

Prayers from Various Prayer Calendars

Sunday, May 8

- **LCMS** – That congregations and other groups would experience a revitalized interest in praying for missionaries and supporting their work, especially after visiting with them face-to-face and hearing about what God is accomplishing.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Turkey – Pray for a pastor not allowed to see his daughter for several years due to his faith.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Father, Your Son purchased us with His blood, and He leads us through the gate of death to our eternal home with You. Inspire us to hear His voice and follow Him through every tribulation.

Monday, May 9

- **LCMS** – That as missionaries share their experiences, the listeners would consider serving as a missionary themselves — in a short-term, long-term or career capacity.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Central African Republic – Pray that Christian converts will grow in number and faith.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Lord, bless the Church and pastors with wisdom, fortitude, humility, grace.

Tuesday, May 10

- **LCMS** – For families of visiting missionaries to enjoy their time together and mutually encourage one another.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Cameroon – Pray for Christians who have been displaced by attacks in Northern Cameroon.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Lord, You gave us the gift of family. Bless those who showed us a mother's love and nurtured us from childhood. Bless and protect all mothers with child, all who have suffered miscarriage or the death of a child, and all those who have yearned for a child and lived with the pain of this unfulfilled longing.

Wednesday, May 11

- **LCMS** – For God to comfort and sustain the missionaries who are not able to see family and friends in the U.S. this year. May the Holy Spirit comfort them with His presence and assurance of God's calling to serve far from home.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Myanmar – Pray for the complicated political situation in the country.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Compassionate Lord, You will not allow any power or enemy to triumph over Your saving purpose or snatch Your lambs from Your hand. Give us wise and faithful leaders who will govern in our land according to Your Law and defend the lives of the unborn, the orphaned, the widowed and the aged. Bless all those who make, administer and judge our laws, that they may not hinder Your purpose.

Thursday, May 12

- **LCMS** – That missionaries would have an easy transition back to life in the United States — even for a short time during home service — with minimal effects of reverse culture shock.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Kazakhstan – Pray for Christian events that train and encourage Kazakh believers.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – God, You have not forgotten us in our afflictions or abandoned us in our weakness. Deliver the sick and suffering according to Your will, and give Your comfort to the dying. Guard us against despair, and grant us patience in the days of our trouble as we await Your perfect healing.

Friday – May 13

- **LCMS** – The Lord would raise up supporters for missionaries who are struggling to find resources for their ministry.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Colombia – Pray for front-line workers who share the gospel with unreached people groups.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Eternal Lord, by Your grace bless all who receive our Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament with the joy of the forgiveness of sins and the power of an endless life. Help them by this Sacrament to live out their baptismal life, dying in repentance and being raised in the faith.

Saturday, May 14

- **LCMS** – With thanksgiving for the support and the joys the Lord provides to missionary families as they serve Him.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Pakistan – Pray that blasphemy laws will be overturned and religious freedom will flourish.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Lord, keep us faithful throughout our lives, and bring us through death to join the saints in the ceaseless praises of heaven. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**