

Prayers from Various Prayer Calendars

Sunday, August 18

- **LCMS** – Thanksgiving God uses unworthy and unlikely people. Pray He keeps us focused on sharing the Gospel.
 - **Persecuted Christians** – Comoros – For Bible translators working to make God’s Word available in native languages.
 - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Lord, You are our help and deliverer. We bring to You the prayers and petitions of Your people, that You may grant us all things needful and guard us against all things harmful. Lord, open the ears of unbelievers to the word of Your salvation. Loose their lips to praise You aright and their mouths to confess that Jesus is Lord.
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Monday, August 19

- **LCMS** – That God would give us faith so that we may not fear in times of trouble nor fall away in times of prosperity.
 - **Persecuted Christians** – Vietnam – Pray for Hmong Christians who experience some of the most violent persecution.
 - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Bless all pastors and give them boldness to speak the truth in love and compassion, that they would not break the bruised reed, but lovingly care for all sinners in need of God’s mercy.
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Tuesday, August 20

- **LCMS** – Pray the Word is not bound but has free course and is preached to the joy and edification of God’s people.
 - **Persecuted Christians** – Sri Lanka – Pray for front-line workers who are boldly leading many to faith in Christ.
 - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Lord, grant Your blessing to all who are imprisoned, and send to them visitors bringing Your Gospel of peace.
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Wednesday, August 21

- **LCMS** – That the Church would work together in unity and that their joint efforts would further God’s kingdom.
 - **Persecuted Christians** – Malaysia – Pray for Christians tortured in reeducation camps for refusing to return to Islam.
 - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Bless all in authority by whose service You provide the gift of order, including parents and family, our government, our police and firemen, our military and our schools. Give them strength and endurance to carry out their duties for the good of those entrusted to their care.
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Thursday, August 22

- **LCMS** – For Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.; and other institutions preparing servants for the Church, that they would properly prepare men and women to serve God and His Church.
 - **Persecuted Christians** – Saudi Arabia – Pray for Christians who worship together secretly without church buildings.
 - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Lord, You sent Your Son, Jesus, as the Great Physician of body and soul. By His touch, He banished the fear of His disciples. Comfort those in need with peace in the midst of fear and wholeness of body and soul.
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Friday, August 23

- **LCMS** – Thanksgiving for prayers and financial support for the Gospel to be shared at home and around the world.
 - **Persecuted Christians** – Mali – Pray for converts who face harassment from family members and their communities.
 - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Bless all who partake of Christ’s most precious body and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar. Give them discernment of His body, that they would come to His table in humility and faith to receive the forgiveness of sins and salvation.
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Saturday, August 24

- **LCMS** – Pray for young people, that the Lord would lead them to serve Him and bless His people.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Kyrgyzstan – Pray believers “shine as lights” by living with integrity amid wide corruption.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**