

Celebrating 75 Years of Mission



Our Mission Remains the Same...
Living as Christ's Witnesses

November 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*

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 Matthew 6:9-14.

Matthew 6:9,11b, “Therefore, you should pray like this... Give us today our daily bread.”

Prayer, as taught by Jesus in the Lord’s Prayer, is a perishable item. Think of it as a loaf of fresh bread which has a shelf-life. Prayer’s usefulness is intended for this life, for our every-day life here on this earth. In eternity – which is a long time – we will no longer need to make the requests and pray the petitions we do here and now. In eternity, we will praise God for His fulfillment of His promises to us. We will enjoy His peace and presence and blessing forever.

Think of this in light of the Lord’s Prayer. Here Jesus teaches us to pray for a world that is fractured and broken, dark and dangerous. But in eternity, His name will be hallowed forever! His Kingdom will be a full, completed reality. There will be no need to seek His will or wait until it will be accomplished; we will rejoice that His will is fully completed. We will be face-to-face with Jesus, the Bread of Life. We will live in perfection where no forgiveness will be required – our capacity for sin will be completely removed. No more temptation or trials, but only perfect safety in the place Jesus has prepared for us! Ponder this: all our requests and petitions will be fulfilled. God will have provided perfectly. We will spend eternity thanking and praising Him!

When Jesus teaches us to pray, He does so with this broken world in mind. Prayer, as He taught us to pray, has a shelf life – it is for today, like manna. It addresses the great needs and desires of God’s people for today. So, don’t wait until tomorrow to make use of it. Prayer is for today! Prayer is for the brokenness and pain of our world today. Prayer, like eating, is intended for everyday. Make it your daily habit!

Lord Jesus, thank you for the gift of prayer. Remind me to make prayer my daily habit! Amen.

MONDAY

ADORATION *(Psalm 136:1-4, 26)*

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His faithful love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods. His faithful love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords. His faithful love endures forever.

He alone does great wonders. His faithful love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of heaven!

His faithful love endures forever.

CONFESSION

- + Forgive us for our lack of self-discipline in our devotional and prayer life
- + Forgive us for our failures to bring all our petitions, praises, and thanksgivings to Him in full expectation that He not only hears, but will answer us so that His mission will succeed and the Father will be glorified
- + Forgive our failure to recognize and give thanks for God's daily blessings, His answer to our prayers, and His faithful love
- + Forgive us for our silence when it comes to speaking to others of God's awesome work in our lives
- + Forgive us for every lost opportunity to tell someone else the Good News of the Savior
- + Forgive our lack of courage to speak to others a timely word about the Savior and His love and compassion for them
- + Forgive us for thinking that proclaiming the Gospel is the work for only a few well-trained individuals, rather than the ministry of every believer

THANKSGIVING

- + For the 75 years of Mission in the Florida-Georgia District – "Our Mission Remains the Same—Living as Christ's Witnesses"
- + For Jesus' invitation to partner with Him as harvest workers in places where we live, work, learn and play.
- + For connecting us with people who are open to the Gospel's message, and that God would keep our eyes open daily for people with whom we can share the story of God's love in Jesus
- + For those in our lives who have shared the Good News of hope and life in Jesus with us
- + For the privilege and joy of being Along-Siders with people in our homes, neighborhoods, places where we work and play.
- + For those whom God has placed in our lives to whom we can become Along-Siders
- + 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 – namely to make and multiply disciples – and who take God's mission seriously.
- + For the joy of knowing Jesus as our Savior, living as his forgiven, loved, restored ones
- + For Florida-Georgia Prayer Partners and Intercessors; Pray that the number of praying partners and 10:02 pray-ers grows!

TUESDAY

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

+ God, use me as a worker in Your harvest fields. Give me the opportunity 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.

Names of those you know who need to be connected to Jesus (or grow in faith in Jesus)	
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- + Lord Jesus, just as you did, help me to stand firm in the face of Satan’s temptations to distract and pull me away from time with Our Father in prayer and His Word
- + Holy Spirit, give us discernment to recognize every spiritual stronghold and idol in our communities 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, Norcross, 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, Bartow, Port St. Lucie, Ft. Lauderdale & Miami areas, Homestead/Florida City/Kendall, Miramar, Port Charlotte, Babcock Ranch, Lehigh Acres, Lakewood Ranch, Venice, Immokalee, Naples; and Prison Ministry.
- + For deliverance against temptation and evil, for the addicted and despairing, for the tortured and oppressed, for those struggling with sin; pray that God will use you to make an eternal difference in their lives.
- + 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 Lord of All will protect pastors, teachers, church and school leaders from the Evil One’s temptations which would distract from the mission field to which they are called
- + 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
- + 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, and 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 – that their work may be a joy and not merely a job.
- + Pray that every language will have God’s Word so that all may know the Good News of Jesus, and that all may be well-equipped to withstand the temptations of the Evil One.

