

SWD Missions Weekly Prayer Calendar: April—May—June 2018

“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 1 – With **Easter joy**, this week and every week, praise our loving Father for raising Jesus Christ, His Son, to life thereby conquering the power of death and 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 8 – This week, please pray for our **District’s Campus ministries**, giving our young people a Christian home away from home, and reaching out to the many international students who learn about the *“Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world”* (John 1:29).

Week of April 15 – Remember **our District pastors** in your prayers this week as they meet at their spring conference in Manitowoc. Pray that their time together will be an encouragement for ministry as they learn and grow from one another.

Week of April 22 – 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 29 – Pray for our District pastors in our **urban neighborhoods—Pastors Christian Ikanih, Elija Ndon and Dennis Harmon**— who provide compassion and hope to our brothers and sisters living in the city.

Week of May 6 – Let us pray this week for **Rev. John Reinke, Rev. Bud Palmer, and their deaconesses**, who facilitate **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 13 – Pray not only this week, but every week for all **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 20 – On this **day of Pentecost**, pray that the Holy Spirit will work in abundance so that others will hear the precious message of God’s saving grace through His Son, Jesus Christ. May that faith be continually strengthened and nourished through Word and Sacrament in our own District and to the ends of the earth.

Week of May 27 – As another school year comes to an end, 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 their final days of classes will bear fruit, instill a love of lifelong learning and the teachers will have the energy to conclude the academic year with vigor.

Week of June 3 – Please remember in your prayers this week all those who will be actively engaged in **mission trips or outreach programs this summer**. Ask the Lord of the Church to give each one of us opportunities to be bold witnesses of the Truth wherever we go.

Week of June 10 – Let us pray for all who will gather for the **SWD Convention** on the campus of Concordia University at Mequon. Ask the Lord to provide wisdom, unity and collegiality for the delegates, leadership and advisors as they consider the work of the church. Pray that much is made of the time together.

Week of June 17 – 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 24 – 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.