

SWD Missions Weekly Prayer Calendar: July-August-September, 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 July 2 – As our nation celebrates the **freedom we so often take for granted**, give all praise and thanks to our heavenly Father for His abundant blessings upon our country, in spite of our sins, and pray for guidance to those in authority to preserve peace in our land, and the freedom to worship Him without fear of persecution.

Week of July 9 – Pray for **Milwaukee’s SOS ministry** this week as they partner with District congregations this month with VBS programs for the children of the inner city neighborhoods. Please ask for the Holy Spirit’s work in the hearts of these children and their families as they often struggle for survival, needing the gospel’s saving message of eternal peace through Jesus Christ.

Week of July 16 – As you pray this week, please remember our District’s **Hmong ministry** in Milwaukee, Manitowoc and Oshkosh. Ask the Lord for His Spirit to encourage **Pastors Faiv Neng Her, Blong Vang, Moua Vang, and Moses Thao** in their ministry among their people and in the raising up future leaders in these and other communities in our District.

Week of July 23 – Please pray this week for **Pastor Bud Palmer and Pastor John Reinke** who serve a vital ministry in our District among our **deaf communities and their families**. People who cope with a severe loss of hearing need our love, prayers and assistance in hearing and sharing the message of salvation.

Week of July 30 – Please pray for the **Karenni ministry** among the Burmese refugees who have settled in the Milwaukee area and who meet on Sunday afternoons for worship, ESL, Sunday school and Adult instruction at Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church, Milwaukee. More than 30 students are attending Trinity-Freistadt elementary school, and a growing number of high school students attend Milwaukee Lutheran High School. Boldly ask God to graciously open their hearts to the Gospel and raise up spiritual leaders from their own midst.

Week of August 6 – In your prayers this week, please include **Rev. Elijah Ndon** (Holy Ghost Lutheran Church), **Rev. Dennis Harmon** (Hope Lutheran Church) and **Rev. Christian Ikanih**, (Bethany Lutheran Church) as they and other **Milwaukee urban congregations** struggle with difficult times that test their faith. Pray that they find their hope in the Lord and His goodness as they bring the saving message of God’s everlasting peace to these neighborhoods.

Week of August 13 – In your prayers this week, include our District’s **Hispanic outreach**, in partnership with Lutheran Hour Ministry, among the congregations of Holy Cross, Racine (**Vicar Edmundo Rosales, under the mentoring of Rev. German Novelli, Sr.**), St. John, Beloit (**Rev. Dennis Roser**), Our Savior, Burlington (**Rev. Robert Bolling**), Grace (**Rev. German Novelli, Jr.**), Oklahoma Avenue (**Rev. James Pemberton**) and St. Martini (**Rev. Alfonso Prada**) congregations in Milwaukee.

Week of August 20 – Please pray this week for our **Campus Student and International Student ministries** within our UW system. Ask our Lord to work mightily through the friendship and hospitality that is offered to students away from home and country on these campuses in our District.

Week of August 27 – As the school year begins once again, please ask our Lord to bless our teachers, students and parents of our **LCMS grade schools, high schools and university**. Pray that our Lord will be honored in these places, and will keep these precious souls faithful to Him in all they do until He calls them home.

Week of September 3 – Please pray for missionaries **Praveen and Priya Manuel**, who work among Indian immigrants in the Waukesha area. Pray also missionary **Ebou Faye** and his work among Somalis and other African immigrants in Milwaukee. Include especially their hope to have more volunteers and students for their ESL (English as a Second Language) outreach ministries.

Week of September 10 – Please pray this week for **Rev. Gui Kasongo**, our LCMS **French African** pastor from the Congo, and his congregations in our District. Ask our Lord to bless his ministry to the many immigrants coming to our shores in search of freedom, that they may find peace in the Triune God.

Week of September 17 – This week, please keep **Cross Lutheran Church Plant** and **Rev. Joel Brandt** in your prayers. This new congregation on the northwest side of Madison is serving the communities between Waunakee and Middleton with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Even in their temporary facilities, they have seen growth as it witnesses God's many blessings.

Week of September 24 – Hold up our **Free at Last** prison and ex-offender ministry this week and ask the Lord to bless the efforts of **Rev. Afam Ikanih** and lay worker **Patrick Batom** as they assist and equip many to find their way to true freedom through Jesus Christ.