

Prayer Guide – January through March 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...

January 1 – As we celebrate Epiphany in this coming week, we thank our Lord for revealing himself to us through the life and work of Jesus Christ in our behalf. We ask that this light of Christ would shine in and through us as we work to multiple new starts and as he grows the Kingdom through multiplying new believers.

January 8 – May the Lord bless the District Board of Directors regional presentations these next two weeks as people gather at Hope, Shorewood, and Christ Our Savior, Dixon, to hear how we all partner together to bring the Good News of Jesus to all people throughout our district and beyond.

January 15 – We ask the Lord to bless the efforts of Immanuel Lutheran School in Batavia as they increase their intentionality to integrate children from San Pablo and Salam Muslim Outreach to hear the Good News about Jesus and His love, and grow as His disciples.

January 22 – We pray for two new starts through Trinity Lutheran Church in Lisle: Trinity South Naperville, where Pastor Mike Curtis began worship this past summer, and Trinity Galewood (Chicago), where Pastor Dave McGinley is working to reach people in the surrounding community.

January 29 – May the Lord bless our District Board of Directors meeting this week, giving them wisdom and guidance as they not only consider business matters of the district, but especially as they continue to seek ways to move the vision of New Starts...New Believers forward.

February 5 – We give thanks for the recent addition of 32 new believers through the Hispanic ministry at St. Paul, Aurora. We also give thanks for their new start in the community surrounding Hope, Aurora, and ask the Lord to bless this effort as more people are reached for Jesus.

February 12 – May the Lord bless efforts of the seven urban-suburban Lutheran school relationships in NID's Stirred to Love effort this school year. As children and families are connected through this effort, may these diverse cultures grow together as disciples of Jesus and learn to share his love with as many as possible.

February 19 – We give thanks and pray for the strong youth outreach of New Song, Aurora. We pray that more and more youth are reached for Jesus, and that the youth become missionaries to reach others and help them grow as his disciples.

February 26 – As we remember our Lord's Transfiguration this week, may the light of Jesus continue to shine through us into the lives of those we influence. May our thoughts, words, and actions reflect his love and forgiveness that continue to transform us as his agents of love in a world that desperately needs Jesus.

March 5 – As Lent begins and we remember the sacrifice our Lord made in taking our place on the cross, we also remember the many sacrifices people have made to reach people with God's love in their surrounding communities. We give thanks for the efforts and sacrifice that Trinity, Burr Ridge, makes to reach more than 300 people through their annual free health clinic.

March 12 – As we move our clocks forward and "gain" an extra hour of light, we pray for God's light to shine in our hearts and lives as we extend his mercy and love to those around us. We give thanks for the efforts of those associated with Sanctuary Lutheran Church in Manhattan as they continue to reach out to the neighborhoods of members as the hands and feet of Jesus.

March 19 – We pray for the new start underway in Maywood through the efforts of St. John, Forest Park. As Assistant Pastor Rev. Roney Riley spearheads this mission, we ask the Lord to bless his outreach to people in the Maywood area.

March 26 – We give thanks to God for the renewed outreach passion expressed at several of our congregations including: St. Paul, Addison; St. Paul, Norwood Park; St. John, Woodstock; and Faith, Lake Forest. May the Lord continue to work in and through them to reach others with his precious love and Good News.

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