Prayer Guide January through March 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.



During the week of...

- **January 6** As we celebrate Epiphany, we thank our Lord for revealing Himself to us through the life and work of Jesus Christ. We ask that this light of Christ would shine in and through us as we work to bring the Gospel of Jesus to more and more people in our changing culture.
- **January 13 –** May the Lord bless the District Board of Director's meeting tomorrow, providing them with the wisdom and guidance they need as they seek to continue discovering and implementing ways to help congregations and ministries bring the Good News of Jesus to all people.
- **January 20** On this holiday weekend, as we think about the theme of reconciliation, may we thank the Lord for reconciling us with Him through His death and resurrection in our place as He paid for our sin with His life and won the victory in grace over sin, death, and Satan. May we be motivated by this Good News to be as intentional as possible in seeking reconciliation with others while bringing them the Good News of reconciliation with our Lord.
- **January 27** As we continue to provide more and more grants to congregations seeking to reach out to their communities, we remember the outreach efforts of Trinity, Galewood and Immanuel, Crystal Lake as they seek ways to continue building relationships with unchurched people.
- **February 3** We give thanks for the newly built Family in Faith, Glendale Heights neighborhood Food Pantry facility, which serves hundreds of people in the community. We pray people in the community have their physical and spiritual needs ministered to as Family in Faith continues to the be the hands and feet of Jesus.
- **February 10** We pray for all our congregations who are involved in the exploregod.com effort in the Chicagoland area. May they be led to have more and more conversations with people as they use the materials to delve into God's Word to look for answers to many of life's most persistent questions.
- **February 17** As we give special thanks tomorrow on President's Day for our national leaders, may we also thank God for our local leaders, as well as our church workers and congregational leaders, District leaders, and Synodical leadership. May God give them wisdom and motivate them through the Good News to help all of us reach more people for Jesus.
- **February 24** As we bring the school and church leadership teams together from five of our NID congregations, we pray for the Spirit's wisdom and guidance as they work toward both having a stronger team and completing a collaborative mission project.
- **March 3** 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 love and forgiveness which continue to transform us as His agents of love in a world that desperately needs Jesus.
- **March 10** 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 our Chicago congregations to share God's love with people who live in a unique, ever changing urban environment.
- **March 17** We pray for the efforts of one of our grant recipients St. Mark, St. Charles as they work to train others to connect with unchurched adults. The prayer is to pray for the Spirit to bring over 100 adults to faith in Jesus and baptize them as new members of the Kingdom.
- **March 24 –** We pray for the Lord to motivate all of us through the Good News of Jesus to help us think of more and more ways we can see the Gospel in action in our individual lives, our congregations, and in our communities. May the Lord bring more and more people to faith as we concentrate on His Word of love and hope.
- **March 31 –** On this fourth Sunday in Lent, as we concentrate on Luke 15, we pray for relationships to be healed and for increasingly more people to be reunited with Jesus as their Savior. May the faith of those who are saved not only be strengthened through the Word, but may those who are lost be found by the Lord and brought to faith in Him.