



FOR ALL PEOPLE

Prayer suggestions for introducing the 2023–2026 LCMS National Offering

Pray for generosity

Almighty God, from You and through You and to You are all things. Who could give You a gift that You might be repaid? You show Yourself to be a generous Lord of grace, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. You have given Your own Son into death as a priceless sacrifice to purchase and win us from all sin, death and the power of the devil; with Him, You graciously give us all things. Free us from the love of money and every other idol of earthly security which will not last. Create new and generous hearts in us, Lord, that as often as the Gospel must be proclaimed and our neighbors stand in need, we would give freely as we have freely received; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

At a voters meeting

Heavenly Father, bless our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Unite us in the confession of Your truth, and bind us in love and peace. Let all decisions be made wisely and faithfully, and let us support our common work generously and willingly. Show us Your cross, by which our sins and failures have been absolved. Lead us also to see the sins and failures of our fellow churchmen, our district and Synod leaders, and every neighbor forgiven by the very same cross, together with our own sins. Turn us to each other again in Your love, that repentance and forgiveness may pervade every aspect of our Synod and spur us to cooperate in humility for Christ's sake. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

On the day a congregation's collection is announced

Almighty God, You put before us countless opportunities to do good to everyone, especially to those who are of the household of faith. Lead us to consider supporting this Synodwide offering, in proportion to how You have prospered each of us. Create in us generous hearts and do not let us grow weary of doing good, knowing that, in Christ, we expect to reap eternal rewards by His grace. Bless the work of translators, missionaries, pastors, teachers and congregations, including our congregation, that rooted in Christ Jesus and His Spirit, we may bear much fruit that will abide; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

On the day a congregation's offering is collected

Almighty God, You have given us a gift that cannot be repaid in the sacrifice of Christ crucified for our salvation. We praise You for Your steadfast love, and we give You thanks for the generosity You have worked in Your people. Bless these gifts, which we will join with the Synodwide offering. May they be pleasing to You, a fragrant offering to supply the needs of the saints, especially those who confess Your name in other languages. Not unto us, O Lord, but unto Your name be glory, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

