



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

# Pray For Us Calendar

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES — FEBRUARY 1-29

“Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God,” Jesus says in Luke 18:16. God wants all His children to have faith in Him, yet sin and brokenness permeate the lives of His people. Children are orphaned, and families are ripped apart. Over the years, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has reached out to care for God’s precious children through the mercy ministries of congregations, missionaries and Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs).

*Remember God’s love and will for children and families as you pray:*

1. *for all Christians*, that they would help and defend the orphan and widow, the poor and lonely, the helpless and oppressed.
2. The purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord: *for mothers*, that they might rejoice in their vocation and raise their children in the Lord.
3. *for adoption and foster-care agency workers*, that they would make good and right decisions concerning what is best for all involved — enabling them to find proper families and resources to

meet the needs of the children they serve.

4. *for all children*, that they might be brought to the waters of Baptism and taught God’s Word.
5. Jacob (Israel), Patriarch, thank God for Jacob, through whom came the promise of the Messiah and the 12 tribes of Israel: *for fathers*, that they might raise their children in the Word.
6. *for men as they grow up*, that they may be godly in their youth and their adult years.
7. *for orphanages around the world*, that they might receive

proper funding, food, resources and godly caregivers so that they can provide the best care possible to the children entrusted to them.

8. *for orphanage workers*, that they might be refreshed by Your Word and be good role models and teachers as they provide loving care to those in their charge.
9. *for all orphans*, that they might find Christian families who will nurture them with the love and knowledge of Christ.
10. Silas, Fellow Worker of St. Peter and St. Paul, thank God for Silas, lesser known, but essential to the work of the Kingdom: *for all church workers*, that all might work as God calls them to serve Him.
11. *for all foster children*, that they might find peace among the chaos as they wait for a proper family to be established.

12. *for all who suffer from domestic violence*, that the Lord would deliver them from danger and comfort them with His peace and forgiveness.

13. Aquila, Priscilla, Apollos, thank God for these examples of earnest learning and meditation in the Word of God.

14. Valentine, Martyr, pray that the love of Christ might be the love celebrated above all loves.

15. Philemon and Onesimus: *for all Christian workers and those in authority*, that all might serve God in their vocations.

16. Philipp Melanchthon (birth), Confessor: thank God for the Augsburg Confession and the other writings of Melanchthon that proclaim the truth of the Gospel.

17. *for all caregivers*, that they might raise children in the truth faith.

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**18.** Martin Luther, Doctor and Confessor: thank God for Luther's proclamation of salvation by grace through faith for Christ's sake.

**19.** *for children and parents who are deaf*, that they might know Jesus's voice and be filled with His peace.

**20.** *for widows*, that they might know Christ as their faithful bridegroom who will supply for their needs as they live their lives in prayer and purity.

**21.** *for the homeless*, that they might find a warm and safe place to lay their head, food for their bellies, hope for the future and rest in the love of Christ.

**22.** *for the unemployed*, that they might find suitable and fulfilling employment, fair wages and encouraging support.

**23.** Polycarp of Smyrna, Pastor and Martyr: thank God for those who continued the teachings of Jesus and gave their lives for the Gospel.

**24.** St. Matthias, Apostle: thank God for his quiet witness and those who gave their lives for the Gospel without any recognition.

**25.** *for the poor*, that they might find true riches in the Word of God and be blessed by the generosity of others.

**26.** *for children who are missing*, that the Lord would keep them from danger, restore them to their families and give them His peace and protection.

**27.** *for peace among siblings*, that the Lord would help them love and support each other throughout their lives, instead of being divided by bickering and jealousy.

**28.** *for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities*, that they might be treated with respect and love as beloved children of God.

**29.** *for families*, that they might attend worship to hear the Word and receive the Sacraments.



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