



# March 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@flqadistrict.org](mailto:pmeier@flqadistrict.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 1 Timothy 12:1-4 & Matthew 22:37-40.**

**1 Timothy 2:4, “[God] wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” Matthew 22:37-40, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it, Love your neighbor as yourself.”**

“Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” When you pray these words in The Lord’s Prayer, for what are you praying? The beauty of God’s Kingdom is that it is a “one-willed” place – a place of divine harmony, where all are agreed on one will – *God’s will*. We pray, *Lord, make your will my will!* How can we know what God’s will is? His #1 primary will is that all should believe and be saved. God wants all to be saved and to know the Truth – namely to know Jesus, who is the Truth (John 14:6), and to know the Word of Truth, the Holy Scriptures.

Secondly, we pray that we might do God’s will in our lives, living in such a way that others will see our good work and glorify God (Mt 5:16). We pray that as others observe our lives, they will wonder about the works we do, the lives we live and the hope we have, and so give us an opportunity for sharing our witness (1 Peter 3:15). Loving God and loving our neighbor is the ideal way to live God’s will. This is nothing other than a summary of the 10 Commandments.

So, when we pray for God’s will to be done on earth as it is in heaven, we pray that by our life’s witness, others will come to know Jesus. This is nothing other than the life of a disciple, lived by word and deed in such a way that our neighbors will also grow to love God with all their heart, soul, strength and mind, and to love others as themselves.

And, when we fail to live up to God’s will, we come to Him confessing our sins knowing that He delights in forgiving repentant sinners. Having been forgiven ourselves, we forgive others and so we show them God’s character – His will to forgive and save everyone!

# MONDAY

## **ADORATION** *(My Song is Love Unknown, LSB 430:7)*

*Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King, Never was love like Thine.  
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend!*

## **CONFESSION**

- + For focusing on our own desires and will, rather than on God's will for us and our neighbors
- + For failure to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, strength and mind
- + For the times we fail to love our neighbor as ourselves
- + For not living each day in such a way as to invite others to inquire about the hope we have in Jesus
- + For seeing things of this world as more important than time spent with the Lord in prayer
- + For every lost opportunity to share the Good News of the Savior
- + For focus on self and our own comforts, rather than on a life of service to those around us
- + For taking on the ways of the world, rather than to have the same mind in us that was in Christ Jesus

## **THANKSGIVING**

- + For the privilege of joining Jesus on His journey to the cross this Lenten season
- + For opportunities to worship together with other Christians during this special season of Lent
- + For God's saving will for us, which has called us by the Gospel and enlightened us with the Holy Spirit
- + For the undeserved privilege of being included as partners with God in His mission, His work of reconciling the world to Himself
- + For daily opportunities to live for Him who died for us and was raised again
- + For people in our lives with whom we can share the story of Jesus and his love
- + For those who prayed for us and introduced us to the Savior
- + For connecting us with people who are open to the Gospel's message, and that God would keep our eyes open daily for these people
- + For God's Word which clearly shows us God's will that He wants all people everywhere to be saved
- + For mission interest and engagement among the people and congregations throughout our District.
- + For fellow disciples and church members who want to grow as disciples – following Jesus, learning from Jesus, living/loving like Jesus, and making more disciples.
- + For our District leadership, for pastors and local church leaders who understand the purpose of the Church and who take mission seriously - "for such a time as this."
- + For the Holy Spirit's work of aligning our hearts and minds with the mind of Christ.
- + For the joy of knowing Jesus as our Savior, forgiven, loved, restored
- + For the joy of seeing others come to know Jesus as their Savior, forgiven, loved, restored
- + 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 friends, family members, co-workers*), to receive the Lord's invitation to "come and see" God's grace and mercy for themselves.

Names of those you know who need to be connected to Jesus (or grow in faith in Jesus)	
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+ God, help me to build a caring relationship with (*name of your friend, family member, co-worker*). Help me become whatever kind of Christ-like servant they can identify with so that by all possible means they will be saved.

