

SWD Missions Weekly Prayer Calendar

July-August-September 2018

Week of July 1 – As our nation celebrates the freedom we often take for granted, offer praise and thanks to our heavenly Father for His abundant provision and care in all things. Pray for the blessing of our Almighty Father upon those who have been placed in positions of authority so that they are wise, ethical and directed by the Holy Spirit to serve faithfully our nation.

Week of July 8 – Pray for the **SOS ministry** this week as they partner with congregations all month, offering VBS programs for the children in the city of Milwaukee. Ask for divine guidance, patience and energy for the staff and volunteers as they work to provide a safe and nurturing environment for the instruction and welfare of the children.

Week of July 15 – As you pray this week, please remember our District's **Hmong ministry** in Milwaukee, Manitowoc and Oshkosh. Seek the Lord's encouragement and care for **Pastors Faiv Neng Her, Blong Vang, Moua Vang, and Moses Thao** in their ministry and in raising up future leaders.

Week of July 22 – Please pray this week for **Pastors Bud Palmer and John Reinke** who serve the **deaf community and their families**. Pray, that through this mission ministry, hearts will be forever altered by the Gospel of salvation in Christ alone and the opportunity for exposure to that promise will be expanded in Wisconsin.

Week of July 29 – Pray for the **Karenni** refugees who have settled in the Milwaukee area and for this mission ministry. Ask for an increase in volunteers to expand the outreach into the community and, at the Holy Spirit's direction, that many new refugees would know of the newness of the life in Christ.

Week of August 5 – In your prayers this week, please include **Pastors Christian Ikanih** (Bethany Lutheran Church), **Dennis Harmon** (Hope and Mission of Christ Lutheran Churches), and **Elijah Ndon** (Holy Ghost Lutheran Church), as they in their **Milwaukee urban congregations** work to serve their neighborhoods. Ask the Lord to provide additional resources for the unemployed, underemployed and marginalized as well as an increase in opportunity to bring hope and restoration in Christ.

Week of August 12 – In your prayers this week, please include **Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones (CPTLN), or "Christ for all the Nations,"** a mission ministry working to reach approximately 500,000 Hispanics with the Gospel in Milwaukee, Racine and Beloit. This confederation of churches is made up of *St. Martini, Oklahoma Avenue and Grace Lutheran churches in Milwaukee as well as St. John's in Beloit, Santa Cruz in Racine, and Our Savior in Burlington*, working together in coordination with **Rev. German Novelli, Sr.**

Week of August 19 – Please pray this week for our **Campus ministries** at the UW Madison, UW La Crosse, and UW Milwaukee/Marquette. Ask our Lord to work mightily through the friendship and hospitality that is offered to students away from home on these campuses.

Week of August 26 – As a new academic year begins, seek the Lord's blessing for our teachers, students and parents of our **LCMS grade schools, high schools and university**. Pray that our Lord will be honored in these places so that the instruction of heads and hearts will increase vocation and faith in the children and young adults who study there.

Week of September 2 – Please pray for the outreach ministry among immigrants and refugees primarily from the Middle East, South Asia and North Africa that is being carried on in our District by **Lay Missionary Ebou Faye** working through **People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO) International**.

Week of September 9 – In Your prayers this week please include **Pastor Gui Kasongo**, our French African pastor from the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the congregations he serves (Gospel and Benediction Lutheran Churches). Ask our Lord to grant continued zeal and faithfulness in their work while they connect with new immigrants by sharing resources, teaching ESL classes, and bringing the Gospel to their homes.

Week of September 16 – Pray that the Lord of the Church would enlighten the minds of the students at Concordia Seminary St. Louis and Fort Wayne Theological Seminary as they learn and are drawn further into service. Ask for motivation and focus for the students so they will apply themselves with diligence to the study of the Bible, our Confessions and the practical application of both while they work toward ordination.

Week of September 23 – Ask our Heavenly Father to grant energy and wisdom to **Chaplain Afam Ikaniah**, serving as Chaplain at the Milwaukee House of Correction, and to **lay worker Patrick Batom** serving as coordinator for the extended ex-offender ministry of **Free at Last**. Both work to equip, encourage, and restore men and women with the Gospel of Jesus Christ while also working to meet their specific physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

Week of September 30 – In your prayers this week please include our international ministry, the **Mission to the Dominican Republic**. Led by Regional Director, **Rev. Ted Krey**, four churches, a Seminary, two primary schools and a group home have been established to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ on this island nation. Pray for an increase in financial resource, short term mission teams, and the safety of the missionaries who serve there.

For Mission and Missionaries – Almighty God, You have called Your church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself; by Your Holy Spirit give me opportunity to proclaim the good news of Your salvation that all who hear it would receive the gift of salvation. Raise up workers to serve both here and abroad so that others would know of a new life in Christ. Strengthen, embolden, protect and sustain those who currently serve as missionaries and motivate generous hearts to give of their time, talent and treasure to increase the expansion of Your kingdom through Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior.

