

South Wisconsin District Mission Prayer Calendar for October-November-December, 2017

"Confessing Christ for the next generation" – 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 October 1 – Let us pray this week for blessings on our new **District Missions Executive, Rev. Jonah Burakowski**, who has recently begun his ministry among us. May our gracious Lord grant him wisdom, vision and faith to carry out all the plans that God has for him in this time and place.

Week of October 8 – Ask the Lord to bless our synod's **Dominican Republic** mission partnership team, of which our District is a part. Pray that the Lord will grant success in our endeavors to support their Lutheran schools, provide resources for their ministry to disabled children, and bring the love of Jesus to one of the poorest nations in the world.

Week of October 15 - In your prayers this week, please remember the work of Rev. Christian Ikanih, who boldly takes the Gospel of Jesus Christ to many **African immigrants** in the Milwaukee neighborhoods, and also Rev. Gui Kasongo, who reaches the **French-speaking African immigrants** in their own languages. Pray for God's blessings on these men and their ministry.

Week of October 22 – Let us pray for all who have volunteered to go to Port Arthur as part of our **Disaster Relief Teams** to help rebuild the community torn apart by Hurricane Harvey. Protect and sustain them as they work to restore hope while bringing the light of Christ to others.

Week of October 29 – As we thank our Lord this week for the blessings of the **Lutheran Reformation**, pray that He will continue to preserve God's grace among us, as He has done for the past 500 years, that we may in turn share the Truth of the Gospel's message with boldness and confidence to others.

Week of November 5 – In this week of remembering our veterans who fought to keep our country free, pray also that our chaplains will be effective in helping prisoners and ex-offenders to find true freedom in their Savior, Jesus Christ. Ask for His blessings on Pastor Afam Ikanih, and on Lay Worker Patrick Batom, and all who serve our District in our **Free at Last ministry**.

Week of November 12 – Remember the **teachers of our South Wisconsin District** this week as they teach the next generation many facts and skills for life, but also the most important truths of Scripture that give our lives real meaning and hope. Pray for these workers and support them with your love and respect.

Week of November 19 – Let us thank the Lord this week for the many blessings He has poured out on the ministry of the **SOS Center** in the city of Milwaukee. Pray that this work of reaching the youth and families with God's Word through after school and other community programs will help them to see that there is always hope with faith in Jesus Christ.

Week of November 26 – On this first Sunday in Advent, please pray for our District's **Hmong outreach** in Milwaukee, Oshkosh, Manitowoc, and Sheboygan. These ministries are served by Rev. Blong Vang (Oshkosh), Rev. Faivneng Her and Rev. Moua Vang (Milwaukee), and Rev. Moses Thao (Manitowoc). Ask the Lord to mightily bless the efforts of all of these men and those who support them.

Week of December 3 – Please remember our District's **Youth and Family ministry** in your prayers this week. Pray that our children and families be well nourished through our congregations and schools, and that we all will keep Christ's birth first in our Christmas preparation and celebration.

Week of December 10 – Join with others this week in praying for God's blessings on the spread of the Gospel in the Hispanic communities of Racine, Milwaukee and Sheboygan, where our District is reaching out with its **Hispanic ministry**. Bless the efforts of Rev. Germán Novelli, Sr., Rev. Germán Novelli, Jr., Rev. Alfonso Prada, Vicar Edmundo Rosales, Vicar David Blas, and many others who support them.

Week of December 17 – In your prayers this week, please include our **mission outreach to the Karenni ministry** in our District that has blossomed out of the assistance that the people of Trinity-Freistadt, Beautiful Savior-Mequon, Chapel of the Cross-Milwaukee, and Faith-Germantown have given to these immigrants from the refugee camps in Thailand. Boldly ask God to graciously open their hearts to the Gospel.

Week of December 24 – As we worship the Christ Child, Whose birth was in Bethlehem, pray for our District's **Muslim Outreach ministry**. Ask for God's blessings especially on Ebou Faye who is reaching the Somalian in Milwaukee with the saving message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Week of December 31 – As one year closes and another year of God's never-ending grace begins, please pray for all those who have doubts and are unsure of Who has complete control over all things. Ask our Heavenly Father to use us as His agents through our **District Missions** to seek and find all those in need of understanding the Truth of His Word.