



*Equip, Empower, Engage... Connecting People to JESUS*

# November 2021 PRAYER GUIDE

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**Team Prayer Meeting** – Zoom, First Wednesday of the month, 10am Eastern Time

## **God Speaks: Read Revelation 21-22**

**Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God... The Lord God will give them light. And they will reign forever and ever... He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." AMEN. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen. (Rev 21:3; 22:5,20-21).**

At His ascension, Jesus told His disciples, Acts 1, to "wait" for the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came with power. The disciples were sent and they went! The world was turned upside down (Acts 17:6). In these last chapters of the Bible, we hear Jesus say, "Behold, I am coming soon!" When Jesus returns, God will dwell with us and we with him in perfect Shalom, perfect beauty and harmony. Until then, we have plenty to do! The end of the church year reminds us with no uncertainty that Jesus is coming soon. Time is short. How does that impact our lives? We live daily in the joy of sins forgiven, the light of God's word and promises, and the wonderful hope of *God with us* today and eternally! *That turns our world upside down.* And how does that impact our witness? We are sent to invite others to know the same great satisfaction and joy that we've found in Jesus. That's the greatest cause to live for here on this earth! Jesus is our Savior, our Messiah, our soon-to-return King. Praise Him! Share Him!  
Amen, Come Lord Jesus!

# MONDAY

## ADORATION *Psalm 103:1-2,19-22*

Praise the Lord, O my soul;  
All my inmost being, praise His holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul,  
And forget not all His benefits –

The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all.

Praise the Lord, you His angels, you mighty ones who do His bidding, who obey His Word.

Praise the Lord, all His heavenly hosts, you His servants who do His will.

Praise the Lord, all His works everywhere in His dominion.

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

## CONFESSION

- + For our weak and hesitant praises of God's great work among us
- + For our forgetfulness when it comes to God's grace and daily mercies
- + For our failures to share the great joy and hope and peace that we ourselves enjoy
- + For our lack of courage to speak up and act boldly in the face of the world's opposition
- + For our self-centeredness which seeks its own comfortable life at the expense of a bold witness for the Lord
- + For eyes that are closed or blinded to God's work and His kingdom advance around us, resulting in our lack of engagement in His mission
- + For lack of intentional fervent prayer as the Kingdom of God advances
- + For not noticing those who are on the margins, those who need the love and welcome of the Savior
- + For failure to depend on God's strength, wisdom and creativity as we plan our outreach, as we develop relationships, and engage in the activities of our congregations
- + For asking God to bless our plans and efforts, rather than asking Him to show us how we can align our prayers and plans and actions with His mission
- + For half-hearted effort in our prayer life, slow response to God's Word, and failure to listen to the Spirit's prompting

## THANKSGIVING

- + For daily breath and daily opportunities to praise the Lord!
- + For God's invitation to partner with Him in His mission
- + For the privilege and joy to be chosen by God to share His blessings in our relationships
- + For providing all the resources we need to carry out Jesus' Great Commission
- + For the privilege and adventure of being ambassadors of our most powerful and gracious King, who promises to be with us always, every day, to the end of the age
- + For the many opportunities to engage in spiritual conversations (pray that the Holy Spirit gives us the eyes to see those opportunities and the wisdom to speak for Him)
- + For fellow church members and disciples who want to grow as disciples – following Jesus, learning from Jesus, living and loving like Jesus, and sharing Jesus – making more disciples
- + For partnerships with other churches, neighborhood schools and organizations which allow us to advance the Gospel message in our communities
- + For the mission interest and engagement among the people and congregations in our District
- + For our District leadership, for pastors and local church leaders who understand the purpose of the church and who take mission seriously especially in these challenging times
- + For Intercessory Team Members (listed at the beginning of this guide), and all who join them as Florida-Georgia Prayer Partners; Pray that the number of praying partners grows!

