



Pray For Us Calendar

These prayer requests were submitted by coworkers in the Lord's mission.

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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES — FEBRUARY 1-28 “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God,” Jesus says in Luke 18:16. God wants all His children to have faith in Him, yet sin and brokenness permeate the lives of His people. Children are orphaned, and families are ripped apart. Over the years, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has reached out to care for God's precious children through the mercy ministries of congregations, missionaries and Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs).

Remember God's work to support children and families as you pray:

- 1.** for all Christians, that they would help and defend the orphan and widow, the poor and lonely, the homeless and oppressed.
- 2.** for all children, that they might be brought to the waters of Baptism and guided in Your truth from an early age.
- 3.** for Christian families, that they would open up their homes and lives so that all children might live in safe dwellings and loving homes.
- 4.** for adoption and foster-care agency workers, that they would make good and right decisions concerning what is best for all involved — enabling them to find proper families and resources to meet the needs of the children they serve.
- 5.** for orphanages around the world, that they might receive proper funding, food, resources and godly caregivers so that they can provide the best care possible to the children entrusted to them.
- 6.** for orphanage workers, that they might be refreshed by Your Word and become good role models and teachers as they provide loving care to the kids in their charge.
- 7.** for all orphans, that they might find Christian families who will nurture them with the love and knowledge of Christ.
- 8.** for all foster children, that they might find peace amongst the chaos as they wait for a proper family to be established.
- 9.** for all people who suffer from domestic violence, that the Lord would deliver them from danger and comfort them with His peace and forgiveness.
- 10.** for all caregivers, that they might raise children in the way they should go so that they would use their time and talents to glorify God and to serve their neighbor throughout their lives.
- 11.** for all children who receive new families, that they would learn to love and respect their new family just as that family loves and provides for their physical, emotional, intellectual, educational and spiritual needs.



The Rev. Gary Schuschke baptizes Londynn Levin as her mother holds her at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Oviedo, Fla.



Children sing during Bible study at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya's Project 24 boys' boarding-school facility in Kisumu, Kenya.

INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- The LCMS offers many free resources on topics like domestic violence, child abuse and ministry to those with disabilities. Visit lcms.org/social-issues to learn more.
- Visit lcms.org/rso to learn about the Synod's Recognized Service Organizations and find ones working near you.
- Want to learn how to be more welcoming of people of all abilities? Find straightforward and inexpensive ideas for your next church event at blogs.lcms.org/2016/the-church-is-for-everyone.

12. *that the parents of adopted and foster children would learn to deal patiently with these children as they experience the grief of losing all that they knew and loved.*

13. *for children in distress, that God would be their source of strength and hope. Pray that He would defend them from all danger and guard and protect them from every evil of body and soul.*

14. *for those children and parents who are deaf, that they might know Your voice and be filled with Your praise.*

15. *for disabled family members, that they would look to You, their Great Physician, for healing of body and soul.*

16. *for the parents of children with special needs. Ask the Lord to fill them with joy and patience as they care for His beloved children.*

17. *for those who suffer from addiction, that You would release them from their dependence on the lifeless stuff of this world so they can find their fulfillment in You, the Lord of life and the giver of all good things.*

18. *for all Lutheran social-service agencies that care for abused, neglected, misguided and abandoned children and youth. Ask the Lord to bless their ministry and help them stay grounded in His Word.*

19. *for all members of the family, that they might deal patiently, respectfully and lovingly with one another, exemplifying Christ in their words and actions.*



Mark 10:14 Program student Madison Hinskey works with her mentor, Sarah Paglini, during an art class at Faith Lutheran Middle School & High School in Las Vegas.

20. *for widows, that they might know You as their faithful bridegroom who will supply for their needs as they live out their lives in purity and prayer — being generous in word and deed.*

21. *for the homeless, that they might find a warm and safe place to lay their heads, food for their bellies, hope for the future and rest in Your truth.*

22. *for the lonely, that they might find comfort in Your promises, fellowship in Your people and fulfillment as they love You and their neighbor.*

23. *for the unemployed, that they might find suitable and fulfilling employment, fair wages, encouraging support and the opportunity to share their time, talent and treasure with those in need.*

24. *for the poor, that they might find true riches in Your Word and be blessed by the generosity of others.*

25. *for children who are missing. Keep them from danger, restore them to their families and give them Your peace and protection.*

26. *for husbands and fathers, that they would love and serve their families just as Christ loved and served His Bride, the Church.*

27. *for peace among siblings. Pray that the Lord would help them love and support each other throughout their lives, instead of being divided by bickering or jealousy.*

28. *for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities around the world, that they might be treated with respect and love as beloved children of their heavenly Father.*

MISSIONARY & PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS

Download the prayer cards of missionaries and other personnel from lcms.org/prayercards.

Feb. 4 Shara Cunningham, Kenya; Melissa Hosch, Peru; Peggy Krikava, Eurasia; David Preus, Dominican Republic

Feb. 6 Mary Aadland, Kenya; Marie Dicke, Papua New Guinea; Matthew Wasmund, South Korea

Feb. 7 Jordan Tomesch, Germany

Feb. 8 Christel Neuendorf, Dominican Republic

Feb. 9 Danelle Putnam, Dominican Republic

Feb. 10 Eric Semler, Asia

Feb. 11 Paul Flo, Dominican Republic

Feb. 13 Tyler McMiller, Dominican Republic

Feb. 15 Johanna Stinnett, Ethiopia

Feb. 19 Debra Freese, Burkina Faso

Feb. 22 Leif Hasskarl, Cayman Islands

Feb. 26 Adam DeGroot, Philadelphia, Pa.

Feb. 28 Mark Mantey, Uganda

MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY:

Chaplain Charles Mallie, Virginia Beach, Va.; Chaplain Lynn Christensen, Camp Lejeune, S.C.; Chaplain Matthew Christensen, Fort Jackson, S.C.; Chaplain Dann Ettner, Moffett Army Air Base, Calif.