

GOD SPEAKS

READ ACTS 16 & MATT. 18:19-20

When Paul came to Philippi, they did not find places of worship, so Paul and his team went down to the riverside, looking for a praying community. They found a women's prayer meeting and shared the Good News of Jesus with Lydia and the others. She invited them to her home which became the first church in Europe.

A small group of parents decides to call each other the same time every morning for ten minutes to pray for their children together... a few people meet in the sanctuary of their church to pray for their pastor and outreach team... a husband and wife agree to walk their neighborhood daily, praying for their neighbors as they go... one person sets her alarm to 10:02 to join hundreds of others virtually, who pray at 10:02 for workers in the Lord's harvest fields.

Prayer is the work of the Church! Even if its with just one or two others, your prayers will create new opportunities for God's kingdom to come among us. The harvest is plentiful! Invite one or two others to pray with you, knowing that Jesus is there among you, and watch what He will do!

Thanks for setting your alarm to join with us daily in the 10:02 Prayer (Luke 10:2), and for aligning your life in word and action for the greatest cause to live for in all the world!

Lord Jesus, You have invited us to pray for the harvest and for workers to gather it in. Even if it's just me at 10:02, thank you for the many others who are praying with me at that time! I ask that you would help me find a praying community, even one or two others with whom I can share my heart and my prayers. Use our prayers to expand Your Kingdom on the earth! Amen.

Acts
16:31-32

They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him along with everyone in his house.

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

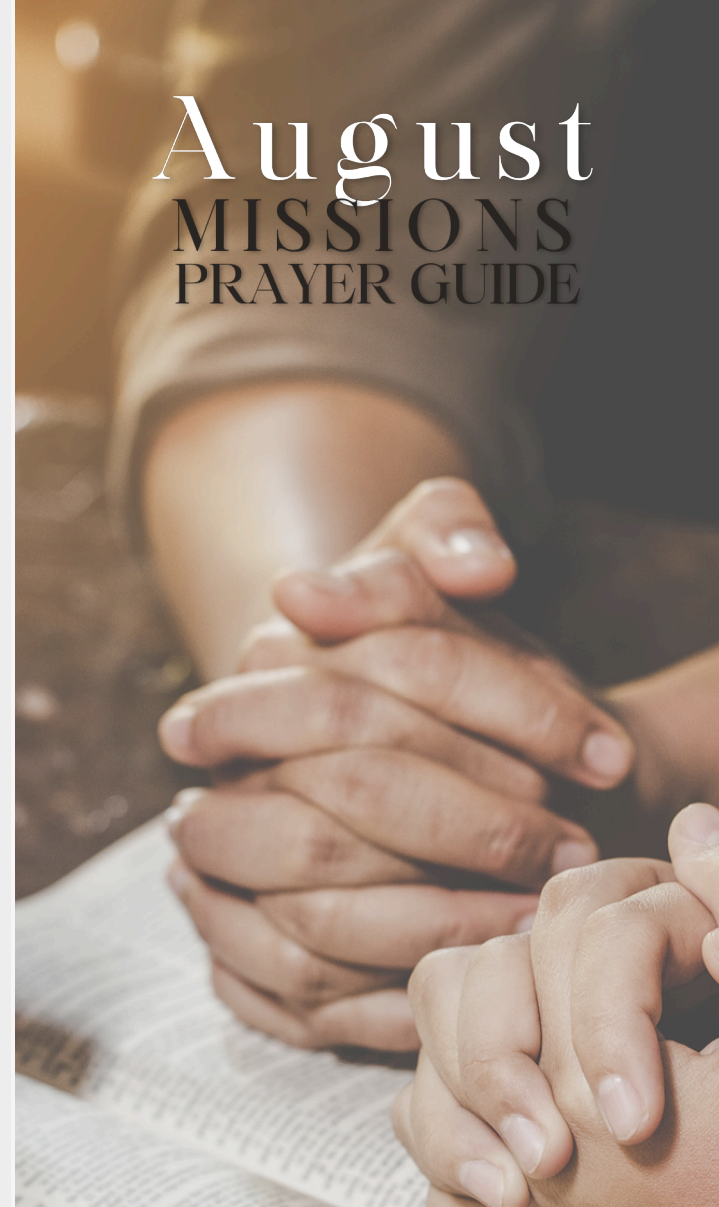


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August MISSIONS PRAYER GUIDE



