

Prayer Guide April through June 2019

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.



LCMS Northern Illinois District

During the week of...

April 7 – May the Lord help our congregations flourish together as He works to deepen our faith through His Word, through our congregations focusing on our physical, emotional, spiritual, and congregational wellness, and through seeing His Gospel in action as we demonstrate His love as the hands and feet of Jesus to all people.

April 14 – On this Palm Sunday, as we celebrate the Triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, may the Spirit continue to work through the Word to enter the hearts of more and more people as He brings them to faith and uses their gifts, talents, abilities, and passions to serve Him and others.

April 21 – We give thanks and praise to God as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus today! As we remember the sacrifice of His life on the cross in our place to pay the price for our sin, and as we further remember and celebrate the victory He won for us over sin, death, and Satan, may we be motivated by this Gospel message to bring the light of His love into the lives of more people.

April 28 – As we continue to live in the glow of our Lord's Easter resurrection, we give thanks for the baptisms and confirmations taking place in our congregations. We pray for our Lord's Good News victory to be brought into the lives of more and more people as the Spirit works to bring them new life, as well as strengthen the faith of our confirmands.

May 5 – As we celebrate Cinco de Mayo and Mexican-American culture today, we pray for the Lord to continue to work through our Hispanic ministries to reach more people with the Good News of Jesus. May our cultures, along with other cultures, come closer and closer together through Jesus and display a glimpse of heaven to those in our communities.

May 12 – On this Mother's Day, as we give 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 our God has done in ours.

May 19 – As people continue to plan for summer activities, we pray for the Lord to work through our congregational summer camps, VBS experiences, and other ministries to reach more people for Jesus. May He use us to develop relationships, pray for others, and proclaim the Good News of Jesus to more people in our communities.

May 26 – On this Memorial Day weekend as we remember 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 take the time to remember others and share with them what Jesus has done to make an eternal difference in their lives.

June 2 – As we come to the end of another school year, we give thanks to the Lord for working in and through our teachers, staff, and administrators to be a blessing to our children and their families. May the Lord keep them all safe this summer as we seek additional ways to serve Him and others.

June 9 – As we celebrate Pentecost today and give thanks for the gift of the Spirit, we continue to pray for the Spirit to work through His Word to bless us with more and more new believers as we see His Gospel in action. We pray for the Kingdom to grow as the Spirit brings more people to faith in Jesus.

June 16 – Lord as we give thanks for the gift of our Fathers on this day, we thank You for being our Heavenly Father who loves us beyond what we could ever imagine possible. As we give thanks for the gift of Your life on our behalf, may You use all of us to proclaim the love and Good News of Your love.

June 23 – Thank You, Lord, for working through our grant recipients to reach more people for Jesus. This summer we think of several congregations who have received grants to begin community gardens to not only help people have access to homegrown food, but to also be the hands and feet of Jesus to bring them the real Bread of Life.

June 30 – As many of us prepare to celebrate Independence Day this week, we not only thank the Lord for rescuing us and bringing us freedom from the judgment of sin through His death and resurrection in our place, but also for working through His Word to bring this free gift to others.

Joining Together in Prayer

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