



# The Great Sending Jubilee Year—2022

## September Prayer Guide

*Join us in daily prayer, and for our monthly Prayer Meeting—First Wednesday of the month, 10am Eastern Time on Zoom.  
For the Prayer Meeting Zoom link, contact Rev. Peter Meier, [pmeier@flgadistrict.org](mailto:pmeier@flgadistrict.org)*

*Suggestion: Use the “10:02 Prayer” – set your phone or wrist alarm for 10:02 daily and use that time daily to pray for workers in the Lord’s Harvest Fields (see Luke 10:02).*

### God Speaks: Read Revelation 5:1-14

**Revelation 5:9-10 – And they sang a new song: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slaughtered, and you purchased people for God by your blood from every tribe and language and people and nation. You made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will reign on the earth.”**

Prayer is one way that priests stand as representatives between people and God. As priests, we pray, taking the world and its needs to God. Intercession is indeed a role we can play, for Jesus Christ, our great high priest, has removed our sins which would block us from getting through to God. By His perfect sacrifice, we have open access to the throne of grace. Further, through the work of the Holy Spirit, we priests are children of God. The Almighty is our heavenly Father. We can pray confidently, for He loves us, His ears are open to our cries.

For whom should we pray? As Jesus prayed for Himself, so should we. Let us ask God to use us as agents of His saving mission. More than likely, our service in the world will open our hearts and minds to the needs of people. Their cries for help will most likely call forth our intercessions.

Let us begin in our families. We hear the voice of the spouse who is lonely, the child who is struggling in schools because she is picked on, the aging parent whose health makes him feel useless, the adult child who has abandoned the family’s faith, the family member who has lost his job – all of these are more are opportunities for our petitions.

Since God’s plan is to evangelize the world through His church, we dare not forget to pray for God’s kingdom of priests. Let us pray for God to help us live in love and witness in word and deed to the Lord’s love for all people.

How wonderful that Jesus did not simply instruct us priests to pray for His mission, but He assures us that God will answer! “Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give it to you” (Jn 16:23).

*Excerpt from *The Great Sending* (Study 37, “A Kingdom of Priests Who Pray,” by Dr. Gerhard Michael)*

# MONDAY

## ADORATION

*Come, my soul, with ev'ry care, Jesus loves to answer prayer;  
He Himself bids you to pray, Therefore will not turn away.  
You are coming to your King, Large petitions with you bring;  
For His grace and pow'r are such, None can ever ask too much.*

## CONFESSION

- + For inconsistency in our personal prayer lives, and in bringing our fellow priests before the Throne of God
- + For seeing prayer as a means to ask for what we want, rather than seeking to align our prayers with God's mission and vision for His church
- + For failure to pray daily for God's Kingdom to come, for His will to be done
- + For complaining about our culture, society, and politics rather than praying for God's intervention
- + For not engaging in a regular prayer routine to ensure that our roles as intercessors will not be neglected
- + For lack of intentional fervent prayer for the Holy Spirit to raise up and send more workers into the Harvest
- + For not noticing those who are on the margins, those who need encouragement in prayer, word and action
- + For allowing ourselves to be preoccupied with leisure activities, ignoring God's command to keep the Sabbath Day/every day holy.
- + For judging those who are absent from corporate worship, rather than reaching out to them
- + For half-hearted effort in our prayer life, slow response to God's Word, and failures to be aware of the Holy Spirit's power at work in us

## THANKSGIVING

- + For the gift of prayer, and for Jesus' promise to hear and answer
- + For daily opportunities to pray for family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers and fellow church members
- + For our Lutheran schools, for those who teach and those who support them
- + For our brothers and sisters in the congregations of our Florida-Georgia District
- + For the Holy Spirit who gives us the boldness and confidence to witness
- + For the many opportunities every day to engage in spiritual conversations (pray that the Holy Spirit gives us the sense to notice 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 being sent to make more disciples
- + For partnerships with other churches, neighborhood schools and organizations which allow us to live and proclaim the Gospel message in our communities
- + For providing all the resources we need to carry out God's Great Sending
- + For local church leaders who understand the purpose of the church and who take God's Great Sending seriously especially in these challenging times
- + For Florida-Georgia Prayer Partners and Intercessors; Pray that the number of praying partners grows!

