

Lutheran Prayers of Faith

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(*pastors, leaders, and congregations are welcome to use these prayers in worship*)

Prayer for Light in the Darkness

Lord God, you send us forth to be lights in a dark world. Thank you for the power of your Spirit and for the sword of your Word, without which we would have nothing to say. Give us the courage you gave to the early reformers, that in our time we may confess our faith in your Son Jesus Christ, in whose gracious name we pray. Amen

Prayer for the Gospel Message

Holy Father, you have provided the means by which the message of your Son has come to us. We thank you for the Gospel, and we pray that you would keep our ears open to hear it new each day. Give us your Holy Spirit, so that we would be kept in the one true faith, together with all those who believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Amen

Prayer for Hearing the Word

Gracious Father, you alone deserve our worship and praise. We thank you for the opportunities you provide for us to hear your Word and for bringing people into our lives to give voice to your promise in Christ. Help us look to you and not to ourselves as the source of grace and strength to live each day; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen

Prayer for the Work of the Spirit

Lord God, you reign in eternal majesty and glory. We praise you for coming into our world through your Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our bondage to sin. Give us your Holy Spirit, so that we would trust in your Word and look to you as our Redeemer and Lord; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Prayer for the Means of Grace

Gracious Lord, you created a real world as a place for us to dwell, and ourselves as physical creatures. We thank you that you come to us through earthly, natural means, to confirm your Word and accomplish your will. We ask that you would help us appreciate and honor the Sacraments as the tangible evidence of your promise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for Spirit-Given Faith

Gracious God and Father, we confess that we cannot come to you by our own reason or strength. So we thank you that you have come to us in Christ. Draw us to your Word and enlighten us with your Spirit, that we may be kept in the one true faith. Lead us to do your will, and to trust in your grace alone, in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for Mutual Support in Faith

Lord God, Ruler of all, the Scriptures tell us that you show no partiality, but that anyone who fears you and does what is right is acceptable to you. Thank you for your gracious mercy. As we stand on level ground before your cross, help us all look to you for your grace and forgiveness, and support one another in faith with the promise of your Word; in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for Being a Light to the Nations

Lord God, Ruler of all, you have called us from among the peoples and nations of the world to be your own. We praise you for the love that you have shown us by setting us apart for your service. By your Spirit, help us to live as people who are *in* but not *of* the world, that we may be light to the nations and bring you glory and honor, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Prayer for the Word as Law and Gospel

Heavenly Father, you have given us your Word as both Law and Gospel. Use your Word like a hammer and break our hard hearts so that they may be filled with the Good News of your Son, Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, open our mouths to speak and teach your Word and its benefits to all generations. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Prayer for Christ as Head of the Church

Holy Father in heaven, you rule over all things, and have made your Son, Jesus Christ, the head of the Church. Thank you for making us a citizen in his kingdom. By the power of your Spirit, may all that we do reflect our faith and allegiance to you, that our lives may bring you all honor and glory, in the name of your Son, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for Respect of Authority

Mighty Lord, you have fashioned the universe, and brought order out of chaos. We thank you for bringing order to our lives as well. Help us to respect the authorities that you have established, for the sake of the world and for the Church. Guide us by your Spirit to serve your will, that all we do may give glory and praise to you, in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for Obedience and Repentance

Lord God, you rule over all creation. We thank you for establishing law and order among us, and for revealing to us your will in our lives. Help us to obey your Commandments. Show us those places in our lives where we fall short of your glory, and lead us to repentance and faith. We ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

Prayer for Diligence in Work

Heavenly Father, you have made all things suitable for their time, even us. You have set us down in the midst of this creation and given us work to do. Give us also the things of the new creation that we may be held in the faith of Jesus, that being so held, we may do your work for now and wait in joy until your Son's glory is revealed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for Needs and Concerns

