

Prayers from Various Prayer Calendars

Sunday, December 31

- **LCMS** – That the Lord would abundantly bless the efforts of the LCMS that the Gospel is the primary focus of all that is done and proclaimed.
 - **Persecuted Christians** – Eritrea – Pray that imprisoned Christians will have many opportunities to share the gospel.
 - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Hear us, Father, as we call to You in Jesus name. Give us grace to rejoice in Christ's blessed incarnation, and grant us a glad new year.
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Monday, January 1

- **LCMS** – That God would make us bold witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ in this new year and always.
 - **Persecuted Christians** – Philippines – Pray for Christians driven from their homes on Mindanao by extremists.
 - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Lead Your Church, Lord, to follow the example of blessed Simeon, that all Christians would embrace the Christ Child by Word and faith, and so be ready to depart whenever they are called.
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Tuesday, January 2

- **LCMS** – For opportunities to witness to friends, family members and strangers. Please send Your Holy Spirit to give us wisdom and faithful words to use during these encounters.
 - **Persecuted Christians** – Nepal – Believers like Bimala who shares the gospel with their neighbors despite hardships.
 - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Father, bless Christian families with Your promises. Give parents diligence and delight in their work, and grant Your favor on all children, that they may grow in strength and wisdom. Bless widows, orphans and broken families with Your mercy, give them joy in the redemption You have for us in Christ.
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Wednesday, January 3

- **LCMS** – For our congregations, that God would strengthen them by fostering a faithful Lutheran approach to confessing Christ to neighbors and planting daughter congregations.
 - **Persecuted Christians** – Morocco – Pray Moroccans will hear the gospel through digital-media evangelism efforts.
 - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Lord, bless our president, Congress, governor and all our leaders, that justice may prevail and Your people would be free to live at peace with all.
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Thursday, January 4

- **LCMS** – That our schools would be faithful mission outposts, reaching unchurched families with the Gospel and strengthening the faith of church families.
 - **Persecuted Christians** – Israel (including West Bank & Gaza) – Pray for Messianic (Christian) Jews who are harassed because of their faith in Christ.
 - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Lord, we pray for those who suffer from loneliness. Comfort them with the knowledge that You will never forsake them. Give them family and friends within the household of faith with whom they can find loving companionship.
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Friday, January 5

- **LCMS** – With thanksgiving for faithful church workers, that they are re-energized and find great joy in their service.
 - **Persecuted Christians** – Lebanon – More than 1 million Syrian refugees have entered Lebanon since 2012. Pray for church leaders as they minister to them.
 - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Lord, help the sick and suffering. Surround them with Your love, according to Your gracious will, heal them. Comfort those who mourn, and fill their hearts with the hope of the resurrection.
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Saturday, January 6

- **LCMS** – Pray that You would continue to bring the light of Your Gospel to the hearts of all people.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Iran – Pray Iranian Christians will share the gospel and teach believers despite civil unrest.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Lord, we remember the sufferings and death of Your Son Jesus for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead. Gather us from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**