

# April 2019

## Mission Central Prayer Calendar



I have to share an email I received while working on this month's calendar...PRAYERS FROM AFAR

"I see your note asking for prayer requests, and need to let you know that many of our prayers from Papua New Guinea are directed towards those of you in Nebraska and Iowa who are affected by the current flooding. We hear updates of raging, ice-jammed rivers, roads closed, bridges and houses washed away... and we see pictures of stranded cattle, houses standing in water. We are also reading the tributes to James Wilke, member at Christ Lutheran in Columbus, who lost his life attempting to help others. May God comfort his family.

I know that many of those who support LCMS mission work and workers, me included, are among those who are affected by the floods. This brings the distant news close to home. Please know that we are praying for your safety ... for courage and hope in the face of devastation ... for strength, resources, and willingness to begin and sustain what will be a long process of recovery ...

I pray that God's work will be done and trust that He will be glorified in ways we cannot now imagine as folks arise and respond to the immense challenges brought by the flooding.

May God grant all affected His peace and the certainty of His loving presence as they face each day. God will not fail them!

Praying from afar,  
A&JL – Papua New Guinea"

1. Pray for missionary John, Hannah Loum & family, and that the Lord of the harvest will open the hearts of the predominate Muslim country of the Gambia to bow to the saving cross of Jesus Christ. Also, prayer for a deeper love and understanding of Christ and the Lutheran faith. Loum - Gambia
2. Pray that our Lord will raise up more faithful workers. Also, we need to include strong women and young people. Loum - Gambia
3. Pray that our Lord through the Holy Spirit will use our Lutheran school to bring the young people and teachers through the water of Baptism to true faith in our saving Lord Jesus Christ and, that the evil spirit of darkness may have no power over his people. Loum - Gambia
4. Pray that as we have been blessed with the Small Luther Catechism now translated into the local language that a much better appreciation for the Lutheran Doctrine will be understood. Loum – Gambia
5. Pray for our family as we plan our upcoming home service. That it can be fruitful, encouraging to our supporters, and relatively short lived so that we can return sooner to the mission field. MR - Guinea
6. Pray for an end to church divisions and in-fighting. That the Word can go out unimpeded in to the far reaches where people desperately need it! MR – Guinea
7. Pray that a mission supporter who holds the gift of an RV will be moved to share this gift with us during our home service. This would meet our needs for transportation and lodging at the same time! MR - Guinea
8. Pray for those who have not yet heard the Gospel, or who have been pulled away by heretical and heathen beliefs. That the Holy Spirit will find a way

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- to bring the Good News to them, or restore their faith, and bring peace to their souls. MR - Guinea
- 9.** Pray for Safe travels and a God-pleasing, fruitful time together for FORO partners and missionaries as we gather in Santiago for worship, fellowship, and strategic planning. Mackenzie - Dominican Republic
- 10.** Pray for a short-term team from FL that will be helping kick off an after school program and leading Bible story activities for intellectually and developmentally disabled adults. Mackenzie - Dominican Republic
- 11.** Prayer of Thanksgiving that Rev. Dr. Jonathan Naumann made a good recovery from his September heart attack and is back serving in the Dominican Republic.
- 12.** Prayers for Deaconess Caitlin as she returns to full time work and learns to balance the vocation of being a mom with work. Rameriz-Dominican Republic
- 13.** Prayers for Jeancarlos' US citizenship exam and the processing of the paperwork. That he be granted US citizenship. Rameriz-Dominican Republic
- 14.** Prayers for finding a pediatrician for Abraham in the Dominican Republic. Rameriz-Dominican Republic
- 15.** Please keep Connie and myself in prayer as we travel to teach in the next two weeks by air. We also would appreciate prayers on behalf of our on-going NSM itinerary planning for our Home Service in May through early August. CC - Eurasia
- 16.** We would appreciate prayers as we undertake the renewal of our visa in Russia. This is always a complicated (and frustrating) process that is essential for our ability to be on the field. CC - Eurasia
- 17.** We inaugurated a Lutheran Hour ("Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones") satellite office here on March 24th. Please pray that God would bless, our local director, Yaritza Rosa Ramos, and all of the future work that will take place from that office. Pray especially that God would use it to "bring Christ to Puerto Rico, and Puerto Ricans to the Church". AD - Puerto Rico
- 18.** Please pray for our oldest daughter Eliana, as she goes to school, and continues to struggle learning Spanish and making friends. AD - Puerto Rico
- 19.** Pray for our teammates Pastor Gustavo and Ruth Maita, as they are expecting their first child. AD - Puerto Rico
- 20.** Pray that God would send more workers to his harvest field here in Puerto Rico. We give thanks to God for the recent arrival of two new missionaries to our team, Pastor James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf. But our team is small and there is so much work to be done. Specifically, we are in need of a Project Manager, and one or two more GEO missionaries. AD - Puerto Rico
- 21.** Here in Gary, IN, our two congregations are talking about merging. It has not

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- yet been fully determined the form that this merger shall take, but the new constitution is now written. Please pray for the merger committee of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran and Good Shepherd Lutheran Churches as they move towards the next phase in the Work of the Lord. Pray also for me, and for Pastor Maxwell Anekwute, as the merged congregation determines its pastoral care situation. Campbell - Indiana
- 22.** There are so many opportunities to share the love of Jesus here in Hong Kong and Macau. I only regret that there are so few working in the harvest field here. Thank you for your prayers and support. DB - Asia Pacific
- 23.** My wife and I have been blessed with an apartment located right in the school. We installed the last of the furniture this week. Please pray that this new location will enable us to share Jesus with many more students and enable us to demonstrate a life in Christ. DB - Asia Pacific
- 24.** That we may serve the refugees spiritual needs as well as their transition needs here in Germany. CC – Germany
- 25.** Please keep St. Andrew Lutheran Church plant in your prayers as we continue to move forward to becoming a constituted congregation in the LCMS. In addition please keep Missionary DeGroot, Melissa and Knox in your prayers along with all the individuals members at St. Andrew as well. DeGroot – Pennsylvania
- 26.** Pray for the Evangelical Church of Kenya (ELCK) for unity so the Gospel can continue to be shared. Young – Kenya <><
- 27.** Pray for our daughters Sydney and Grace as they work through classes for school; especially Grace as she finishes her Senior year. Young – Kenya <><
- 28.** Pray for my upcoming home service. Pray that the right connections will be made, the right people will hear about God's work, and that God will continue to open doors to support the ministry in Russia AA - Eurasia
- 29.** Pray for the Harbor and other Russian ministries that help children who grew up in the orphanage system learn how to live in society and also teach them about Jesus. Pray that God would continue to bring good workers to these ministries and that these children would be open to hearing and believing the truth that their Savior loves them. AA - Eurasia
- 30.** Pray for plans to bring several Russian youth to the National Youth Gathering. Pray that they will be able to get visas on time, that they will be able to get good practice in English before coming and that God would prepare their hearts to hear his Word at the Gathering. AA - Eurasia