+ "Open Prayer" –

- Open Heavens – against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places
- Open Pathways – for protection against all obstacles of the Evil One as we are going, making disciples
- Open Doors – that God will open doors for daily witness to His perfect power, mercy and grace
- Open Tongues & Hands – that God will use our mouths and hands to bless others in His name
- Open Minds – that the Holy Spirit will open the minds of others to receive our witness
- Open Hearts – that hearts will be prepared by the Holy Spirit, ready to receive the Good News of Jesus

+ 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, Milledgeville, 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 in God's strength, the sins and sorrows of this life will not prevent us from seeing His loving purposes unfold in all that is happening in our time

+ 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

+ Against preoccupation with self and love of the world – rather that we may consecrate ourselves as living sacrifices to God and His mission

+ That the Holy Spirit will fill us with a white-hot passion to share the love of Jesus with our neighbors

+ That we may put on the whole armor of God, so that we can stand against the schemes of the devil... so that we are able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take our stand (Ephesians 6:10ff).

+ 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 lukewarmness in the practice of our faith and witness; that we stand firm in the face of Satan's temptations to pull us away from time with the Lord in prayer and His Word

+ 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

+ 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

## DISTRICT MISSION & OUTREACH

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

- + **That God will move our congregations** to see their local campuses as their mission fields, and to support campus ministries as partners in ministry
- + **For students to connect with Campus Ministries'** outreach efforts, and for parents and pastors to encourage students to continue their walk with the Lord while on campus by participating in campus ministries.
- + **University Lutheran, FSU, and Florida A&M, Tallahassee – Pastor Jay Winters**
  - For new connections with students who come from non-Anglo cultures
  - For our students to develop ease and comfort in being a Christian presence on what they perceive to be a non-Christian campus
  - For God to open new doors for ministry to students from fraternity and sorority life
- + **Christus Victor Campus Ministry, Athens GA – Pastor Greg Michael**
  - For safe travels, positive time together, and productive service during our Spring Break Mission Trip serving in South Florida, March 4-11 in response to hurricanes.
  - For strategic planning and leadership development as we make plans for connecting with new students this summer during orientation and at the start of the new academic year;
  - For ongoing relationship development with and faith growth of the students who attend.
- + **Thrive Campus Ministry, Florida Gulf Coast University, Estero – Pastor John Roth & Campus Ministry Leader Ashley Reijm**
  - For the “Wings Up” Podcast which focuses on various topics that affect students from a faith perspective, that God might use this to connect more students
  - For the Greek Club that has formed, and for those students in the Club who are not part of any campus ministry; for those who participate in the faculty/staff Bible study; for Wednesday’s “Reason for God” studies
  - For those enrolled in the New Testament class this semester – and for the Hebrew Bible (OT) class this fall
  - For the Pizza Lunches and relationships which develop
  - For Hurricane relief events this month
  - For new student leaders who have begun training: Matt, Grant, and Jaden
  - Ashley will be leaving in May (moving out of state); pray that Student Ministry keeps growing
  - For more musicians and a more full band for Sunday mornings
  - For the selection process of the next FGCU President.
- + **Live Ministries, UCF, Orlando** –that God will bless Pastor Paul vonWerder (Hope Orlando) and DCE Eric Gerken (Prince of Peace Orlando) providing leadership for discipling students and leaders; for the student leaders God has gathered that they will find joy in connecting with other students in their micro-groups.
- + **University of North Georgia, Dahlonega GA – Pastor David Kruger, St. Peter Dahlonega**
- + **University of Florida, Gainesville FL – Pastor John Glover, First Gainesville**
- + **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 & Yolima Cobos
- + **Immanuel Brandon**, outreach to Hispanics and Spanish worship, Pastor Miguel & Katherine Sanabria. Pray for Kat who is enrolled in the Deaconess program at the Center for Hispanic Studies
- + **Pelican Golden Gate, Naples** – Pastor Mark Eisold, who is working to instruct Spanish-speaking deacons in Christian Doctrine, a pre-requisite to further deacon or pastoral studies.