# TUESDAY

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE

- + That the Holy Spirit will open the hearts of (*name your friend, family member, co-worker*), to receive the Lord's invitation to "come and see" God's grace and mercy for themselves.
- + That God will teach us always to rely on the promised Holy Spirit – to be bold, forthright, and confident in our witnessing!
- + That God will set free all who are captive to sin and shame, doubt and despair, fear and frustration, leading them to escape the traps and deception of the devil
- + That the Lord of All will protect pastors, teachers, church and school leaders from the Evil One's temptations which would distract from the mission work to which they are called
- + 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).
- + Against every spiritual stronghold and idol in our communities—Holy Spirit, give us discernment to recognize them and boldness to stand against them; that the enemy will not distract, confuse or turn us off course... ***especially in these areas targeted for new starts or restarts:*** In GA – Clarkston, East Point, Macon, Tifton, Savannah, Valdosta, Swainsboro; In FL: Amelia Island/Yulee, Jacksonville, Nocatee, Titusville, Rockledge, Orlando, Lake Nona, The Villages, Clermont, Harmony, Haines City, Four Corners/Davenport, Trinity, Port St. Lucie, Ft. Lauderdale & Miami areas, Homestead/Florida City/Kendall, Miramar, Port Charlotte, Babcock Ranch, Lehigh Acres, Lakewood Ranch, Venice, Naples; and Prison Ministry.
- + That the Holy Spirit will protect and enrich the marriages and families of our leaders and church workers, so that the Evil One will not separate what God has joined together
- + That we will not give in to luke-warmness in the practice of our faith, life and witness; that we stand strong in the face of Satan's temptations to pull us away from time with the Lord in prayer and His Word
- + For resolve to be bold together
- + 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
- + 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 for those missionaries, planters, pastors and leaders who battle with depression and self-doubt
- + 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 as good stewards 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
- + Pray for protection against every form of the Enemy's attacks – especially for President Rockey and his staff, for our FLGA Mission Team: Peter, Debbie, Victor, Scott and Mike, and for fellow intercessors

# WEDNESDAY

## GREAT SENDING – DISTRICT MISSION & OUTREACH

### **We pray for Students and Campus Ministries:**

- + **For those who will start college this month**, for Campus Ministries' outreach efforts, and for parents and pastors to encourage students to continue their walk with the Lord while on campus by connecting with our campus ministries and participating in discipleship groups
- + **That God will move our congregations** to see their local campuses as their mission fields, and to support campus ministries as partners in ministry
- + **University Lutheran, FSU, and Florida A&M, Tallahassee – Pastor Jay Winters**
  - For our new student leadership team, two returning from last year and three brand new; ask God to bless their leadership work of meeting and coaching and “shepherding”
  - For favor with FSU's administration. After many staff members left during COVID and were replaced, some of the staff that treated us favorable are gone. Pray for trust to be built with many new people.
  - For freshmen students to be connected with the Gospel during their time at FSU, especially in a way that communicates God's grace for them and doesn't overburden them with the law.
- + **Christus Victor Campus Ministry, Athens GA – Pastor Greg Michael**
  - For students as they begin their time on campus that they would have a healthy transition and take seriously their time to grow in their faith during their college years.
  - For campus ministries that they would be healthy in their efforts to connect with students and have the wisdom and energy to execute those efforts well
  - For students, here in Athens, and throughout the nation and the world, to see the joy we have in Christ and to realize their role as missionaries on campus
- + **Thrive Campus Ministry, Florida Gulf Coast University, Estero – Pastor John Roth & Campus Ministry Leader Ashley Reijm**
  - For the next president of FGCU, that the person is open to campus ministries being involved on campus
  - For Pastor John's role at FGCU, specifically his placement on the strategic planning committee, the connections with adjunct faculty, and his work at trying to expand the Faculty/Staff Bible study
  - For Thrive's fall outreach plans, and that they will be fully beyond COVID implications, working toward growth – special blessings for Thrive's Picnic September 24 at Estero Community Park.
  - That God would provide needed musicians to join the worship team
  - For next steps with land, that Thrive will find a partner in FGCU and the Hoffmann Family of Companies to develop in a win/win solution for all, including the village of Estero
- + **Live Ministries, UCF, Orlando** –that God will bless Pastor Paul vonWerder (Hope Orlando) providing leadership for the work of discipling students and leaders; Pray for the Leadership Retreat in late August, that God will bless the leaders He has gathered and for the retreat to have impact on each attendee.
- + **University of North Georgia, Dahlonega GA – Pastor David Kruger, St. Peter Dahlonega**
- + **University of Florida, Gainesville FL – Pastor John Glover, First Gainesvilly**
- + **University of South Florida, Tampa; Univ of Tampa – Abby Moss, Messiah Tampa**
- + **University of Tampa – Pastor Dan Prugh, Holy Trinity, Tampa**

### **For Mission & Outreach Work**

- + **Messiah Latino**, Tampa; **Hope**, Plant City – Pastor John Cobos
- + **Pelican Golden Gate**, Naples – Pastor Mark Eisold
- + **Amigos Ministries of SWFL (AMOS) & Amigos Center Immigration Services**, Fort Myers, Rev. Robert Selle, Lindsay Ray (Exec Director of Immigration Services), Vicar Niclau Alcena, Rev. Karl Glander
- + **REV7:9 project**, a partnership of the District and Mission Nation Publishing, seeking to help congregations start new local ministry with neighbors of differing cultures. Pray for Rev. Dr. Victor Belton, Project Director, and for recruitment of 20 participating congregations.

