

Mount Olive Prayer List
Week of September 13, 2020

Matthew 18:21-22

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times." (verse from the weekend service)

Prayers of thanksgiving:

- For the good results of Pastor Mark's tests showing that he does NOT have CoViD-19.
- For the rains received during last week, helping to alleviate the severe drought conditions throughout Iowa.

Please pray for:

- The women's Zoom Bible study beginning on Thursday evening, "Anchored in God's Word – How we can grow in our walk with Jesus, even in the midst of chaos and difficulties."
- Healing for Sara Stafford who will be having hand surgery on Tuesday.
- Dale Curtice's Uncle Dean to return to church.
- Lori Discher's nephew to be able to find another job (wife and two young daughters). He has been laid off due to the challenging economic times.
- Relief from the COVID-19 pandemic and all its resultant consequences.
- Our country and its leaders in view of the pandemic, the civil unrest, the campaign and approaching election.
- Healing for: Lucas McNeeley, Ian Thompson, Dale Foltmann, Dale Curtice and his friend Bill Nelson, Joan Koch's brother Bill; John Light's girlfriend; David West; Joan Erickson; Debbie Holseid; Gretchen Versteeg; Michael Sturgeon; Doug Burke; Kathryn Sprecher; Pastor Jim Stogdill, Sandi Jones, and Phil Mattheis.

REQUESTS FROM VARIOUS PRAYER CALENDARS

Sunday, September 13

- **Mount Olive** – Mount Olive Lutheran School – administrators, teachers, staff, students and families as the school year continues – that God would keep everyone safe and healthy and focused on learning.
- **LCMS** – Thank God for the Holy Spirit. Pray that He would keep all in the true faith.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Lebanon – Pray for pastors/churches who feel overwhelmed by the needs of refugees.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Almighty God, as once You kept Joseph from evil and brought good from his suffering in Egypt, deliver us by Your grace so that we may learn patience in trials. Teach us to be slow to judge, quick to forgive, and steadfast in love for You and for one another.

Monday, September 14

- **Mount Olive** – God's guidance and blessings on Mount Olive church leadership as they faithfully serve the congregation and school, and that others would be prayerfully led to join them in the Lord's service.
- **LCMS** – Thank God for the Church. Pray that she would remain faithful to her Savior.
- **Persecuted Christians** – United Arab Emirates – Pray for more workers in tribal areas of the country.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Merciful Lord, You have shown great compassion to us; teach us to show such compassion to others, that we may welcome the stranger, love our neighbor in need, and be attentive to those new to the faith or vulnerable to temptation. Help us to serve the refugee seeking safety, and give us opportunity to share Your gifts with those who live in poverty and want.

Tuesday, September 15

- **Mount Olive** – For protection and provision for members of the Mount Olive faith community, both congregation and school, who are continuing to "shelter in place" in view of the pandemic.
- **LCMS** – Rejoice that God gives and sustains faith in the Holy Trinity. Rejoice that God is love.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Brunei – Pray for a front-line worker battling cancer.

- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Gracious God, bless those who preach and teach Your Word, and give the hearers willing ears to hear and willing hearts to learn the Scriptures well. Bless those now training to be pastors and church workers. Grant to all the baptized the aid of Your Holy Spirit so that, receiving Your Gospel with joy, we may share it freely with those outside the household of faith.

Wednesday, September 16

- **Mount Olive** – Mount Olive Lutheran School chapel
- **LCMS** – That God would lead all sinners to repentance.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Qatar – Pray that believers will overcome fear and that the gospel will be freely shared.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Mighty God, give wisdom and courage to elected and appointed leaders, that they may pursue justice, seek peace and protect life from its natural beginning to its natural end. Bring an end to the threats of terror and violence among the peoples, and open all nations to the voice of Your Word.

Thursday, September 17

- **Mount Olive** – That God would show each of us ways to pray for and to reach out to others in Jesus' name where we live, work and play.
- **LCMS** – Confess your sins before God. Trust that God forgives your sins through Christ Jesus.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Lebanon – Pray for persecuted Christians who feel alone in their suffering.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** - Holy Lord, lead us to pursue reconciliation, that we may stand before You forgiven and united in faith. Give us unity of doctrine, and help us to walk together in harmony of life. You know our weakness of body and soul. Give to the troubled in mind Your peace, to the suffering relief, to the sick healing, to the grieving comfort and deliver the dying into everlasting life.

Friday – September 18

- **Apple of His Eye Mission Society** (recognized service organization of the LCMS)
 - May God raise up the person He has prepared to fill the position of Director for the ministry.
 - For our Jewish brothers and sisters to come to faith in Jesus and accept Him as their Savior (Rosh Ha Shannah starts today).
- **LCMS** – Thank God for your pastor and all pastors. Pray that God would grant them faith and strength in their Word and Sacrament ministry.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Southern Mexico – For Spanish Bible distributions in previously inaccessible communities.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Giving Lord, all good things come from You. Open our hearts to be generous with the poor and to bring You the tithes/offerings You are due, that Your Church and all her agencies may serve Your gracious purpose and suffer no lack of people or resources to do the work of Your Kingdom.

Saturday, September 19

- **Mount Olive** – Worship Service
- **LCMS** – Thank God for corporate confession and absolution during each worship service.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Libya – Pray for those whose only opportunity for fellowship is online churches.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Almighty and everlasting God, deliver us from temptation and the powers of evil, that we may be faithful unto death and receive from Your hand the crown of everlasting life. Whether we live or die, we belong to You, and we pray You to comfort us with this promise, that we may join the company of the saints on the day You have appointed and enter into the heavenly places to worship at Your throne on high; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. **Amen**

But as it is written, eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 1 Corinthians 2:9