# TUESDAY

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE

- + That Satan will be forced to yield to the powerful advance of Jesus' Kingdom in our communities and in the world
- + Against every spiritual stronghold and idol in our communities—Holy Spirit, give us discernment to recognize them and boldness to stand against them... especially in ***areas targeted for new starts or restarts***: In GA – Clarkston, Macon, Tifton, Savannah, Valdosta, Swainsboro; In FL: Amelia Island/Yulee, Jacksonville, Nocatee, Rockledge, Orlando, The Villages, Clermont, Lake Nona, Four Corners, Port St. Lucie, S Florida – Ft. Lauderdale & Miami areas, Homestead, Florida City, Miramar, Port Charlotte, Babcock Ranch, Lehigh Acres, Naples, Lakewood Ranch, Venice; and Prison Ministry.
- + Against the lying spirit of powerlessness, hopelessness, confusion, discouragement and burnout for pastors, planters, and leaders; that we will instead learn to fight as effective warriors with Christ ahead, behind, beside us
- + Against every attack on pastors, church planters, missionaries, and their families – pray that they will have adequate exercise, sleep, and eat healthy, and that they will spend adequate time daily with Jesus
- + That the Lord of All will protect pastors and church leaders from the Evil One's temptations
- + That we will not give in to a "status quo" mentality, the desire to return to a more comfortable condition, rather than doing the hard work of obedience in challenging times and situations
- + That we will not be blinded to the spiritual holocaust taking place in our communities, nation and the world, but that the Lord will open our eyes to His life-giving, life-changing power
- + That we will not give in to lukewarmness in the practice of our faith life and witness; that we will not yield to Satan's temptations to pull us away from time with the Lord in prayer and His Word
- + Pray for those missionaries, planters, pastors and leaders who battle with depression and self-doubt
- + That wars and rumors of wars (and political unrest/polarization) will not hinder the Gospel's proclamation in the United States and throughout the world
- + That Satan will not destroy or weaken our witness, or restrict our evangelization activities.
- + That those who want to limit the impact of the Church and its witness, will be stopped, and instead that they will see the awesome grace of God working in their own lives
- + That children and teachers in our Lutheran schools will be the front-line advance of the Gospel in our communities
- + That the proclamation of the Gospel among the nations (every people group) will be the declaration of Jesus' Victory, and that we will be privileged to bear that Good News!
- + That we are not drawn in to a world view that limits reality to what we can see with our five senses; that we are aware of the Evil One and his intentions and works, but that we are even more aware that "those who are with us are more than those who are with them," (2 Kings 6:15-17) – Lord, pull back the curtain so that we can see your work with us and on our behalf!
- + Against preoccupation with self and love of the world – rather that we may consecrate ourselves as living sacrifices to God and His mission
- + That God would use each of us to provide everything needed for those on the front lines of mission work
- + For courage to stand with / to partner with those who desire to plant and multiply
- + That the coming of God's Kingdom will always shape and move the work of the Church as it reclaims territory, both souls and soil, from the Evil One.
- + Pray to put on the whole armor of God, so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil... so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand (Ephesians 6:10ff).
- + Pray for protection against every form of the Enemy's attacks – especially for President Walton and his staff, for Peter, Debbie, Victor, Scott and Mike, and for our fellow intercessors

# WEDNESDAY

## DISTRICT MISSION / OUTREACH ACTION

We pray for Students and Campus Ministries:

- + **LIVE! UCF Orlando – Outreach Minister DCE Kalli Wied**
- + **University Lutheran, FSU, Tallahassee – Pastor Jay Winters**
- + **Christus Victor Campus Ministry, Athens GA – Pastor Greg Michael**
- + **Thrive Campus Ministry, Florida Gulf Coast University, Estero – Pastor John Roth**
- + **University of North Georgia, Dahlonega GA – Pastor David Kruger**
- + **University of Florida, Gainesville FL – Pastor John Glover**
- + Pray that parents and pastors will encourage students to continue their walk with the Lord while on campus by connecting with our campus ministries and participating in small groups for discipleship
- + Pray that Campus Pastors' efforts to connect with students will bear abundant fruit
- + That God would give wisdom and His favor as campus pastors challenge some of the tighter requirements for Recognized Student Organizations and question the tracking systems campuses use to track student involvement and activities of the ministries