WEDNESDAY

CAMPUS & SCHOOL MINISTRY

We pray for Students and Campus Ministries:

- + Thrive Campus Ministry, Florida Gulf Coast University, Estero – Pastor John Roth
 - Pray for 5 students who have shown interest in becoming pastors or campus ministers
 - Pray for 7 students in Greek Club and their New Testament readings
 - Pray for 2 students who have expressed interest in baptism
 - Pray for 12 faculty members in the Staff Bible Study group
 - Give thanks for enough quality worship team leaders to be able to rotate
 - Pray for God to raise up more student leaders in addition to the current leaders
 - Finances are low for this time of year; pray for God’s provision
 - Pray that the chaplaincy with the FGCU police force will continue to develop
 - Pray for an opportunity to discuss a partnership with FGCU President Timur concerning the land owned by FLGA District
 - Pray that students who have started attending worship will keep growing in faith
- + Christus Victor Campus Ministry, Athens GA – Pastor Greg Michael
- + University Lutheran, FSU, and Florida A&M, Tallahassee – Pastor Jay Winters
- + Live Ministries, UCF, Orlando
- + University of North Georgia, Dahlonega GA – St. Peter Dahlonega
- + University of Florida, Gainesville FL – First Gainesville
- + University of South Florida, Tampa; Univ of Tampa – Abby Moss, Messiah Tampa
- + University of Tampa – Pastor Dan Prugh, Holy Trinity, Tampa
- + **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 parents and pastors to encourage students** to continue their walk with the Lord while they are on campus
- + **For all dedicated staff and volunteers involved in campus ministry** , that God would energize them for their work and use them to plant seeds of faith that will continue to grow and flourish
- + **For International Students** who do not yet know Jesus, that their time in the US would provide opportunities to learn of Jesus and come to faith in Him.
- + **That young people would hunger for the certain truth of the Gospel** and not be deceived by the half-truths and lies of the Evil One.
- + Pray for our **Lutheran elementary and pre-schools**, as well as Early Childhood Centers, that God will bless their daily witness so that the Word of Christ will reach into families and communities through our Lutheran schools!
- + Pray for our **Early Childhood Centers** that introduce young children and their families to Jesus. Pray that their witness to the littlest of God’s children and their families will bear much fruit.
- + Pray for our **Lutheran School Administrators, Teachers, Helpers and staff members** that they will shine with Holy-Spirit inspired love for every student.
- + Pray that **Pastors** will see their role as an integral part of School ministry, and that they will model Jesus’ love for the children and fellow staff.

THURSDAY

DISTRICT MISSION & OUTREACH

- + Pray that every congregation will see themselves as participants in planting the Church – starting something new, making new disciples, participating in the District-wide 75th Anniversary Thank Offering
- + Ask the Lord to open eyes and hearts to the many opportunities for starting new ministries and outreach among the 60,000 new residents who move into Florida each month.
- + Pray boldly that God will bless the vision of many congregations in the District who have opportunity to start new in the coming months.
- + For Pastor Matt Peeples and the **Kairos Network**. Pray that God will bless the two current **Missionary Pathway** cohorts. Pray for the everyday disciples who receive this training, for widespread use of the **Monday Mission Insights** YouTube video shorts, and many other resources designed to prepare God’s people for their personal mission fields.
- + **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.

Lord of Life, Stockbridge GA, Rev. Carl Morton	Our Savior, Plantation FL, Rev. Tony Durante
St. Paul, Peachtree City GA, Rev. Mark Dahn	Christus Victor, Athens GA, Rev. Greg Michael
Trinity, Savannah GA, Rev. Jeff Webb	University Lutheran, Tallahassee FL, Rev. Jay Winters
Mt. Calvary, Warner Robins GA, Rev. Andrew Howe	Messiah, Tampa FL, Rev. Mark Adrian
Faith, Merrit Island FL, Rev. Andy Schermbeck	Oak Road, Lilburn GA, Rev. Andrew Wrasman
Christ, Lakeland FL, Rev. Chris Hazzard	Trinity, Rockledge FL, Rev. Ron Meyr
Holy Trinity, Tampa, Rev. Dan Prugh	St. Paul, Weston FL, Rev. Scott Henze
Good Shepherd, Gainesville GA, Rev. Dan Sparling	St. Paul, Boca Raton FL, Rev. Steve Carretto
Bethlehem, Jacksonville FL, Rev. Dana Brones	Grace, Naples FL, Rev. Keith Lingsch
Hope, Plant City FL Rev. Dean Pfeffer	The Pelican, Naples FL, Rev. Mark Eisold
Our Savior, Lake Worth FL, Rev. Jacob Roedsens	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 2nd generation of immigrant groups.
- + For Pastor Steve Hayden and **Lake Oconee Lutheran Church** (Lake Oconee, GA) as they develop the “Center for Hope” to provide Gospel ministry and care to the residents of Milledgeville, GA.
- + **Stepping Stone Mission/New Life Mission** in metro Atlanta, Rev. Joseph Song. Ask God to bless their efforts to feed and clothe the homeless, sharing the riches of Christ with them
- + **Rev. Gustavo & Ruth Maita**, Missionaries in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. Pray for continued good health, and blessings on their church planting and outreach work. Our District supports the work in Puerto Rico through the FORO. Pray for volunteers who serve on short term mission trips there.
- + Thank God for work of **Lutheran Bible Translators**. Pray for God’s blessing on the work of the LBT Staff so more local leaders around the world will be empowered and more language communities will have access to God’s Word. Thank the Lord for the sacrificial and giving hearts of many volunteers.
- + That the Holy Spirit will bless each Christian person to effectively come alongside those whom God has placed in and around their world, making disciples who make disciple-makers.

