

SWD Missions Weekly Prayer Calendar: January—February—March, 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 January 1 – In this week of Epiphany, please remember the **multi-cultural missions** of our South Wisconsin District in your prayers. Ask that we may reflect the radiance of the Gospel to the people of all nations around us, leading them to see and know the Christ Child, the Savior of the world.

Week of January 8 – 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. As they expand and grow their ministry leadership, may God grant that many more people will have the joy of “hearing” the Good News in many new places.

Week of January 15 – Please pray this week that the **Sanctity of Human Life** be honored by us in all that we do, from womb to tomb, as we know that God alone is the Creator of all life and He alone has the right to give it or to take it. Pray that we encourage parents who care for their children, and support those who help ease the pain of the ill and dying.

Week of January 22 – This week is **National Lutheran Schools Week**. Please pray for all of our District’s teachers, administrators, students and families as they identify the many blessings that come to them through our support of Christian education that prepares our children for this life and the next.

Week of January 29 – This week, please remember Rev. Dr. Chris Ikanih, pastor of **Bethany, Milwaukee** and Rev. Elijah Ndon, pastor of **Holy Ghost, Milwaukee** who both serve as missionaries to their surrounding **urban neighborhoods**. Pray that the Lord will use Pastors Ikanih and Ndon to lead many souls to their Savior, Jesus Christ, giving hope to those who face hopelessness every day.

Week of February 5 - College campuses are prime targets for Satan’s deception and temptations! This week, please remember in your prayers our **Campus Ministries** located on the University of Wisconsin campuses across the District, as these ministries seek to keep our students close to their Lord and reach out to others who don’t know Him yet.

Week of February 12 – Please remember in your prayers this week – the **Karenni ministry** that is growing in our District. Pray that God will bless the mission to these people from the refugee camps in Thailand and open their hearts to the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Week of February 19 – Please pray this week for Rev. Gui Kasongo, our LCMS **French African** pastor from the Congo, who serves two congregations—the **International Lutheran Church of Zion** and **Gospel Lutheran Church**, both in Milwaukee. Ask our Lord to bless his ministry to the many immigrants coming to our shores in search of freedom, as well as to all who live in our urban neighborhoods, that they may find peace in their Savior, Jesus Christ.

Week of February 26 – As the season of Lent begins this week and we focus on the **Passion of our Lord**, pray that our hearts will be moved to have compassion on those who have not yet learned of the free gift of God’s love to all mankind. Ask the Lord to show us more opportunities to share this Good News with others.

Week of March 5 – Please remember the leaders of the **Hmong ministries** in our District this week—**Pastors Faivneng Her, Blong Vang, Moua Vang and Moses Thao**—as they share God’s Word in the areas of Milwaukee, Manitowoc, Oshkosh and Sheboygan. Pray that God will help them to see clearly through the obstacles and challenges of spreading the Gospel.

Week of March 12 – Please pray this week for God’s blessings on our District’s **CPTLN** (Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones/Christ for all the Nations) **Hispanic ministry**, its director, **Rev. German Novelli, Sr.** and all those who plant and nourish the seeds of His Word in the hearts of so many people in our Hispanic communities throughout the District.

Week of March 19 – Please keep the District’s expanding Prison Ministry in your prayers this week and ask our Lord to bless **Pastor Ryan Willis**, Chaplain to the inmates at the **Oxford Federal Prison**, and **Pastors German Novelli, Sr., German Novelli, Jr., and Alfonso Prada** who are leading Hispanic worship services there.

Week of March 26 – Remember our **“SOS” Center’s ministry** to the children of Milwaukee’s inner city this week, asking the Lord to keep our children safe from those who would harm them, and equip them with the armor of faith through those who provide after-school programs, meals and guidance in the Word of God.