



Pray For Us Calendar

The following prayer requests were submitted to LCMS World Mission by your coworkers in the Lord's mission around the world.

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GIVING CLUBS AND PROGRAMS - Dec. 1-15 *LCMS World Mission has several specific giving clubs and programs that allow individuals and congregations to support mission work in the way that best fits their situation. Mission Sowers, Mission Senders, Together in Mission congregations, and Guardians all provide essential support to God's work around the world.*

Remember LCMS World Mission's giving programs as you pray:

1. with thanksgiving for all of the faithful members of the Mission Sowers giving club. A Mission Sower donates at least \$120 to LCMS World Mission per year, which supports the development of work in new mission fields.

2. that the gifts given in faith by Mission Sowers will help enable missionaries to sow seeds in good soil, where the Word will create a growing faith in hearers' hearts.

3. that many more new Sowers will commit to supporting God's work through LCMS World Mission in the new year, so that mission work can continue to expand across the globe and more unreached people will hear the Gospel.

4. that Mission Sowers will be blessed by the Holy Spirit's assurance that they are investing in heavenly treasures, which rust and moth cannot destroy.

5. with thanksgiving for faithful Mission Senders, who support specific missionary families on a regular basis. Their support sustains missionaries working in the United States and around the world to bring the Good News to unreached or uncommitted people.

6. that the relationships built between individual Mission Senders and the missionaries who they support would be of mutual encouragement for all and strengthen the faith of individuals in the body of Christ.

7. that more people would answer God's call to pledge specific support amounts to individual missionaries or missionary families as Mission Senders, helping to secure the sending of missionaries through LCMS World Mission to all corners of the earth.

8. with thanks for the Together in Mission program, which links congregations to specific missionary families through formal adoption agreements. The congregations provide \$6,000 or more of annual support to the missionaries and build encouraging relationships to enable missionaries to continue in their work.

9. in thanksgiving for the 11 congregations that have supported missionaries through the Together in Mission program since its inception over 25 years ago. They are encouraging examples of mission-minded stewardship.

10. that congregations who support missionaries through Together in Mission would also be intentional about praying for those missionaries, communicating with them, and encouraging them in various ways, even as they are far away.

11. that even more congregations would take the step of faith to become Together in Mission partners and adopt

missionaries with a specific annual support commitment.

12. for the Guardians giving program, which supports LCMS World Mission's Ministry to the Armed Forces. More than 230 military chaplains serve through the Ministry to the Armed Forces to bring the Gospel to men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

13. with thanks for all of the faithful Guardians who are already giving in support of military chaplains, the LCMS' missionaries to the Armed Forces.

14. that the chaplains would be encouraged in their work and personal faith by knowing they are supported by a vast network of financial supporters and prayer warriors.

15. for the staff at LCMS World Mission who manage the giving programs—that the Lord would bless them as they support missionaries and missionary supporters in their daily work.



Involvement Ideas



- Prayerfully consider joining one of the LCMS World Mission giving clubs or giving programs. To learn more, call **1-800-433-3954** or visit www.lcmsworldmission.org/giving.

- Ask your pastor or a lay leader if your church is a Together in Mission congregation. If not, consider adopting a specific missionary family with a yearly support commitment. Call **1-800-433-3954** to learn more about Together in Mission.



- Learn more about Jewish mission work LCMS World Mission Web site. Go to www.lcmsworldmission.org/national and click on "ethnic and specialized missions."

- Visit the Web sites of Apple of His Eye Mission Society (www.aobems.org) and Lutherans in Jewish Evangelism (www.ljje.org), two mission societies that are Registered Service Organizations of LCMS World Mission.



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JEWISH MISSION WORK - Dec. 16-31 *There are approximately 5.2 million Jewish people in the United States. In 1973, the LCMS passed a resolution calling on the church body to begin to study ways and means for helping congregations to witness to the Jewish people.*

Remember Jewish mission work as you pray:

16. for the Apple of His Eye Mission Society (AOHE), which is based in St. Louis, Mo., but which actively reaches out to Jewish people across the United States and the world. Ask the Lord to continue to protect and guide this ministry.

17. for the founder and executive director of AOHE, Steve Cohen—that the Holy Spirit would grant him discernment, trust, and continued boldness in the Gospel, as he continues to guide this ministry and its many volunteers.

18. for AOHE's missionary in Florida, Alan Butterworth. Alan's work includes many facets, such as inviting unbelieving Jewish people into small groups to examine the Scriptures, experience the love of believers, and eventually consider the claims of the Bible.

19. for AOHE missionary in Russia, Alexey Shepelev. Alexey is the pastor of a congregation, but also works very intentionally in reaching out to Russian Jews in Moscow.

20. for the other St. Louis staff of AOHE, who support the work of missionaries in administrative and development positions.

21. for God to raise up more volunteers to work with AOHE on a regular basis and/or at one-time outreach events in big cities. Volunteers form a critical part of AOHE's mission force.

22. for the outreach events in urban centers to strengthen the faith of volunteers who step out to share Jesus' with strangers. Pray also that those who hear the Gospel from these volunteers and the materials that they distribute would consider the claims of Bible.

23. with thanksgiving for all of the Jewish people who have come to a believing relationship with Christ through AOHE and other ministries, and who now testify in His name to their fellow Jews.



24. that the Holy Spirit would open the hearts and minds of Jewish people around the world to see that the Messiah, Jesus Christ, has already come, and invites them into communion with God the Father through Him.

25. that Christians around the world would bear loving witness to the Jewish people as they celebrate Christmas, and would be able to graciously but confidently point to Jesus Christ as the true Messiah.

26. for Lutherans in Jewish Evangelism (LIJE), another mission society that focuses in reaching out to Jewish people.

27. for the St. Louis staff of LIJE, including Executive Director Rev. Kevin Parviz, as they strive to share the truth with the Jewish people of St. Louis.

28. for the Detroit and Florida-Georgia branches of LIJE, as they work to reach out to Jewish people in their communities.

29. with thanks for the formation of LIJE in 1981 to intentionally carry the Gospel message to the Jewish people in the United States and for the LCMS leadership that God called to make this happen.

30. that Jewish people who have become followers of Jesus Christ would not lose faith, even as they face rejection by friends and family members, but would keep their focus on their eternal inheritance of life with Him in heaven.

31. that all who actively work in Jewish outreach would not be discouraged by resistance to the Gospel, but would expectantly hope in God's power to break down all barriers, so that more Jewish people would know Him through Jesus Christ.



Missionary Birthdays

Missionary prayer cards may be downloaded from the LCMS World Mission Web site at www.lcmsworldmission.org/prayercards.

- Dec. 1** Jamie Halula, Asia
- Dec. 6** Holly Poppell, Asia; Petrea Schwahn, Taiwan
- Dec. 7** Marty Schmidt, Hong Kong; Tim Cameron, Asia
- Dec. 8** Christina Showalter, Asia; Ivan Rasch, Nigeria
- Dec. 9** Valerie Pritchard, Hong Kong; Justine McDonald, Asia
- Dec. 10** Wendy Harris, Asia; Kip Hoech, Central Asia
- Dec. 12** Kim Myers, Indonesia
- Dec. 14** Ted Krey, Venezuela
- Dec. 15** David Fiala, Slovakia; Emilie Guenther, Taiwan
- Dec. 16** Carl Norton, Asia; Doug Rutt, Fort Wayne, Ind.
- Dec. 17** Diana Hedtke, Thailand; Michael Ulrich, Macau
- Dec. 19** SueZann Van Luchene, Indonesia
- Dec. 20** Julie Muhly, Russia
- Dec. 21** Jonathan Blanke, Japan
- Dec. 28** Tom Dunseth, Hong Kong
- Dec. 29** Carol Halter, Hong Kong; Noel Schaff, Taiwan

Military Chaplains with Birthdays in December:
 Chaplain Richard Graves, Hawaii; Chaplain Christopher Offen, Iraq; Chaplain Carl Rau, Arlington, Va.; Chaplain Jonathan Smith, Virginia Beach, Va.