

Prayer Guide January through March 2018

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...

January 7 – As we celebrate Epiphany, we thank our Lord for revealing himself to us through the life and work of Jesus Christ in our behalf. We ask that this light of Christ would shine in and through us as we work to multiply new starts, and as he grows the Kingdom through multiplying new believers.

January 14 – May the Lord bless the District Board of Director's meeting on Tuesday, providing them with the wisdom and guidance they need as they seek to continue discovering and implementing ways to carry out the vision of New Starts . . . New Believers.

January 21 – As we thank the Lord for dying in our place and paying the cost for our sin, may we be motivated by this Good News to be as intentional as possible in seeking reconciliation with others, especially with our family members, friends, neighbors, and within our congregations.

January 28 – We give thanks for the ability to have a New Start Partnership grant process and ask the Lord to work through our grant recipients. May he continue to bless the efforts of St. Mark's, St. Charles as they use their grant to connect with the local digital community in unique ways.

February 4 – We give thanks for the ministry of Cross Lutheran in Yorkville, especially as they reach out to the Oswego community through Pastor Walter Ramirez and the Loving Arms Childcare Center. The Lord has brought many to faith and the ministry continues to grow.

February 11 - As we remember our Lord's Transfiguration today, may the light of Jesus continue to shine through us into the lives of those we influence. May our thoughts, words, and actions reflect his transforming love and forgiveness; we are his agents of love in a world desperately needing Jesus.

February 18 – On this first Sunday in Lent as we remember the sacrifice our Lord made in taking our place on the cross, we remember the many sacrifices people have made to reach others with God's love in their surrounding communities. We give thanks for the sacrifices being made through St. Paul, Dorchester (Chicago) as they reach out to their neighborhood with the love of Jesus.

February 25 – We give thanks and pray for the outreach happening through Immanuel, Des Plaines as they provide a place for people to gather and know more about Jesus in their Connecting Point Café. Praise God that he has already led some to walk in and eventually be baptized and join their congregation.

March 4 – We ask the Lord to bless our Northern Illinois District Convention next weekend, asking him specifically for wisdom and guidance in all the decisions that need to be made, including the election of our new district president. May we always give God all the glory, honor, and praise!

March 11 – As we move our clocks forward and “gain” an extra hour of light, we pray for God's light to shine in our hearts and lives as we extend his mercy and love to those around us. We give thanks to Jesus for the efforts of those associated with St. Peter, Schaumburg as they intentionally reach out to a diverse community with the love and Good News of Jesus.

March 18 – We pray for the efforts of one of our grant recipients, Immanuel, Batavia, as they continue to make plans with St. Mark's, St. Charles for a summer block party designed to bring people together in order to build relationships and be the hands and feet of Jesus.

March 25 – We pray for the partnership of three schools: Immanuel, East Dundee; Immanuel, Crystal Lake; and St. John's, Elgin as they work through Kairos Prison Ministry and Phil's Friends to connect people whom are often forgotten with God's love and Good News.



Joining Together in Prayer

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