# THURSDAY

## DISTRICT MISSION & OUTREACH

- + **REV7:9 project**, the 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 **these participating congregations and pastors**. Give thanks for steps being taken to initiate and strengthen inter-cultural ministries. 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.
  - Lord of Life, Stockbridge GA, Rev. Carl Morton
  - St. Paul, Peachtree City GA, Rev. Mark Dahn
  - Trinity, Savannah GA, Rev. Jeff Webb
  - Mt. Calvary, Warner Robins GA, Rev. Andrew Howe
  - Faith, Merrit Island FL, Rev. Andy Schermbeck
  - Christ, Lakeland FL, Rev. Chris Hazzard
  - Holy Trinity, Tampa, Rev. Dan Prugh
  - Good Shepherd, Gainesville GA, Rev. Dan Sparling
  - Bethlehem, Jacksonville FL, Rev. Dana Brones
  - Hope, Plant City FL Rev. Dean Pfeffer
  - Our Savior, Lake Worth FL, Rev. Jacob Roedsens
  - Our Savior, Plantation FL, Rev. Tony Durante
  - Christus Victor, Athens GA, Rev. Greg Michael
  - University Lutheran, Tallahassee FL, Rev. Jay Winters
  - Messiah, Tampa FL, Rev. Mark Adrian
  - Oak Road, Lilburn GA, Rev. Andrew Wrasman
  - Trinity, Rockledge FL, Rev. Ron Meyr
  - St. Paul, Weston FL, Rev. Scott Henze
  - St. Paul, Boca Raton FL, Rev. Steve Carretto
  - Grace, Naples FL, Rev. Keith Lingsch
  - The Pelican, Naples FL, Rev. Mark Eisold
  - Peace, Decatur GA, Rev. Terrell Davis
- + Ask the Lord of the Harvest to identify more such congregations who wish to start new ministry with neighbors of differing cultures. Particularly pray that our congregations will be open to reaching the 1.5 and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation of immigrant groups.
- + 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
- + Ask the Lord to open eyes and hearts to the many opportunities for church planting and outreach among the 60,000 new residents who move into Florida each month. Pray for the upcoming “Church Planting Essentials” church planter training post-Easter.
- + Pray for our **Lutheran elementary and pre-schools**, as well as Early Childhood Centers. Ask God to bless the witness they give 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.
- + Pray for the President’s Equip Conference Planning Team as they prepare for this event under the theme, *Alongsiders: Disciples Making Disciple-Makers*, September 28-30. Ask God to use this to raise, multiply, and position each disciple in our FLGA District.
- + **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. Saturday Sharing and Caring healthy meals, clean socks, and sharing the Gospel with the homeless; Hispanic Ministry sharing food and necessities twice/month; Wed & Friday ministry training; Homeless Church on Saturday mornings and Homeless Praise Team ministry; New Life Village progress during the coming year.
- + For Pastor Matt Peeples and the **Kairos Network**. Pray that God will bless **The Missionary Pathway** training for everyday disciples, and also the new **Monday Mission Insights** YouTube video shorts.
- + For Thank God for all **Lutheran Bible Translators** volunteers who give time and talent in service to the Bible translation movement.
- + 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.

# FRIDAY

## **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/)
- + 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 James Rockey and the FLGA staff: Laura Zirbel, Jennifer Tanner, Peter Meier, Jay Wendland, 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 District Secretary Greg Michael, for Circuit Visitors and members of the District Board of Directors, that they will bring wisdom and leadership to the mission of God in our District.
- + For our FLGA Area Mission Facilitators: Victor Belton (Georgia), Mike Mast (Southwest FL), and Scott Gress (Southeast FL)
- + For President Emeritus, Dr. Gregory Walton, who serves as LCEF's VP of Ministry Solutions, Grace Place Wellness.
- + Megan Miessler & Rick Armstrong, Lutheran Counseling Services; pray for those whom they serve
- + Sheryl DeWitt and Deaconess Alex Schick, Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, especially for the second maternity home in East Dundee, IL and Deaconess Lori Trinche. Pray for the moms and babies who are blessed by this ministry.
- + Rev. Dr. William Schumacher, CEO of 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.
- + 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. Pray for continued good health, plans for time in the States to share about God's work and raise support; for the English class for homeschoolers in Ponce. Ask God for His favor and direction for a future project of planting cocoa and plantain trees in their vacant overgrown field.
- + 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.
- + Missionary Lophane Laurent, Mission Haiti. Pray for much needed funds to continue the monthly food distribution program; for safety and health-both physical and spiritual.
- + 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
- + Pray that the Gospel will be made clear through missionaries serving in sensitive areas world-wide.

