



## **Prayer Guide** - April through June 2017

We invite you to pray 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.

### **Pray during the week of:**

**April 2** – We give thanks to the Lord for blessing St. Paul, Aurora, with another new start called, 1MPH; One Message, One Purpose, One Hour. We give thanks for God blessing them with over 100 people at their first service last month and ask for his continued wisdom and guidance as they reach out to their community with the love of Jesus!

**April 9** – Thank you, Lord, for bringing another little one to faith through Baptism at the ABBA Daycare at Family in Faith, Glendale Heights. We are thankful that many of our congregations are seeing the opportunity to connect and engage children and their family members who are part of our daycare, preschool, and school ministries.

**April 16** – Praise God for our celebration of his resurrection! May the victory he won for us continue to motivate us through joy and gratitude to reach out in his love and mercy to as many people as possible.

**April 23** – As we continue to live in the glow of our Lord's Easter resurrection, we give thanks for the baptisms of three Chinese exchange students at Faith Lutheran High School in Crystal Lake. We praise you, Lord, for continuing to work in the hearts and lives of more and more people as you extend your Kingdom and bring more people to faith.

**April 30** – May the Lord bless the special get-together this week of several of our LCMS Chicago congregations seeking the Lord's wisdom and guidance in working together to reach the people of their communities. May the Lord provide these congregations with more opportunities to engage the people right around their own facilities.

**May 7** – We ask the Lord to continue to bless our District Learning Community. We are thankful that each congregation and school involved has come up with a mission action plan designed to help them demonstrate the

love of Jesus to people who not only come to their property, but also to those living in the surrounding community.

**May 14** – As we celebrate Mother's Day, giving thanks for our moms and the special love they demonstrate to us day in and day out, may the Lord's sacrificial love for us motivate us to make a difference in someone else's life like God did in ours.

**May 21** – As we celebrate Ascension Day this week, we pray for our Lord to work through his Word to continue bringing more people to faith in Jesus. May he give us opportunities to share his Good News with others no matter who they are or what circumstances they are experiencing.

**May 28** – As we remember this week those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country, we give thanks for the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus, who gave up his life to pay the cost for our sin. May this inspire us to remember others and share with them what Jesus has done to make an eternal difference in their lives.

**June 4** – As we remember Pentecost and give thanks for the gift of the Spirit, we continue to pray for the Lord to work through his Word to bless us with new starts and new believers. We pray for the Kingdom to grow as the Spirit brings more people to faith in Jesus.

**June 11** – We pray for the Lord to bless the efforts of San Pablo, Aurora, as they continue to train 100 lay people to each develop relationships with and influence five other people for Christ this year. In this way they are praying to have the Lord bring 500 new people to faith in this year of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

**June 18** – Thank You, Lord, for working through district grant recipient Hope, Countryside, as they continue to reach their community through senior outreach efforts. We are grateful that you have allowed them to serve almost 90 area seniors through their special luncheon and Bible study efforts. Continue to work through them to serve as many as possible.

**June 25** – May God bless the creative outreach efforts of the people at Immanuel, Downers Grove, as they work to understand the needs of their community and respond with God's love to build relationships and serve people.