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 that God will raise up more faithful pray-ers for the harvest in every congregation, flgadistrict.org/prayerpartner/
- + That **each person in the FLGA District** will see themselves as an Along-Sider, bringing Jesus' healing, peace, and comfort to those who are fearful or hurting in any way. Pray that the Holy Spirit will show each person someone whom they can disciple as a disciple-maker.
- + 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 **Elected District Leaders**: 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)
- + **Pastor John & Yolima Cobos**, serving at Messiah Latino, Tampa and Hope, Plant City
- + **Pastor Miguel & Katherine Sanabria** reaching out to Spanish speakers at Immanuel Church and School in Brandon. Ask God to bless their multi-ethnic congregation initiative. Pray for Kat who is enrolled in the Deaconess program at the Center for Hispanic Studies, and for five more future pastors and deaconesses who have been identified and are preparing for Seminary training.
- + **Pastor Mark Eisold** at Pelican Golden Gate, Naples who is working with seven Haitian Creole and Spanish ministries: **Pastor Charelus, Vicar Jean Jaques, Deacon Ricardo Mendez and Deacons-in-training Saul Silva, Diego Guillen, Douglas Bello, Bobby Trevino**; Also **Pastor Andre Mezilus** and **Vicar Niclau Alcena** at Bethlehem Hatian. Pray for **Pastor Karl Glander** at Pelican of Immokalee, and for **Pastor Orlando Ramirez** as he instructs his members in Biblical Lutheranism. Ask God to bless their deacon and deaconess training, music classes, English Classes, Immigrant assistance, and more.
- + For new work by **People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO)** started in Naples by **Rev. Timothy Abel**, and his wife Samanth and daughter Isabel. Pray that God blesses their adjustment to Florida, and the start of their ministry with the Southwest Circuit.
- + For **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. Give thanks to God for 10 years of offering love, hope, and a future to single pregnant women in crisis!
- + **Megan Miessler & Rev. Rick Armstrong**, Lutheran Counseling Services; pray for those whom they serve
- + **Rev. Bill Schmidt**, Operation Barnabas Coordinator – a network of care for Military members, families, & veterans.
- + **Field Director Lophane Laurent**, Mission Haiti (www.missionhaiti99.org) Pray for children in the GROWW program, that they will continue to learn and grow – mind, body, and spirit. For the health and safety of all in Haiti and that they will come to know Jesus as their Savior.
- + **Rev. Jay and Julie Das**, training pastors in Pakistan
- + **John List**, Lutheran Life Editor and Publisher, that our District magazine will bring encouragement, share creative ideas and useful information to the people of our District and beyond.
- + 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 observant and attentive to people around them, prompting them to pray and serve with Jesus’ love.
- + For individuals and churches who go on short-term mission teams with **MOST ministries**. Pray for more team members to sign up for the year ahead, and for the staff working with these teams.
- + 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 for Sunday worship, they will keep focused on God’s mission and His purpose for gathering and sending His Church, and that the Holy Spirit will use them to proclaim the life-giving message of the Kingdom
- + 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 everyday disciples who follow Jesus and serve others in His name
- + That there will be a mighty movement of prayer to be birthed in cities large and small throughout the world
- + Pray for persecuted believers around the world, especially in areas where persecution is being ramped up for pastors and Christian people.
- + That followers of Jesus will walk daily in the power of the Spirit, living and sharing the Good News

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 our nation’s decision-making leaders will act wisely and for the good of the Nation when it comes to global conflicts in Europe and the Middle East.
- + 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
- + 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
- + 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.

Six Mission Prayers for our 75th Year

Florida Georgia District, LCMS

Our Mission Remains the Same – Living as Christ’s Witnesses

In this, the 75th 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 our 75th Year:

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, 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!