

Prayer Guide – July through September 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...

July 2 – As we look forward to celebrating the precious freedom God has allowed us to enjoy in this country, we especially thank the Lord for freedom from the judgment of sin that He won for us through His death and resurrection. As that precious Good News touches our lives, may we be motivated to carry His love and Good News to others by being His hands and feet to all people.

July 9 – May the Lord bless the efforts of St. Paul, Aurora, as they reach out to the youth of their community through special basketball clinics and competition. May they involve their congregation in establishing many lasting relationships as they try to influence youth through the love of Jesus.

July 16 – We give thanks for the Lord working through His Word to create faith in the hearts of so many of our school children through baptism. We recall recent baptisms at Trinity, Burr Ridge, and St. Paul Austin in Chicago and continue to ask the Lord to work in schools to reach more and more unchurched children.

July 23 – We ask the Lord to bless our district soccer outreach in which special multi-colored soccer balls are used to explain the Gospel to those involved. Since many of our congregations are beginning to use this as a way to start new soccer leagues, we pray for the Lord to work through the Gospel to bring more people to faith in Him.

July 30 – We continue to pray for God's blessing upon the new Hispanic outreach at Hope, Aurora, through the efforts of Pastor Angel Morales from St. Paul, Aurora. God has been blessing this ministry with many new families from the surrounding community who are responding to the Gospel of Jesus. May the Spirit continue to bring more and more people to faith in Jesus.

August 6 – May the Lord bless the efforts of Good Shepherd, Elgin, as they hold a National Night Out event on their property in conjunction with the city of Elgin. We pray for the community to show up, for connections to be made, and that all will lead to more people willing to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

August 13 – We ask the Lord to bless the efforts of all those congregations that are planning back to school neighborhood fun events. May these events not only be blessed with many community families, but also begin to build relationships with and serve those attending.

August 20 – We thank the Lord for the LCMS Recognized status of Cedars Lutheran Living Center and the rapidly evolving plans that aim for a new senior residence facility at St. Peter, North Plato. We thank Him for working through Deaconess Barb Hemme and her leadership team to coordinate and move this forward. May He continue to work through all our people as they seek to bless and serve others.

August 27 – We ask God to bless the efforts of all our schools as they begin a new year. May they not only offer a superb Christ-focused education, but may the Spirit also work through our teachers, administrators, and volunteers to become the hands and feet of Jesus as they build relationships with all the students and families involved.

September 3 – On this Labor Day weekend we give thanks for the gifts and talents our Lord bestows upon us, enabling us to work hard and express our dedication and commitment in every area of life, including through our New Starts...New Believers movement. May the Lord continue to open our eyes to see the opportunities to connect with more and more people.

September 10 - As our District Board of Directors meets this week, we ask the Lord to bless these dedicated servants with His wisdom and guidance as they make decisions to further New Starts...New Believers, which we pray will help congregations move forward into their respective communities as the hands and feet of Jesus.

September 17 – May the Lord continue to bless the efforts of the Chicago campus of Trinity, Lisle, at Trinity Galewood, as they get to know the people in their surrounding community and serve them with God's love in any way needed.

September 24 – As our regional Pastoral Conferences meet over the next three weeks, we ask the Spirit to strengthen the faith of all our pastors, refresh their spirits, and provide them with insight and additional ways to connect and engage people in our changing culture with His love and Good News.

Joining Together in Prayer

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