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



- 1 That each person in the FLGA District would see themselves as an Along-Sider, bringing Jesus' joy to their neighbors and coworkers and friends. Pray that the Holy Spirit will show each person someone whom they can disciple as a disciple-maker.
- 2 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.
- 3 Pray for plans made by our Campus Ministries to connect with new and returning students in the coming weeks; pray that God will encourage students to continue their walk with the Lord as they prepare for the Fall semester.
- 4 Ask the Holy Spirit to continue and increase His work of aligning our hearts and minds with the mind of Christ so that our lives always point to Jesus.
- 5 Ask God to inspire the hearts of His people in all our congregations to mission action, especially noting opportunities to plant the Church in new places with new people
- 6 Ask the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of those you know who need to receive Jesus' invitation to 'come and see' God's mercy and grace for themselves.
- 7 For workers in the Harvest; that the eyes of every believer will be opened to the Harvest around them that is ripe, ready, diverse, and abundant!
- 8 For *everyday 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.
- 9 Give thanks for our Lutheran Schools and Early Childhood Centers, for their administrators and staff as they gather again for the new school year. Ask God to protect the children from the moment they leave for school to when they return home.
- 10 Pray that as pastors and leaders prepare themselves for weekend worship, they will keep focused on God's mission and His purpose for gathering and sending His Church.

- 11 Pray that every congregation will see themselves as participants in planting the Church – making new disciples, starting new ministries, planting new micro-churches and multi-sites, starting new congregations, or leaving a mission legacy.
- 12 Praise God for the many opportunities for witness and service with our Latino friends and neighbors. Ask God to bless our new neighbors who come from Mexico, Central America and island nations.
- 13 Pray today for the Mission Summit at our District Office, where various organizations doing ministry in Haiti gather to share, plan and pray together for their mission work.
- 14 Pray that the message of eternal life and salvation will be proclaimed in our neighborhoods and communities without hindrance, and that many will come to know Jesus' saving grace.
- 15 Give thanks for the ministry of Pastor Joseph Song, Stepping Stone Ministry in the Atlanta area as they share Jesus' love with the homeless. Ask God to bless ministry in the New Life Village House, recently restored after storm damage.
- 16 Pray that every believer will feel a burden for the lost, will pray for open doors, open hearts, and boldness in witness and service.
- 17 Pray for Puerto Rico FORO missionaries Pastor Gustavo and Ruth Maita, as they prepare for fall classes and especially their English and Art outreach.
- 18 Pray that the Holy Spirit will protect and enrich the marriages and families of our congregation leaders and church workers, so that the Evil One will not separate what God has joined together.
- 19 Thank the Lord for His beautiful mission in the world. "Here I am, Lord, fill me with your Spirit and send me!"
- 20 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
- 21 Ask that God will bless the vision and work of President Rockey and his staff, our Circuit Visitors, pastors and local church leaders who understand the purpose of the Church and who take mission seriously in these times.

- 22 Pray for everyday missionaries near and far that God will give them an understanding of the culture around them, knowledge of the people to whom they are called, and insights for the most effective methods to share the Good News of Jesus.
- 23 Give thanks for our Circuit Visitors who meet today with our District Board of Directors; ask the Lord to bless their mission vision and leadership which moves to action in each of our 21 Florida-Georgia Circuits.
- 24 Pray for elected leaders in our FLGA District, for Vice Presidents Victor Belton, Jay Winters, Charles Reich, David Brockhoff and Stephen Carretto, for District Secretary Greg Michael and for our Board of Directors, that God will bless their mission leadership.
- 25 Give thanks for opportunities to worship together with other Christians, and for the joy of seeing others come to know Jesus as their Savior, forgiven, loved, restored, and precious in His sight.
- 26 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 strong presence.
- 27 Ask the Lord of the Harvest to give wisdom and creativity to congregations who want to begin new outreach ministries in their communities.
- 28 Pray for the Presidents of our 35 LCMS Districts that they may be filled with mission zeal and joy, inspiring a growing evangelistic focus and passion within their districts.
- 29 Ask the Lord to bless missionaries around the world with a spirit of collaboration, mutual care and support, and protection from strife among various Christian groups. Pray for unity among Christian missionaries and local Christians.
- 30 Pray for Lutheran Bible Translators as they seek to increase the number of language groups they are engaged with from 135 to 144; pray for good relationships and open doors to new communities.
- 31 Ask the Lord to use your mouth and hands to bless others in His name, and that others will be ready to receive our loving witness.