For Mission & Outreach Work

- + **Messiah Latino**, Tampa; **Hope**, Plant City – Pastors John Cobos & Miguel Sanabria
  - For needed financial support from multiple sources
  - For the daily devotions sent out, and thanksgiving for positive feedback
  - That God would bless the Christ-centered text messages sent, keeping touch with so many
- + **Pelican Golden Gate**, Naples – Pastor Mark Eisold
  - For the missionary team of Pastor Mark, Pastor Mike Duchene, Saint Luc Charelus, Rochenel Jean-Jaques, Ricardo Mendez, and Pastor Keith. Especially for Missionaries Rochenel Jean-Jaques and Ricardo Mendez (both at Peace, Naples), who are engaged in distance learning from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Rochenel is working with a Haitian ministry and Ricardo, a Spanish speaking ministry.
- + **All Nations Mission**, Grace Atlanta; Rev Adam Ellsworth, Rev. Dr. Jasson Kalugendo & Vicar Isaac Baroi
  - That God will provide opportunities for appropriate community outreach and those who will participate
  - For the weekly worship and teaching taking place in Clarkston; thanksgiving for the eagerness of children involved in this ministry
- + **Hope Lutheran of Orlando**, Rev. Paul vonWerder. Pray for God's favor, wisdom, and blessing for the development and publishing of materials for micro-group/discipleship immersion training, Bible study and worship material in English and Spanish. Give thanks for development of The Great Sending worship materials and pray that they will have widespread use. Pray that God will use all these materials as powerful resources for church planting and discipleship training.
- + **St. John's Ocala**, Rev. Jeff Shanks, as they prepare for a major Christmas season outreach, "Ocala Christmas Light Spectacular" which will not only connect people to St. Johns, but will connect them to Jesus and the real meaning of Christmas.
- + For the discipling and outreach work of our Area Mission Facilitators:
  - Scott Gress in Southeastern Florida, Region 5
  - Mike Mast in Southwestern Florida, Region 4
  - Victor Belton in Georgia, Regions 1 & 2
- + For the "Church Planting Essentials" on line course, taught by Peter Meier. Pray for the cohort that gathers from Oct 6 – Nov 11, that the Holy Spirit will provide courage, vision, and bless the planning of all in the class
- + That we would see Partnerships developed, where working together with other congregations and circuits is the norm, in order to connect people to Jesus and be discipled. Ask God to bless the mission partnership of Our Savior, St. Petersburg and Christ the King, Largo