# SATURDAY/SUNDAY

## 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
- + That every congregation will have needed courage to truly be a “Sending” church, training and deploying God’s people on God’s mission
- + 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.
- + That pastors and church leaders will get adequate sleep and rest to keep physically, emotionally and socially healthy, caring for themselves as God’s instruments in His mission
- + 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, showing them His purpose and their part in His vision of Revelation 7:9, “a multitude no one can count from every tribe, language, nation and people group.”
- + 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
- + 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
- + For our seminaries (St. Louis & Fort Wayne) and our Concordia University System (Chicago IL, Seward NE, Mequon WI, Ann Arbor MI, St. Paul MN, Austin TX, Irvine CA) that Christian leaders would be prepared by the Holy Spirit using these schools for mighty use in God’s mission, whether as professional church workers or as every day disciples who follow Jesus and serve others in His name
- + 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 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
- + 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
- + 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 shape public opinion, who work to lift up the light of truth in a world of ignorance and sin
- + For all whose hands are worn with work, and for those who struggle to feed themselves and their families.

# Six Mission Prayers for 2023

## Florida Georgia District, LCMS

In this, the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of The Florida-Georgia District, we focus on prayer which is the first work of God's people. God has invited us to pray, and we know that He delights to answer His people's prayers. He invites us to "ask the Lord of the Harvest to send workers into His harvest field" and so we pray daily at 10:02 (Luke 10:2), calling on God to send workers – to prepare and send us! You are also invited to join boldly in the following prayers, making big requests of God that bring Him glory and advance His kingdom purposes.

Consider using these two big prayer guides: (1) **Your church directory**. Pray through the directory, one page each day, working through the list of members over and over again. (2) **Your church budget**. Use the budget as a guide because it shows how your congregation supports Gospel work and workers at home and abroad. Ask God to provide generously for His work to be accomplished and His name confessed and praised.

**Here are six petitions for yourself and for your church in 2023:**

1. **A CULTURE OF EVANGELISM.** Pray that you and the members of your church will grow in having Gospel conversations with not-yet-believers. Encourage them to share those conversations for encouragement and prayer.
2. **A CULTURE OF DISCIPLESHIP.** Pray that you and each member will seek meaningful relationships with a few others for mutual edification through reading the Bible together, praying for one another, and speaking the Gospel into one another's lives.
3. **MISSIONS: FIVE MILE RADIUS.** Pray that you and your church will make inroads to reach unchurched and unbelieving neighbors within a 5 mile radius of your church building. Pray for an outreach focus on your immediate neighborhood. Pray for specific events, people, schools, businesses, etc.
4. **MISSIONS: INTERNATIONAL.** Ask God to show you and your church specific fruitful Gospel partnerships for the spread of the Gospel. Pray for involvement with these missions as they reach people who you cannot personally reach with the Gospel.
5. **MISSIONS: RESOURCES.** Pray that the Lord will provide you personally, and your church, with all the necessary resources (financial, people, materials) needed to accomplish His mission, including reaching and surpassing your church's and our District's projected budget income for 2023.
6. **MISSIONS: HARVEST.** Pray that God will give you the blessing of seeing the fruit of your prayers, your evangelistic work and outreach over the next twelve months.

***Dear Lord God, give us Your grace and the encouragement of seeing Your work through us and through our District in 2023 because we are praying boldly, according to Your will, trusting in Your Spirit, and for the salvation of those whom Jesus has purchased by His blood; In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!***