# THURSDAY

## GREAT SENDING – DISTRICT MISSION & OUTREACH

- + Bring these locations to God’s throne, asking for clarity, discernment, and engagement – as new mission opportunities develop. Pray for every spiritual force of darkness to be overcome, that the eternal destiny of all redeemed by Christ will be proclaimed and received with eager joy!
  - + **Nona Hope**, Lake Nona community, sponsored by Hope Orlando, led by Dan & Andrea Reichard. Pray that God would gather community members who are persons of peace, that neighbors and friends will be blessed by this regular gathering
  - + **All Nations Society Atlanta, Clarkston Mission** – For God’s guidance regarding a way forward to put our Clarkston property to optimal ministry use; for God’s provision for our first Chaplain for ANSA, Rev. Isaac Baroi, ordained in August; thanksgiving for St. Mark (Tucker GA) who have made a place for us to gather for Sunday worship and for all other congregations that support ANSA in many ways.
  - + **Tifton, GA** – Peace Lutheran Church, preparing and gathering resources for a re-start in this strategic mission field; give thanks for new members, and that online connections will bring more inquirers
  - + **North Macon** area, Darron & Valerie Counselman, together with Pr. Laird vanGorder of Holy Trinity, Macon and Pr. Andrew Howe, Mt. Calvary, Warner Robbins – for blessings on plans for prayer walking, planning community events, and discovery of a “sweet spot” for service in the community.
  - + **Miramar** – Missionary Jeff Johnson and Miramar Lutheran’s Child Learning Center; for tutoring families this fall, for restored relationships, thanksgiving for new livestreaming equipment
  - + **Ft. Lauderdale/Miami** area – Ask 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.
  - + **The Villages, Trinity Summerfield** – Pray for unity in mission planning, that the strategic 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 development of a church planting team to reach their neighbors through a new church plant.
  - + **Amelia Island / Yulee** – pray that God will raise up leadership to gather a group and start new work
  - + **Prison / Jail Ministry** – Dr. Tim Furnish, Woodstock GA; Rev. Jacob Roedsens, Lake Worth, FL
  - + **Lakewood Ranch** - Mike & Debbie Mast; 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.
  - + **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 Ethiopian, Brazilian, & Spanish-speaking ministries – Where do you want these, Lord?
- + **Stepping Stone Mission/New Life Mission** in metro Atlanta, Rev. Joseph Song. Ask God to bless their efforts to feed and clothe homeless brothers and sisters, and the Spiritual Retreat for homeless men in October.
- + For Pastor Matt Peebles and the **Kairos Network** (Melbourne Beach), who plans to train 300 mission leaders to launch churches, micro-churches, and Gospel-centered ministries in their communities. Blessings on the July launch of **The Church at 10:02**, an online preaching series that launches new messages every Sunday at 10:02 on youtube and facebook. These are used by several micro churches, small groups and individuals. Pray also for the upcoming launch of **The Missionary Pathway**, a training for everyday disciples.
- + 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 the **LWML FLGA District Convention**, Sept 29-Oct 2 in Tampa, under the theme, “Speakers for Christ.”
- + For **Lutheran Bible Translators’ Living Water** project which gives listeners the opportunity to experience God’s Word through music. Every verse of the ESV New Testament is sung by vocalists to bless listeners in a new and fresh way.

