

April 2020

Mission Central Prayer Calendar



- 1...** Pray For children growing up far from their families, that the Lord would protect and guide them. CF – SE Asia
- 2...** Pray for all Christians facing persecution of various forms, that the Lord would grant them strength and faithfulness. CF – SE Asia
- 3...** Pray for the people of Puerto Rico and our missionaries serving there as they respond to the anxiety caused by the recent earthquakes. St. Onge - Quebec and Caribbean
- 4...** Pray for our mission in the Cayman Islands as we seek a missionary pastor. St. Onge - Quebec and Caribbean
- 5...** Pray for our family back home, our work here and the church. KB – Eastern Europe
- 6...** We thank and praise God for renewed work visas that enable to us to continue to serve alongside the Lutheran Church of Uganda. MM - Uganda
- 7...** At the end of this semester, the Lutheran Theological College Uganda will have its first class of graduates who will be eligible to be pastors in the Lutheran Church of Uganda. Please pray for the instructors training the students, the congregations receiving the students, and the church leaders mentoring the students. We also pray for the students and their family as they prepare for next steps in ministry. MM - Uganda
- 8...** Pray for health, wellness and healing of a family member back in the US who has to start kidney dialysis after complications with chemotherapy. Along with prayers for comfort and healing are prayers of thanksgiving and praise for her faith and trust in Christ Jesus. MM - Uganda
- 9...** Worship services have been cancelled (without special permission, the German govt. is restricting group meetings, and schools are cancelled both in public education and also on US military bases for at least two weeks, with an extension in time expected), but we did live stream our service over Facebook and had 27 family units "attend" service this morning. Pray that God will let this pestilence pass and allow us to serve His people more normally. JA - Germany
- 10...** Pray for us as we need God's wisdom for the future. We intend to have our people come in for the Lord's Supper in small groups, and in this way give our Lutheran Christians the strength Christ provides through the Sacrament. JA - Germany
- 11...** We have seven junior high confirmation youth who now will be instructed in their Catechism remotely, by zoom (telephone) or Skype (internet). Pray this has a good result, with parent involvement. JA - Germany
- 12...** Sunday school materials will be distributed as people come for Communion, so please pray for growth in the Christian faith for our children through home instruction. JA - Germany
- 13...** Our prison ministry is cancelled for the time being. The incarcerated are greatly susceptible to illness, and the US Army (which runs the facility) wants to be cautious and keep the inmates healthy. Pray for a quick end to this pandemic. Please pray for the inmates who come to my class, particularly Fred, Christian, and Victor. JA - Germany

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- 14...** Our outreach to students locally at Kaiserslautern Technical University has been a great blessing, so we thank God for this. Two students (international, from India) did the technical work in streaming our service to the internet today. Please thank God for Raja and Jeba. JA - Germany
- 15...** I (Joe) had an eye appointment last week and have a cataract in my right eye. What I learned was that I have been basically seeing only out of my left eye for over a year... because the right eye is blurry. So, I've been compensating. The doctor here will schedule cataract surgery for me after Easter. So, please pray for a good outcome... little pain, etc. JA - Germany
- 16...** Jennie and I are thankful that God has given us opportunity to take better care of our health. Each day, Jennie and I walk or go to the gym to lift weights (we may stop the gym workouts due to the virus restriction... not sure about that yet). But we also do some challenging walking each day. Pray thanksgiving as we are getting healthier. JA - Germany
- 17...** We have one USAF member who was sent to a dangerous duty station. Please pray for Kevin, his wife Lisa, and three children, Isaac, Ezra, and Lauren. JA - Germany
- 18...** I have three adult confirmation students. Pray for Stephen, Lisa, and Brian as they work through the Gospel of John and the Catechism. JA - Germany
- 19...** pray for our Online ministry that has begun through need to cancel all public meetings here in Korea! Pray for our members but also people they encourage right where they are. Pray that God give us wisdom to know how best to support our church family but also the millions who are still looking for a place to rest and know God's love!! CH - SE Asia
- 20...** Pray for *neighborhood opportunities with the gospel*. With all public gatherings and international travel prohibited in Europe, Christians everywhere would do well to connect with their next-door neighbors. Knock on their doors and see how they are doing in the name of Jesus.
- No better time than the present to speak the truth about the gracious reign of Christ and the confidence he brings in life and the face of death. JB - Eurasia
- 21...** Pray that God would open up a door for me to preach and teach the Gospel. JC - Tanzania
- 22...** Pray for the seminarians in Togo at CLET, the Lutheran seminary in Dapaong, that they may put to good use all they learned during the workshops I led there this past month. Also, may the Dapaong region be spared the influence of radical Islam. We've had to pull out of Burkina Faso, to the north, and now there has been some trouble in Benin, to the East. So far things remain calm in Togo, but the border is tense and radical Islam continues to be a menace throughout West Africa. PM - W Africa
- 23...** Pray for the fledgling church in Burundi, where I am scheduled to go next. They need more pastors to care for their growing flock. Bless especially Protais, who has

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begun a mission in Gitega, the new administrative capital. May his proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith bear abundant fruit! PM – W Africa

24... Pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Congo (Brazzaville). They have been blessed with considerable growth, but also face many challenges. May the Lord grant their leaders, particularly President-Elect Koutia, wisdom to guide and shepherd the flock there. May they also be open to the tremendous help we have there to offer them now that we have three missionaries in ROC. PM – W Africa

25... Venezuela: Pastors in The Lutheran Church of Venezuela continue to travel and gather people throughout the country, teaching, baptizing and serving the Lord's Supper. Pray for their safe travels amid fuel shortages and shortage of repairs for their vehicles. Also pray for their health in this country so impoverished by socialism. Burch – Latin America

26... Honduras: As we have two church workers supported by four congregations in the U.S., please pray more U.S. congregations will shift their support to these men. We also ask the Lord to raise up more leaders within the congregations who will study for the pastoral ministry and deaconess service. Burch – Latin America

27... Guatemala: The Lutheran Church of Guatemala will host the International Lutheran Council this summer. We thank them for their leadership and pray for their preparations for this important meeting. Burch – Latin America

28... Belize: Pray for the incorporation of two more congregations in Belize who will join the Lutheran Church of Belize through confession of faith. Also pray for our sister congregation and pastor in Chetumal, Mexico, just across the border from Corozal Belize, whom we teach and help with materials. Burch – Latin America

29... Pray for the people who are starving. One year ago (March 15) the Cyclone Idai destroyed 90% of the city of Beira and most of our members' small farms. After this a strong drought didn't allow them to have some crop. Beginning of this year a heavy rain flooded all small farms and destroyed the crop again. Now, they were hoping to harvest some corn, but a pest (worms) are eating the corn. Dry season is around the corner. CW - E Africa

30... Praise thanksgiving, In spite of the suffering, people are faithful to Jesus and they don't miss the services, with pastor and without pastor. The local leaders are leading the services in the absence of the pastors. The church is growing amazingly! Praise the Lord! CW - E Africa