

GOD SPEAKS

READ REVELATION 5:9

John tells his vision of a great celebration in heaven – the four living creatures, twenty-four elders, and a throng of angels too great to count who worship the resurrected Lamb! This is the culmination of God's mission, which is also described in Philippians 2:10-11. As we move this Lenten season, it's a good thing to consider this vision and how God would use each of us individually and all of us together to bring it about.

God has ransomed you and me by His own blood. Jesus' work on this earth is finished. We are now sent as His Father sent Him. Our prayers and labors are used by God's grace to invite and gather that great chorus of people from every ethnicity, nationality, and mother tongue.

Imagine what it will be like when we all gather before the throne, singing in the greatest choir ever known to the only One who is worthy of such praise! Imagine the faces of those who came to faith either directly or indirectly as a result of our witness and work – faces of every color and culture, praising the One you and I served to bring them there. Worthy is the Lamb, we sing together!

Whenever we pray, Hallowed be thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, this is the vision we are praying and working for! The Lamb is worthy. His blood has bought people for God, and He's using you and me to reach them!

Holy Spirit, let us never grow weary of praying and working in partnership with our Risen, Ascended, and Ruling Lord Jesus! Use me, use us to connect people to Jesus, to the praise of His name! Amen.

PHIL
2:10-11

At the name of Jesus
every knee will bow
and every tongue
will confess that Jesus
Christ is Lord

CALL TO PRAYER

Luke 10:2

The harvest is plentiful,
but the workers are few.
Ask the Lord of the harvest,
therefore, to send out workers
into his harvest field.

SET YOUR ALARM FOR 10:02



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March MISSIONS PRAYER GUIDE



**EQUIP, EMPOWER, ENGAGE,
CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS.**



- 1 Lord Jesus, we praise You for Your unfathomable love, which carried You to the cross for us and all people. Let the fire of Your love ignite our hearts and move us to loving action for all we meet today.
- 2 During Lent, enable us to meditate on our Lord's passion so that as we fellowship with Him in His sorrow, we may learn to share His love and forgiveness with those burdened with suffering and shame.
- 3 Give thanks for our District President James Rockey and his staff: Laura Zirbel, Jennifer Tanner, Peter Meier, Jay Wendland, Kathy Keene, Meridith Swanson, Cindy Hammerstrom, and Debbie Arrington.
- 4 Pray for church planters and mission leaders who will gather this week in Orlando for the Exponential Church Planting Conference. Ask the Lord to teach, encourage, and equip them for their task.
- 5 Pray for retired pastors, teachers, and attendees at the Veterans of the Cross retreat. Give thanks for their past and ongoing service to the Lord and His Church.
- 6 Pray that your life today will not obscure the presence of Jesus but will make it more visible to the eyes you meet. Ask God to give you a heart like Jesus': tender, compassionate, serving, and courageous.
- 7 Thank God for teachers and leaders who are dedicated to disciple-making through school ministry.
- 8 Pray that God will give needed vision to think and plan for new ways for the church to meet the deep spiritual needs of our communities.
- 9 Pray that all people in our nation, beginning with our leaders, will respect life as God's gift, seeking to protect life from the unborn to the elderly and vulnerable.
- 10 Pray that every congregation will have the needed courage to be a "Sending" church, training and deploying God's people on God's mission.

- 11 Pray for Mission Haiti, for Field Director Lophane Laurent, and those he serves for God in Haiti.
- 12 Ask God to bless the Missionary Pathway cohorts currently underway. Pray that participants are equipped to share Jesus where they live, work, and play.
- 13 Every person in the FLGA District would see themselves as an Along-Sider, bringing Jesus' joy to their neighbors and friends. Pray that the Holy Spirit will show them someone they can disciple as a disciple-maker.
- 14 Pray the Holy Spirit will shepherd the process of exploring and planning for new Lutheran schools in multiple locations throughout the District.
- 15 Pray for Campus Pastors Jay Winters (University Lutheran, Tallahassee), John Roth (Thrive, Estero), and Greg Michael (Christus Victor, Athens) as they share the Gospel with students on campus who face fears, doubts, and worries.
- 16 Ask the Lord to grant wisdom and resources for the Sarasota Circuit as they pray and plan for new church starts in their communities to start strong.
- 17 Ask God to bless the homeless ministry to men by Pastor Joseph Song and Stepping Stone Ministry in Atlanta. Pray for God to meet every need in abundance.
- 18 Pray for the Holy Spirit to bless each Christian person to effectively come alongside those whom God has placed in their world, making disciples who make disciple-makers.
- 19 Ask the Holy Spirit to ignite a mighty movement of prayer in the FLGA District and throughout our nation.
- 20 Ask the Lord of the Harvest to give wisdom and creativity to congregations who want to begin new outreach ministries in their communities.
- 21 Ask the Lord to open our eyes and hearts to the opportunities to start new ministries and outreach among 60,000 new residents moving into Florida each month.

- 22 Pray for our Early Childhood ministries that introduce young children and their families to Jesus. Pray that their witness to God's children will reach families and communities through our Lutheran Schools.
- 23 Pray that young people will hunger for the truth of the Gospel and not be deceived by the half-truths and lies of the Evil One.
- 24 Palm Sunday: give thanks for Jesus, who endured the cross for you, and who is now seated at the right hand of the Father in glory. Ask Jesus to give you the Joy of Salvation during Holy Week.
- 25 Give thanks that Jesus had you on His mind as He suffered and died on the cross. Ask that His love will fill your heart and lead you to love others.
- 26 Ask the Holy Spirit to pour out the joy of salvation, of knowing Jesus as our Savior, and of living as His forgiven, loved, and restored disciples.
- 27 Ask that the Holy Spirit connect 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 God's love in Jesus.
- 28 Maundy Thursday: thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee! Thank you Jesus, for Your Body and Blood, given and shed for our life and salvation!
- 29 Good Friday: ask forgiveness for those times we have allowed conflict to give a negative witness in our families, congregations, and Synod.
- 30 Holy Saturday: ask the Holy Spirit for opportunities today to engage in spiritual conversations and the sense to notice those opportunities along with the wisdom and courage to speak for Him.
- 31 EASTER SUNDAY: He lives! All glory to His name! He lives my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives! Hallelujah!