them in the faithful preaching of Your Word, that both Your holy Law and Your precious Gospel would be proclaimed and Your children be united in saving faith.
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### Tuesday, August 22

- **LCMS** – For LCMS institutions preparing servants for the Church to prepare them to serve God and His Church.
  - **Persecuted Christians** – Indonesia – Pray for the courage of Christians who have seen other believers killed.
  - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Be merciful to all in need, especially children who lack food, clothing and shelter, and all orphans in need of parents to care for them. Heavenly Father, provide earthly fathers, mothers, friends and neighbors to care for them. Give us generosity to serve as agents of Your mercy.
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### Wednesday, August 23

- **LCMS** – Thanksgiving for people and organizations supporting the Church enabling the Gospel to be shared.
  - **Persecuted Christians** – Pakistan – Pray for the bold witness of Shakeel, who came to faith after reading the Bible.
  - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Be merciful to our land, that those with any authority would exercise it with wisdom and righteousness, and that we would have peaceful days. Be merciful to the nations of the world, that wars would cease and harmony be restored.
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### Thursday, August 24

- **LCMS** – For young people, that the Lord would lead them to serve Him and bless His people.
  - **Persecuted Christians** – Cuba – Pray pastors who are detained for questioning will convey boldness, love and truth.
  - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Be merciful to the sick and the sorrowing, that as they are burdened by the difficulties and hardships of life in this fallen world, they would receive not only temporal relief but know the forgiveness of their sins and have the constant hope of eternal life in Christ Jesus.
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### Friday, August 25

- **LCMS** – When we are tempted to focus on the world or on ourselves, God would direct us to His Word and will.
  - **Persecuted Christians** – Uganda – Pray for Christians confronted with encroaching Islamization.
  - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Be merciful to our neighbors, especially those who have sinned against us and done us harm. Give us patience and strength to deal with them gently and humbly, readily forgiving as we have been forgiven.
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### Saturday, August 26

- **LCMS** – With thanksgiving that God continues to strengthen us through His Word and Sacraments.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Israel – Pray that residents of Jerusalem will seek the Prince of Peace.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – O Lord, if we trust in ourselves for righteousness, we are lost and dead in our sins. Yet You mercifully draw us to Yourself in repentance and hear the cries of those who trust in Your Son. Grant us humility, that we may not exalt ourselves or treat our brothers and sisters with contempt. Rescue us from every evil, and bring us into Your kingdom as Your beloved children. To You alone be all glory, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**