Gracious Father, you have promised to hear the prayer of your children. We thank you for giving us the privilege of bringing to you our needs and concerns, even as we acknowledge that you know us better than we know ourselves. Help us always look to you as the source of our help and our hope, trusting that you care for us. We pray in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen

Prayer for the Work of the Trinity

Holy Trinity, you have revealed yourself as the one true God. We praise you for the wonders of creation, knowing it is to you that we belong. We thank you for coming to us in Christ to redeem us from all that holds us bound. We pray that you would be at work through your Word, so that we would acknowledge and honor you as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Prayer for Holy Baptism

Holy Father, through water and the Word, you have washed away our sins and given us a promise in which we can trust. We thank you for laying claim to us in our Baptism, and adopting us as your own. Help us to live lives of trust and repentance. Drown the sinner in us each day, and give us new life by the work of your Spirit within us, in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen

Prayer of Confession

Most Merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We thank you for the mercy that you have shown to us in your Son Jesus Christ. Teach us to come to him with our weaknesses and sins, trusting in the promise of your grace. Create in us clean hearts, by taking away our sin, and give us the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for Holy Communion

Holy Father, you have invited us to the banquet of your Son. We thank you for this gift of grace and for your promise of forgiveness. Lead us to your altar with humble and repentant hearts, so that we may hear your Word for us. Make us mindful of your presence with us as we share in Communion with you and one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for the Family of Faith

Gracious Father, you have called us into your household of faith, and made us brothers and sisters in Christ. We thank you for ordering our lives and providing for our needs. Guide us by your Word, that our homes and places of work may reflect the diligence, respect, and faithfulness you have called us to. Help us by your Spirit to see the everyday opportunities we have to serve you by loving our neighbors. We ask in the name of Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen

Prayer for Perseverance in Faith

Heavenly Father, you have called us to abide in your Word and remain steadfast in faith. Thank you for sowing your Word in our hearts, and giving growth by your Spirit. Deepen the roots you have given us, so that by your power we would stand strong and never be moved from the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen

Prayer for Daily Repentance

Holy Father, you have given us your Word of Law and Gospel, to reveal our sin and to show us your salvation. Help us to live lives that are marked by trust and repentance. Drown the sinner in us each day, and give us new life by the work of your Spirit within us, in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen

Prayer for the Forgiveness of Christ

Lord Jesus, you came to give your life for us, so that we would be forgiven. Let us never turn our eyes from you or seek salvation in anyone else. Keep us bound to you as our great High Priest forever, just as you live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Prayer for Faith Alone

Gracious Lord God, you have laid claim to us and have set us apart as your own. Help us not to think too highly of ourselves, or to seek glory by personal merit. Rather, help us to rest our faith and hope in you alone. In all things, let us remain strong in faith, and lead us by your Spirit, at work in your Word. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

Prayer to Be Ambassadors for Christ

Lord God, you have sent us into the world to be your witnesses. Thank you for making us Ambassadors for Christ. In the short time that we have in this world, help us not to miss the opportunities you have given us to speak and testify, so that when our earthly lives are ended, your Word will continue throughout all generations to proclaim the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, in which we pray. Amen

Prayer for Messengers of the Gospel

Holy Lord, you are the Ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, and are the Rock of our Salvation. We thank you for setting us apart as your own, to serve as messengers of your Gospel. Give us your Holy Spirit, so that we may affirm the testimony of faith upon which you have built your Church – the body whose head is Jesus Christ our Lord. In his name we pray. Amen

Prayer for Speaking the Gospel Word

Holy Father, you have sent us into the world with the promise of your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank you for claiming us as your own in the message of the Gospel. By your Holy Spirit, lead us to speak your same faith-creating Word to others, bearing witness to the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Prayer for the Confession of Christ

Heavenly Father, you have called us from among the peoples and nations of the world to be your own, and serve you with our lives. We pray that you would keep us steadfast in faith. As we look for the day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord, may we kneel before you in prayer and boldly confess your name every day of our lives. To you be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen