

Minnesota South District Mission Prayers May-June 2014

Use these prayers and prayer points to lift up our District missions to God's throne of grace on a regular basis, knowing that God promises to hear and answer the prayers of His people. Use them for your own personal prayers, for corporate worship, Mission Committee meetings, staff meetings, small group Bible studies, etc. Adapt these prayers as you wish to meet your needs.

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Dearest Jesus, our Lord, our Savior, our Friend, our Teacher, and our Example, in three years you trained the disciples for their work and then left them with the uncomfortable power of the Holy Spirit. Help us and Your missionaries everywhere to learn to be expendable, to know how to reach and train others, to know when to hand things over to them and move on. Help us to get out of the way gracefully when our part of the missionary work is done, for You Yourself became expendable for the good of Your Church. In Your strong Name we ask it. Amen.

May the Spirit of the Lord be upon us that we may announce good news to the poor, proclaim release for the prisoners, and recovery of sight for the blind; that we may let the broken victim go free, and proclaim the year of the Lord's favor; according to the example of Christ and by His grace. Amen.

Grant us Lord the spirit of wisdom and insight, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; to make us quick in understanding, and true in judgment; according to the example of Christ and by His grace. Amen.

Pray for our Missionaries and Mission Outposts of The Minnesota South District:

- Over 130,000 missionaries/members of LCMS Congregations in The Minnesota South District
- 245 LCMS Mission Outposts/Congregations & Schools in The Minnesota South District
- Vicars NomTsa Vang & Yia Lor, Neej Tshiab (New Life) Hmong, Robbinsdale
- Vicar Toua Vang, Our Saviour Hmong, St. Paul
- Vicar Vue Lee, King of Kings Hmong, Roseville
- Rev. Yia Vang, St. Stephanus, St. Paul, and Hmong Mission Facilitator, MNS District
- Rev. Francis Stephanos, Mekane Yesus Fellowship, St. Paul
- Rev. Demelash Oumer, Emmaus Oromo Ministry, St. Paul
- Rev. Lusienie Fofana, Bethel Liberian, St. Paul
- Rev. James Ruey, Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran Mission Church of Southern Minnesota, Mankato
- Rev. Simon Dup, Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran Mission Church of Southern Minnesota, Albert Lea & Austin
- John and Mariam Gayed, People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO), Rochester
- Deaconess Luz Guerrero, Metro Hispanic Outreach/CSP
- Rev. Derek Broten, Woodbury Lutheran-Oak Hill campus
- Rev. David Larson, Church Planter-South Minneapolis
- Rev. Tom Braun, Church Planter -St. Peter, MN
- Rev. Darren Scruggs, Hosanna Highland, Mankato
- DCO Kurtis Smith, Franklin Center & LINC-Twin Cities
- Rev. Tom Park, Hmong Ministry, Bethlehem, St. Paul
- Rev. Monte Meyer, St. Peter, Vernon Center
- Vicar Chad Kirchoff, ReDO fitness
- Long-Term and Career Missionaries from the MNS District:
 - Jack & Cathy Carlos
 - Rachel Cassada, Ghana, West Africa
- The Staff of the Minnesota South District:
 - Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, President
 - Ms. Lucille Clemmensen, District Treasurer (outgoing)
 - Mr. Rick Marko, District Treasurer (incoming)
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 - Dr. Phillip Johnson, Assistant to the President for Mission Formation
 - Rev. Fred Hinz, Assistant to the President for Mission Formation (Regions 3&4)
 - Rev. Dr. Mark Noren, Executive Asst. to the President
 - Mr. Sean Martens, Director of School Services
 - Support staff: Gae Ash, Julie Bigler, Linda Bradford, and Debra Connolly
 - LCEF Staff: Maria Hendrickson, Jocelyn Polley, Dick Swedean

Prayer Requests From Our Missionaries:

- Pray that the 250+ mission outposts and their members and friends in the MNS District will grow in their efforts to be intentionally engaged in the Mission of God in creative and unique ways throughout the year.
- Ask God to give you opportunities to introduce your Friend Jesus to others, and that you will notice and take advantage of these opportunities.
- The Evil One desires to destroy God's kingdom and derail the mission efforts of people and congregations. Pray that God would frustrate these schemes, while moving His kingdom forward
- Think of three people you know who are not Christian, or who are "disconnected" from Christ... Write their names down and pray daily for each by name, asking the Holy Spirit to prepare them to receive the Good News of Jesus, and to give you the opportunity and courage to share that Good News.
- Pray for mission zeal, stamina, wisdom and discernment for all of our mission workers, especially for our district missionaries:
- Rev. Francis Stephanos, Evangelical Mekane Yesus, St. Paul:
 - 1) Pray that the planning of the nine Mekane Yesus congregations for the annual spiritual conference to be held in Washington DC on July 23-27 will go well. Pray that we can reach out to the Ethiopian communities in the tri-states and may be an opportunity to several individuals to receive the Lord as their personal Savior.
- Rev. Demelash Oumer, Emmaus Oromo (Ethiopian) Ministry, St. Paul:
 - 1) Pray for a new group established in Worthington and Austin, MN.
- Rev. Lusienie Fofana, Christ Evangelical Ministries, St. Paul:
 - 1) Pray for Pastor Fofana, Caroline Moore, Rose Brewer, Julia Marsh & family, Eugenie Morris, Tee Fofana, Wilma Ward and Hawa Woto.
 - 2) Pray that the Lord will give Sundays off from work so our members will come to worship Him.
- Rev. Yia Vang, St. Stephanus Hmong, St. Paul:
 - 1) Pray for the Holy Spirit to create faith in those who listen to our CD.

- 2) Pray for the Planting Day at St. Stephanus Lutheran Church.
 - 3) Pray for the Hmong Vicars, Pastors and Hmong ministries that they will continue to be faithful in the sharing of the Gospel to the Hmong communities and reflect Christ's love through their lives.
- Vicars Johnny Vang & Yia Lor, Neej Tsiab (New Life) Lutheran, Robbinsdale :
 - 1) Thank the Lord for keeping His faith, grace and Word at Neej Tsiab
 - 2) Pray for the health and wellness of the congregation
 - 3) Give thanks for all those who have been praying and contributing to the Vietnam tragedy fundraising.
 - 4) Give thanks for all those who have been praying and supporting the fundraising for our Hmong seminarians in St. Louis.
 - 5) Thanksgiving for Redeemer Lutheran for providing a place of worship and for our members of Neej Tsiab.
 - 6) Pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to work at Neej Tsiab
 - 7) Pray for healing and help those who have fallen to sin
 - 8) Pray for Pastor Tom Park and Hmong congregation at Bethlehem. Give them strength and wisdom .
 - Vicar Vue Lee, King of Kings Hmong, Roseville:
 - 1) Pray for Ma Yang as he confessed his faith at the altar and pray that God keeps him in the faith, strengthens it, and those that are in the faith encourages him.
 - 2) Pray for Vicar Vue as he works, studies in school , and serves in ministry.
 - 3) Pray for the homeless and those hospitalized.
 - 4) Pray for those who have lost hope in life and that a Christian may be in a position to witness the peace of Jesus to them.
 - Vicar Chong Toua Vang, Our Saviour's Hmong Lutheran
 - 1) Give thanks for the many blessings from God for the Hmong Ministry
 - 2) Pray for continued blessings and growth in Christ.
 - John Gayed, People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO), Ethnic Friendship Center, Rochester:
 - 1) Pray for more volunteers to meet the growth of the students coming in.
 - 2) Pray for Chinese doctor that has begun reading Scripture that the Lord may reveal Himself to him through Scripture.
 - Rev. Darren Scruggs, Hosanna Highland, Mankato:
 - 1) Give thanks for the two baptisms during Easter
 - 2) Pray for our ministries as we continue to shape and introduce different elements of worship.
 - Kurtis Smith and Sue Hewitt, Franklin Center, Minneapolis and LINC-Twin Cities:
 - 1) Pray for completion of our capital campaign with funders who resonate with the mission.
 - 2) Pray that the events during the pre-build phase will be blessed; that they would glorify God, build relationships in the neighborhood, and point to the purpose of the center.
 - 3) Pray for continued growth in healthy collaborations and working relationships within the community
 - 4) Praise for the progress that has been made and the refining that has taken place
 - 5) Thanksgiving for volunteers who continue to surface and offer their expertise.
 - 6) Please continue to pray for folks that have the heart for mission to become partners with LINC TC by either becoming financial supporters, prayer warriors, or volunteers
 - Rev. David Larson, Church Planter-South Minneapolis:
 - 1) Intercede on our behalf that God would hear and answer our many prayers for our unbeliever friends, families, neighbors, co-workers, etc., especially that they would come to know Christ and follow Him together with our Community.
 - 2) Ask that the Spirit would constantly keep us focused on the mission of doing Kingdom-work here in South Minneapolis.
 - Rev. Simon Dup, Sudanese Lutheran Mission Church, Albert Lea:
 - 1) Pray for Simon as he recovers from surgery and an infection.
 - Rev. James Ruey, Sudanese ministry in Mankato:
 - 1) Daily prayers for Sudanese churches and communities in North America.
 - 2) Pray for the congregations in South Sudan to keep them safe during these crises.
 - Rev. Tom Braun, Church Plant, St. Peter Mission
 - 1) Pray for the Holy Spirit to richly bless the new families Rev. Braun is instructing in their homes every week.
 - 2) Pray for the Holy Spirit to heal the divisions at Our Savior's, Mankato
 - 3) Pray for Beautiful Savior, Plymouth, as they consider working with this new church plant.
 - 4) Pray for the Lord's blessings on fund-raising calls being made by Tom
 - 5) Pray for new contacts that have been made on two families from Henderson and Belle Plaine
 - 6) Pray for Tom's conversations with people in the coffee shops in St. Peter.
 - Rev. Thomas Park, Bethlehem Hmong:
 - 1) Pray for Bethlehem Lutheran Church.
 - 2) Pray for Rev. Park that he will do what pleases the Lord.
 - Rev. Monte Meyer, St. Peter, Vernon Center:
 - 1) St. Peter's desires to be a church with a regional impact, rather than merely a 5 mile impact. We pray for opportunities to break down traditional church barriers which exist in small town/rural areas.
 - 2) Thank God for the financial ability to support a full time sole pastor for the first time in decades. Thank God for the support of the MNS District and pray that congregation keeps financially strong and giving during the leaner summer months.
 - 3) Pray for our planning of VBS in the summer that it may be strong on outreach.
 - 4) Pray that God would raise up musicians among us to help improve the quality of our worship music.
 - 5) Thanksgiving for all the powerful blessings in outreach God has given the people at St. Peter's. To God be the glory!
 - Vicar Chad Kirchoff, ReDO fitness:
 - 1) Pray for the leadership at Peace Lutheran, Hutchinson
 - 2) Pray for my church family at Peace
 - 3) Pray for my church family at St. John's, Plato

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts. 1:8