

GOD SPEAKS

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

We have to admit that when it comes to the mystery of the Triune God, we teach and confess the fact of it without being able to comprehend it properly. We are treading on holy ground. The Trinity is an incomprehensible mystery, which is a good thing! (Read the Athanasian Creed!) If we could understand God fully or "explain" the mystery of the Godhead, God wouldn't be God! This is the God we are called to confess before men, to proclaim as the One True God Above All Other gods. We confess what we don't understand, and we proclaim a mystery. Believers confess without needing further proof because the Scriptures declare that the Father is God, Jesus is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. Yet, there is and has ever only been one God.

Paul closes his message in his second epistle to the Corinthians by calling them finally to rejoice. He calls them to aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, and live in peace. This is all part of our witness to the world. And then he promises them that the God of love and peace will be with them.

This Great God, Above All Other gods, is the God who has called and gathered us as His Church and who works in and through us as we go about our daily lives to make disciples of all the nations. What a privilege that the Triune God has chosen to work through sinful, frail human creatures like us! We don't understand this, but we praise our Triune God and serve Him as His ambassadors, calling others to join us in praising Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be a world without end. Amen.

2 Cor.
3:10

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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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May MISSIONS PRAYER GUIDE



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



1 Give thanks for the 22 congregations that are part of the REV7:9 initiative partnering with Mission Nation Publishing. Praise God for opportunities to engage with neighbors of other cultures, and pray for the Multi-Ethnic Symposium today at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

2 Pray for God's blessing on the Lutheran Bible Translators Board meeting today. Give thanks for their 60-year mission "to make God's Word accessible to all in the language they understand best."

3 Pray for those who work to provide food and share God's love with children and their families in Haiti. Ask God to bring an end to the unrest and lawlessness. Pray for all who bring healing and hope to Haiti: Mission Haiti, Habitat for Children, Trinity Hope, and Hope Seeds.

4 Pray for college students completing their semester—those who will return home for the summer and those who now enter the job market. Ask the Lord to keep them connected to Jesus and share those connections with others.

5 Cinco de Mayo: Praise God for the many opportunities for witness and service with our Latino friends and neighbors. Continue to bless our new neighbors who come from Mexico and Central American nations.

6 We praise You, Jesus, for the encouragement and specific promise You give, "I WILL build my church!" Hell cannot stand up to its advance and proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ, risen, ascended, and coming again!

7 Give thanks for the joy of partnering with Jesus in His mission and ask for His favor to see progress in our mission work.

8 Ask for forgiveness for allowing lesser goals of this world to shape our words and actions and for failure to surrender all of life to Christ's service and mission.

9 Ascension Day, 40 days after Easter: Pray for all to take to heart Jesus' parting words, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

10 Pray for every congregation to have the courage needed to be a "Sending" church, training and deploying God's people on God's mission.

11 Pray for high school students graduating, students preparing for college next fall, and those seeking jobs. In every circumstance, pray that they will be faithful to their God, who loves and cares for them.

12 Mother's Day: Thank God for the mother who gave you life and for women God uses to nurture and bless young and old alike. Pray for those who want to be moms but lost children to miscarriage or untimely death, who have not been able to conceive, and for all who grieve children who have been aborted.

13 Pray that each person in the FLGA District would see themselves as an Along-Sider, bringing Jesus' joy to their neighbors, coworkers, and friends. Pray for the Holy Spirit to show each person someone they can disciple as a disciple-maker.

14 Give thanks for Campus Pastors Jay Winters (University Lutheran Chapel, Tallahassee), John Roth (Thrive, Estero), and Greg Michael (Christus Victor, Athens) and pray for their ministry teams planning for outreach next school year.

15 Give thanks for Jesus's clear mission for His Church, namely, to make disciples of every person in every people group; ask for provision to accomplish this mission.

16 Give thanks for our Lutheran Schools and Early Childhood Centers, their administrators, and staff as they conclude another school year of sharing God's love with children and families. Pray for a safe summer for teachers, students, and families.

17 Pray for the Lord's protection and provision for missionary families worldwide. Ask God to bless their efforts to raise prayer and financial support.

18 Pray for District leadership that God blesses the vision and work of President Rockey and his staff, the Board of Directors, Circuit Visitors, pastors, and local church leaders who understand the Church's purpose and take the mission seriously in these times.

19 Pentecost: Give thanks for the work of the Holy Spirit, pointing us to Jesus, who gathers and establishes the Church and keeps us connected to Jesus in faith. Ask the Holy Spirit to ignite a mighty prayer movement in the FLGA District and throughout our nation.

20 Ask God to inspire the hearts of His people in all our congregations to mission action this summer—especially opportunities to plant the Church in new places with new people.

21 Pray for the Presidents of our 35 LCMS Districts that they may be filled with mission zeal and inspire a growing evangelistic focus and passion within their districts.

22 Pray that deliverance from the Evil One and the coming of God's Kingdom will always shape and move the work of the Church.

23 Pray that eternal life and salvation will be proclaimed in our neighborhoods and communities without hindrance and that many will come to know Jesus' saving grace.

24 Ask the Lord of the Harvest to give wisdom and creativity to congregations who want to begin new community outreach ministries.

25 Pray that God will grant safety for all who travel this holiday weekend and that His name will be honored at joyful family times as people gather to celebrate the arrival of summer.

26 Trinity Sunday: Praise the Triune God for His work in our lives, Creating and Sustaining all things by the power of His Word, Redeeming us from sin and death, and Bringing us to and keeping us in saving faith. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

27 Memorial Day: Give thanks for all who have given their lives in service to our Nation and pray that God will comfort those who grieve the loss of family members.

28 Pray that God's people will be blessed with perseverance, especially when facing challenges to their faith. Pray for boldness in sharing the Gospel and assurance of God's presence.

29 Praise God for fellow church members and disciples who want to grow as disciples—following Jesus, learning from Jesus, living and loving like Jesus, sharing Jesus, and making more disciples.

30 Ask that the Holy Spirit connect us with people who are open to the Gospel message and that God will keep our eyes open daily for people with whom we can share God's love in Jesus.

31 Ask the Holy Spirit to pour out the joy of salvation, of knowing Jesus as your Savior and of living as His forgiven, loved, and restored disciples.