

GOD SPEAKS

"...spread out your hands to Him in prayer."

JOB 11:13

When I was young, I was taught to fold my hands in prayer, most likely to keep those little hands from doing all sorts of distracting things. In the Bible, we learn that there are other prayer postures for our hands. You might consider some of these as you pray:

1. **Surrender - Hands Up:** Hands held up may be a sign of surrender. My life is not about me. I surrender to Your Lordship, Jesus. I surrender my preferences, my position, my prejudices to You. I surrender my fears, finances, friends, and family to You, trusting in Your love and care for us all.
2. **Generosity - Hands Open:** What I have is not mine; I am simply a steward of all You have given me. I want to mirror Your generosity, to be an example of how You, God, have opened Your hand to us and lavished Your love and life on us. Use me and my hands to model this characteristic of You to those in my life.
3. **Mission - Hands Forward:** I hold my hands forward as a symbol of mission, of living for something greater than myself. I want to embrace Your kingdom mission, welcoming the stranger, the lost, the least, the lonely. I offer Your love in Jesus to the poor, the powerless, the privileged, and the persecuted.

These postures might help you consider your personal response to God's sacrificial, generous and welcoming hand to you. As we celebrate the gifts of the Reformation this month, we consider how we may share them with our neighbors near and far.

Lord Jesus, You have loved me with a sacrificial, generous, and welcoming love. You have placed me in a position to share that love with others. Use me and my hands to share the Father's heart of love and bless me with opportunities to speak of that love to others in Your powerful and saving name. Amen.

Job
11:13

As for you, if you
redirect your heart
and spread out your
hands to Him in prayer.

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.

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July MISSIONS PRAYER GUIDE



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CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS.



1 Lord, as July begins, refresh my spirit. Let your grace wash over me like summer rain. Guide my thoughts and actions so I may glorify you today.

2 Heavenly Father, thank you for your enduring faithfulness. Even when my circumstances change, you remain the same. Anchor my soul in your unchanging truth today.

3 Jesus, grant me a heart of humility. Help me to consider others more significant than myself, following your perfect example of servant leadership.

4 **Independence Day** – Sovereign Lord, on this day of independence, we pray for our nation. Grant our leaders wisdom and our citizens a desire for justice and peace. Let true freedom be found in you.

5 Lord of the Sabbath, prepare my heart for worship. May my voice join the congregation in joyful praise, and may your Word take deep root in my life today.

6 Father, give me eyes to see the marginalized and the lonely. Fill me with your compassion so I can be the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need.

7 Holy Spirit, comfort those who are mourning. Be a very present help in their time of trouble. Remind them of the resurrection hope we have in Christ.

8 God of all provision, I trust you with my finances and daily needs. Keep me from the love of money and cultivate a spirit of radical generosity within me.

9 Lord, protect my mind from anxious thoughts. When worries multiply, let your consolations cheer my soul. I cast all my anxieties on you because you care for me.

10 Jesus, thank you for the cross. I am humbled by the price you paid for my salvation. Let the reality of your grace transform the way I live today.

11 Father, strengthen marriages and families. Grant couples the grace to forgive, the patience to listen, and the love to serve one another unconditionally in your name.

12 Lord, I pray for my local congregation. Bless our pastor, our leaders, and our volunteers. May we be a beacon of your light and truth in our community.

13 Holy Spirit, give me boldness to share the Gospel. Open doors for spiritual conversations and give me the exact words to say to those seeking truth.

14 Creator God, remind me that my worth is found in you alone, not in my achievements or the approval of others. I rest securely in my identity as your child.

15 Lord, grant me the discipline to read and meditate on your Scriptures daily. Let your Word be sweeter than honey and the ultimate guide for my life.

16 Father, help me to walk in purity. Guard my eyes, my thoughts, and my actions. Let my life reflect the holiness to which you have called me.

17 Jesus, be with the persecuted church. Grant them supernatural peace and endurance. May their faithful witness draw their oppressors to your saving grace.

18 Lord, as the LCMS National Convention begins, we lift up our Synod President. Grant him godly wisdom, stamina, and courage to lead with a steadfast commitment to your inerrant Word.

19 Heavenly Father, guide the delegates of the LCMS Convention. Give them discernment as they debate and vote on resolutions. May every decision align with your truth and strengthen our church.

20 Lord of the harvest, we pray for our LCMS missionaries globally. Use the convention's work to support, fund, and encourage them. Protect their families and make their gospel witness fruitful.

21 Gracious God, bless those serving the church at-large. Strengthen district presidents, seminary professors, and synodical staff gathered at the convention. Renew their zeal for building up the body of Christ.

22 Holy Spirit, as the LCMS Convention continues, foster unity rooted in pure doctrine. Protect our synod from the spirit of the age and keep us anchored securely in the Lutheran Confessions.

23 Lord Jesus, as the LCMS Convention concludes, bless the work accomplished. Send the delegates home safely, equipped and inspired to proclaim Christ crucified to a broken world.

24 Father, thank you for the gift of grace. When I stumble, remind me that your mercies are new every morning. Help me to walk forward in your forgiveness.

25 Lord, grant me a spirit of gratitude. Keep me from grumbling and complaining. Open my eyes to the countless blessings you pour into my life each day.

26 God of rest, as I gather with fellow believers today, renew my strength. May the preaching of your Word and administration of the sacraments nourish my weary soul.

27 Jesus, teach me to be a peacemaker. Where there is conflict in my relationships or my workplace, use me as an instrument of your grace and reconciliation.

28 Holy Spirit, convict me of hidden sin. Shine your light into the dark corners of my heart so I may repent and walk in unbroken fellowship with you.

29 Lord, I pray for the children and youth of our community. Protect their minds from worldly deception and raise up a generation that boldly loves and serves you.

30 Heavenly Father, I lift up those who are seeking employment or facing financial hardship. Open doors of opportunity and provide for them according to your glorious riches.

31 Lord, as July ends, I praise you for your constant presence. Walk with me into the month ahead, and let my life be a continuous offering of praise.