

Prayer Guide October through December 2017

We invite you to partner in prayer that the Holy Spirit would use us to go into our communities with hearts of service and voices that share the good news of Jesus Christ, multiplying the harvest in all our churches.

During the week of...

October 1 – We ask the Lord to bless our retired church workers event this week at Trinity, Roselle. As we thank the Lord for their tireless efforts to be his hands and feet, we also ask the Lord to continue using them to inspire and encourage us as His servants.

October 8 – May the Lord be with the North/West Regional Pastors' conference this week, as well as the East Regional Pastors' conference next week. We pray for the Lord to bless, encourage, and strengthen these pastors and all of our church workers.

October 15 – We pray for the Lord to bless the people of Immanuel, Des Plaines as they undertake a New Starts emphasis, Connecting Point Café. The café will provide a space for the people of their community to gather and build relationships.

October 22 – We ask the Lord to bless the efforts of St. Mark, St. Charles and Immanuel, Batavia as they work together to have a joint Reformation service and block party in downtown St. Charles next weekend.

October 29 – May the Lord bless all of our Reformation worship services as well as this weekend's Reformation event at Concordia, Chicago. May more people hear about Jesus and be brought to faith by the Spirit, working through His precious Word.

November 5 - As time changes this weekend and we "fall back" an hour, we pray for the Lord to help all of us fall back on his Gospel and the saving message of Jesus sacrificing His life in our place to completely pay for the price of our sin.

November 12 – As people from around the District gather for our annual dinner this evening (Sunday), we pray for the Lord's blessings and encouragement as we seek to work together with all of our congregations and ministries to reach more people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

November 19 – In this week of Thanksgiving, we give all thanks to our God for his many blessings. We especially thank him for the gift of his life, death, and resurrection to pay for our sin, grant us his forgiveness, and use us to bring his life saving message to others.

November 26 – As the season of Advent begins and we think of God breaking into our world with his love, we thank the Lord for the way He has broken through the ministry and partnership of Christ the King, Chicago; St. John, Lombard; and St. Peter, Schaumburg. May the Lord bless their efforts in reaching more people for the Kingdom.

December 3 – Praise the Lord for continued blessings of Baptism happening as a result of relationships through our Lutheran schools like the recent baptism at St. Mark's, St. Charles. May God continue to bring more and more to faith in him.

December 10 – We pray for the ministry of Cross Lutheran, Yorkville. We ask the Lord to bless their efforts toward reaching families in their area as well as the efforts of their Hispanic missionary, Walter, who has begun new ministry at Loving Arms in Oswego, which is operated by Cross.

December 17 – We pray for our District Board of Directors meeting this Monday, asking the Lord to provide his wisdom and guidance as the board not only seeks to take care of the business of the District, but to especially seek the Lord's guidance in helping more and more of our congregations connect and engage with their surrounding communities with the Good News of Jesus.

December 24 – On this fabulous weekend as we celebrate the announcement and birth of our Savior, Jesus, we not only thank him for coming as one of us to pay the price for our sin, but we also ask him to continue to use us to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

December 31 – As we end one year and enter another, we thank God for his many blessings, and ask him to motivate us by his Gospel to respond out of joy and gratitude to do all we can to work together as the hands and feet of Jesus, blessing as many people as possible with his love and Good News.



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