

## SWD Missions Weekly Prayer Calendar: April—May—June, 2016

*“Confessing Christ for the next generation” – this is what we do when we share the truth of the gospel with others, and also when we pray! We invite you to partner with us in prayer as we bring these petitions to our Heavenly Father.*

**Week of April 3** – Let us pray this week for the **SOS Center (Strength of Savior)** in urban Milwaukee, and their ministry to the families who struggle with poverty and crime in their neighborhood. The SOS Center provides Christ-centered after school activities and programs that offer hope.

**Week of April 10** – Remember **our District pastors** in your prayers this week as they meet together at their spring conference in Oshkosh. Pray that their time together will give them renewed zeal and encouragement for ministry.

**Week of April 17** – This week, please pray for our **District’s Campus ministries**, giving our young people a Christian home away from home, and also reaching out to the many international students who learn of the way to salvation.

**Week of April 24** – Remember our **District’s POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach)** missionary, Ebou Faye, in your prayers this week. Having been brought up as a Muslim in West Africa and then brought to faith in Christ, ask that God will bless his ministry among Muslim Somalis at Bethany and Mt. Calvary Lutheran Churches in Milwaukee.

**Week of May 1** – Remember our brothers and sisters this week who live in great need of both physical and spiritual help in our **urban neighborhoods**. Pray that God will enable us to support our sister congregations and the work of many pastors in these places who provide compassion and hope

**Week of May 8** – Pray not only this week, but every week for the **mothers of our District**, that their patient love for their children will nurture the next generation to be bold witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Week of May 15** – Let us pray this week for all those who attend to the needs of the formerly incarcerated men as part of the **District’s Free at Last Ministry** at Mission of Christ Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. May their words of encouragement and the message of forgiveness and salvation through Jesus Christ be taken to heart by those hearing them so that they may truly be free at last.

**Week of May 22** – Let us pray this week for **Rev. John Reinke, Rev. Bud Palmer, and their deaconesses**, who lead the work of our **Deaf ministry** in southern Wisconsin. Pray that our Deaf, who often feel isolated and alone, may know the joy that comes from God’s love for them.

**Week of May 29** – As the school year comes to a close, please ask our Lord to bless the students, parents and teachers of our **District’s LCMS child care centers, grade schools, high schools and our university**, that what they teach and learn will take root and become a blessing to many.

**Week of June 5** – Please remember in your prayers this week all those who will be actively engaged in **mission endeavors this summer**, be they at home or abroad. And ask God to give each one of us opportunities to be bold witnesses of the Truth wherever we go.

**Week of June 12** – This week please pray for our **District’s delegates** as they have their preliminary meeting in preparation to take up the business at hand when they attend the LCMS National Convention July 9-14. Pray for their safe travels and wise discernment as they consider our Synod’s ministry and all that it involves.

**Week of June 19** – As **our fathers** are honored this week, let us remember to also fervently pray for them at all times, asking our heavenly Father to give these men spiritual guidance to lead their families in the way of Truth.

**Week of June 26** – Pray this week for our **District’s partnership in ministry to the Dominican Republic**. Boldly ask Him to continue His blessings on the congregations, preaching stations, seminary, schools and group home for developmentally disabled youth, and to bless their missionaries and church workers who need our support to continue the work He has put before them.