# THURSDAY

## DISTRICT MISSION / OUTREACH ACTION

- + Continue to bring these locations to God's throne, asking for clarity and discernment – and engagement – as new mission opportunities develop. Pray for every spiritual force of darkness to be overcome, and for the light of Christ to shine brightly:
  - + **Perry, GA** – Pastor John Lehenbauer and his team who have started Christ Lutheran School this fall
  - + **Hmong group in Georgia** – Pray for wisdom and outreach action with the Hmong, a SE Asian people group immigrated from Laos and Cambodia, some of whom have settled in the area of Buford GA.
  - + **Macon** area, Darron & Valerie Counselman, together with Pastor Laird vanGorder of Holy Trinity, Macon and Mt. Calvary, Warner Robbins. Pray that God blesses their efforts to reach new people through Sunday school and Bible Study
  - + **Miramar** – Missionary Jeff Johnson, working with Miramar Lutheran's Child Learning Center; give thanks for new families from the community and the learning center who have worshiped at church and pray for efforts to engage more children and families; give thanks for the children who have signed up for the Learning Center this fall. Ask God to identify and raise up a "cultural insider" from the community as a new leader in the congregation and pray for seven new families from the community to connect with Jesus through the church.
  - + **The Villages, Trinity Summerfield** – Pray for unity in mission planning, that the purchase of land for a future site on the southernmost development of The Villages will bear kingdom fruit.
  - + **Jacksonville/Nocatee area** – for mission vision and development of God's vision; pray for a church planting couple and another individual interested in reaching their neighbors through a church plant.
  - + **Amelia Island / Yulee** – pray that God will raise up leadership to gather a group and start new work
  - + **Ft. Lauderdale/Miami** area – Pray that God will bless strategic mission planning for South Florida. Pray for God to prepare the harvest field and to identify leaders. Pray that God will bless the vision for a new start in the Homestead/Florida City area.
  - + **Prison / Jail Ministry** – Dr. Tim Furnish, Woodstock GA; Rev. Jacob Roedsens, Lake Worth, FL
  - + **Babcock Ranch, Lakewood Ranch** - Mike & Debbie Mast & Will Murphey (Hope, Bonita Springs). Ask God to bless the growing group of disciples! Pray for the gatherings of women in the Word, for youth and for growing interest in regular gatherings.
  - + **Lake Nona** – pray for new micro-groups and disciples; that God would prepare community members who may be persons of peace, that God would pierce the spiritual darkness with the light of Christ, that the Holy Spirit will let His power be seen
  - + **Dahlonega GA**, Dr. Gerhard Michael, give thanks for the purchase of land for a permanent site and ask God to give His vision for the use of that site, and for Rev. David Kruger who leads the Campus Ministry there
  - + **Port St. Lucie** – For Redeemer Stuart, and a dream to start new through children's ministry
  - + **Clermont** – for God's blessing on an innovative vision for community development, Indigo Villages, by Ms. Myrna Mojica from Woodlands Lutheran in Monteverde
  - + **Potential** new Brazilian, Spanish-speaking ministries – Where do you want these, Lord?
  - + **Ethiopian church plant** potentially in Orlando or perhaps in Ft. Lauderdale? Ask the Lord for wisdom for timing and location of a new start
- + As new Afghani refugees are resettled, pray for congregations to have open hearts and hands, and pray for Afghani persons of peace who will be open to Gospel witness
- + Pray boldly that God will bless the vision of nearly 20% of our congregations (36 of them) who want to start some new type of faith community in the next 12-15 months
- + For your personal witness – for more opportunities, for boldness, for creativity, for caring relationships

## **PEOPLE IN MISSION**

- + Pray for the Lord to raise up and send workers into His harvest fields. *Join in the 10:02 prayer daily (Luke 10:2)*
- + That our congregations and members will “reflect the SON in 2021,” that God will use them to connect people to Jesus.
- + For every-day disciples, that they may see and learn to love their personal mission fields, and so to engage as the priesthood of all believers
- + For pastors to lead their congregations to see the mission opportunities to reach all nations in their neighborhoods.
- + Pray for our Lutheran school administrators, especially as they work through the challenges of COVID and its variants. Pray that together with pastors and teachers, they will lead people to embrace the witness our schools provide in their communities.
- + For the daily opportunities our Lutheran school teachers and staffs have to show God’s love and forgiveness inside and outside their classrooms, and that they would effectively disciple children as those who are called and sent by God to share the Good News of Jesus with families and friends.
- + That God will raise up more faithful pray-ers for the harvest in every congregation
- + That each person in the FLGA District will be Jesus’ instrument to bring healing, peace, and comfort to those who are fearful
- + For President Walton and the FLGA staff: Laura Zirbel, Jay Wendland, Jennifer Tanner, Peter, Kathy Keene, Cindy Hammerstrom, Debbie Arrington.
- + For our FLGA Area Mission Facilitators: Victor Belton (Georgia), Mike Mast (Southwest FL), and Scott Gress (Southeast FL)
- + Megan Miessler & Rick Armstrong, Lutheran Counseling Services
- + Sheryl DeWitt and Deaconess Liz Borth, Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, especially for their second maternity home newly opened in the Chicagoland area. Pray for those who will be residents and staff, and for their host church, Immanuel in East Dundee, IL.
- + Rev. Bob Scudieri, Mission Nation Publishing. Pray that God will bless the partnership of MNP and FLGA to research and produce materials which help congregations to gather the diverse harvest in their communities
- + Pastor Joseph Song, Stepping Stones Mission, for organization and development of New Life Village in Conyers GA.
- + Rev. Jay and Julie Das, Living Faith, Cumming GA
- + For Rev. Gustavo and Ruth Maita, LCMS Missionaries in Puerto Rico. Pray that God will bless the efforts of the Puerto Rican Lutheran churches to plant new congregations to reach new people. Give thanks with them for the gift of a new baby boy, Isaiah, bon October 4.
- + For those in your own congregation who are actively engaged in outreach and evangelism
- + For LCMS International Missionaries known to you
- + For those missionaries you/your congregation know and support in your Jerusalem... Judea... Samaria... Ends of the earth