## **GREAT SENDING – PEOPLE IN MISSION**

- + ***Join in the 10:02 Prayer daily (Luke 10:2)*** - Ask the Lord to raise up and send workers into His harvest fields. Pray also that God will raise up more faithful pray-ers for the harvest in every congregation, [flgadistrict.org/prayerpartner/](http://flgadistrict.org/prayerpartner/)
- + For those who are planning Fall programs in congregations – Confirmation classes, Sunday Schools and Bible classes, and others. Ask the Lord to use these to bless many with a growing faith and Christian life.
- + Pray for our Lutheran elementary and pre-schools, as well as Early Childhood Centers. Ask God to bless the new families in our schools, and those who are returning, that the Word of Christ will reach into families and communities through our Lutheran schools!
- + Pray for our School Administrators, Teachers, Helpers and staff members as they share Jesus' love and His Word daily with children and families.
- + That our schools and congregations may be united in God's sending mission
- + 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. Ask God to show you who He is sending you to and to enable you to listen and to share the Good News.
- + That each person in the FLGA District will be Jesus' instrument to bring healing, peace, and comfort to those who are fearful or hurting in any way.
- + For President Rockey and the FLGA staff: Laura Zirbel, Jay Wendland, Jennifer Tanner, Peter Meier, Kathy Keene, Cindy Hammerstrom, Debbie Arrington, Meridith Swanson. Give thanks for these servants and bless their ministry!
- + For our District Vice Presidents Victor Belton, Jay Winters, Charles Reich, David Brockhoff and Stephen Carretto, for Secretary Greg Michael, and for Circuit Visitors and Board of Directors who met for Orientation August 24-27 in Orlando.
- + 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; pray for those whom they serve
- + Sheryl DeWitt, Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, especially for the second maternity home in East Dundee, IL. Pray for the moms and babies who are blessed by this ministry.
- + Rev. Dr. William Schumacher, new CEO of Mission Nation Publishing. Give thanks for Rev. Dr. Robert Scudieri's years of ministry as founder and CEO of MNP. 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.
- + Rev. Bill Schmidt, Operation Barnabas Coordinator – a network of care for Military members, families, & veterans.
- + Rev. Jay and Julie Das, training pastors in Pakistan
- + Rev. Gustavo and Ruth Maita, LCMS Missionaries in Puerto Rico.
- + John List, Lutheran Life Editor and Publisher, that our District magazine will bring encouragement, ideas and useful information to the people of our District and beyond.
- + For those in your own congregation who are actively engaged in outreach and evangelism; pray for those who lead outreach in your church and ask the Lord to bless their labors in His Harvest Fields
- + That the eyes of every believer will be opened to the Harvest around them that is ripe, ready, diverse, and abundant!
- + 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

- + That every believer will feel a burden for the lost, will pray for open doors, open hearts, and boldness in witness and service
- + That believers around the world will be more observant and attentive to people around them, prompting them to pray and serve with Jesus' love.
- + For the congregations of our 35 Districts of the LCMS that they will vigorously make disciples in their communities
- + 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 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 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
- + Pray for persecuted believers around the world, especially in areas where persecution is being ramped up for pastors and Christian people.

## FOR THE NATION

- + 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
- + Continue to pray for peace and national unity, "One nation, under God." Pray that our citizens, leaders and the residents of our nation will work together for healing.
- + 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
- + 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, for the Supreme Court and all Judges, that they will make godly decisions for the common good
- + For God's protection for our nation and its people, especially for protection of our military personnel and their families, for police and firefighters as they serve and protect our communities
- + For those who are unemployed, that they may find suitable work, and for those employers who are seeking workers that their jobs might be filled by responsible and faithful employees
- + That we may be wise stewards of the bounty and natural resources within our land
- + For our nation to withstand ungodly influences from within and without

# The Great Sending Jubilee—2022

## God's Heart for the WORLD beating through YOU

Each month of 2022 features one of the 12 Mission Theses and a brief Great Sending teaching. These are taken from The Great Sending, Will Sohns, 2021. Tenth Power Publishing, Elgin, IL, 2021, [www.thegreatsending.com](http://www.thegreatsending.com). See the District Website (<https://flgadistrict.org/the-great-sending/>) for Great Sending Jubilee information and resources.

*How might these thoughts guide your praying and action?*

### Thesis 9

We believe, teach, and confess that all matters of ritual, programs, and practice(s) are not the essential core of God's mission, nor is the core of God's mission mere performance(s) or the presence of liturgical, ministry or missional exercises and activities. (Luke 24:45-47; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31)

### The Great Sending Catechism (Teaching)

*From The Great Sending, pages 280-281*

#### ***XVII. WHY AND HOW ARE MISSIONAL PRACTICES ALIGNED TO THE MISSIO DEI?***

Missional practices, performances, facilities, properties, and arrangements are beneficial aids, which must be aligned to the mission of God. This means that every congregational activity, program, project, and organization must be rooted in the *Missio Dei*. We cannot confuse actions and activities that *support* the *Missio Dei* as the *Missio Dei*. Such actions and activities are rather supporting elements of the *Missio Dei*.

[For example,] it is well and good for a church to offer a Sunday School program as a way of making disciples. But the Sunday School program itself is not the *Missio Dei*. Sunday School teaching should not simply consist of a lesson or head knowledge, an activity or craft. Any activity or program that is not rooted in God's sending mission is folly. Every congregational happening *must* be aligned to Christ and His mission without the activities or practices being the central focus or being the mission.

In order to be missional, a congregation must solidly understand the difference between the sending of God and the human appointed sending practices. The sending practices point to the mission of God but are not themselves the mission of God.