

SWD Missions Weekly Prayer Calendar: April—May—June, 2017

“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 2 – 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 9 – Pray for the gift of **God’s Holy Spirit** today and throughout this Holy week of meditation. As we see our Savior go from receiving worship and praise to carrying the weight of our sins to the cross, may we be led to our knees in repentance and hear the cries for help all around us.

Week of April 16 – With **Easter joy**, this week and every week, praise our loving Father for raising Jesus Christ, His Son, to life and conquering the power of death, opening the way for us to eternal life. Let our celebration renew our vigor to share this great blessing to all in every way we can!

Week of April 23 – Remember our **District’s Muslim Outreach**, through the efforts of 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 April 30 – 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 7 – Remember **our District pastors** in your prayers this week as they meet together at their spring conference in Wisconsin Dells. Pray that their time together will give them renewed zeal and encouragement for ministry.

Week of May 14 – Pray not only this week, but every week for the **mothers in our District**, that their Christian values and patient love for their children will nurture the next generation to be bold witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Week of May 21 – 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 28 – 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 4 – 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 11 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 June 18 – 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 25 – 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 homes 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.