# FRIDAY

## MISSIONS IN THE CHURCH AT LARGE

- + For the congregations of our 35 Districts of the LCMS that they will vigorously make disciples in their communities
- + For the Presidents of our 35 LCMS Districts that they will be filled with mission zeal, inspiring and igniting a growing mission/evangelistic passion and focus within their districts
- + That every congregation will have needed courage to truly be a “Sending” church, training and deploying God’s people on God’s mission
- + For the 35 Districts of the LCMS who are holding their conventions over the coming months, that as they plan and meet and vote, they will do so under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, with God’s mission foremost in their actions.
- + Pray that God will use these conventions to elect District Presidents and other leaders who are committed to the mission of God (“the Great Sending”)
- + That every believer will feel a burden for the lost, will pray for open doors, open hearts, and boldness in witness and service
- + That pastors and church leaders will get adequate sleep and rest to keep physically, emotionally and socially healthy
- + That as pastors and leaders prepare themselves for Sunday worship, they will keep focused on God’s mission and His purpose for gathering and sending His Church
- + That God would provide hope and vision for churches who are struggling and facing decline, for those who are worried about how they will survive post-pandemic
- + Pray that God will give needed vision to think and plan for how the church will meet the deep spiritual needs of our communities and nation through starting new faith communities
- + That Christians all around the world will adopt a “wartime mentality” to sacrifice, endure hardship, and even to suffer for the sake of Kingdom Advance; that every denomination will mobilize to fulfill the Great Commission

## FOR THE NATION

- + That God would guide and direct the leaders of our Nation and State; for President Joe Biden, for Georgia Governor Brian Kemp, for Florida Governor Ron DeSantis and their staffs, for National and State legislators, and Judges, that they would make godly decisions for the common good
- + That as a nation, we would humble ourselves before the Lord and seek His forgiveness and mercy for our selfishness, our lack of self-control, for our desire to be our own gods; for a time of National re-awakening to the Gospel and our need for God
- + For protection for our military personnel and their families, especially those deployed in “hot spots” around the world
- + For God to work through mid-term elections (2022) to place godly leaders into positions of authority in local, state, and national offices
- + Continue to pray for peace and national unity
- + For our nation to withstand ungodly influences from within and without
- + For all military personnel, for police and firefighters as they serve and protect
- + For common sense solutions to our border crisis
- + For protection from violent weather, especially during this hurricane season
- + For children in our country and the world who are homeless or go to bed hungry
- + That all people in our nation, beginning with our leaders, would respect life as a gift from God, seeking to protect all life from the unborn to the elderly and vulnerable

## Cultivate The Gratitude Attitude

*Brothers and Sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable – if there is any moral excellence and if there is anything praiseworthy – dwell on these things. Philippians 4:8*

Taking our clue from St. Paul, or more properly – the Holy Spirit – November is a great month to check our attitudes! Specifically, to cultivate our **Gratitude Attitudes**. Here are some ways to help you do that. If you work at these habits (if you dwell on these things) you will find God working in and through you in amazing ways!

### **Two habits to cultivate the Gratitude Attitude which anyone can achieve:**

- 1) Record one thing you're grateful for every morning during the month of November. Aim low so you can be thankful for success. Tip: Place a small notepad on the corner of your desk as a gratitude trigger. Use these as prayer bullets this month.
- 2) Everyday ask people what they are grateful for. (Begin conversations or meetings by asking the gratitude question.) Tip: Use them in your meeting prayers and/or in your prayers for those persons.

### **Ponder these Gratitude Attitude questions for yourself:**

- 1) What are some dangers of ingratitude?
- 2) What are some benefits of gratitude?