

## **St. Luke's Prayer Calendar**

**February 2018**

### **Friday, February 1**

Lord, gratitude is the only word that describes my feelings for the blessings bestowed upon me by the Holy Spirit and your son, Jesus Christ. For these gifts, I am truly thankful and pray that all people recognize they are blessed with special gifts. In Jesus Christ's name, I pray. Amen.

-Prayer by Pat Hendon

### **Saturday, February 2**

Dear God, as we stand at the beginning of a new year, we confess that we need your guidance. In this time of resolutions, help us make a new covenant to you. May our minds focus on things that magnify your Kingdom – walking with humility, talking with you in prayer, responding with compassion to those who are in need. We all have our own hopes for the year to come, but only you know what it holds for us, and only through you can we find the strength and wisdom we require. May all that we do in 2019 give you honor. We thank you for the promise of new beginnings. With faith and confidence, we look forward to the blessings of 2019. Amen.

-Prayer by Collin Cox, St. Luke's Board of Trustees

### **Sunday, February 3**

God, your steadfast love endures forever. You keep the rain falling and the world spinning. You make creation flourish and bloom. You give us people to love. Thank you. Thank you for being a generous God who provides for us before we even think to ask. Amen.

-Prayer by Rev. David Horton

### **Monday, February 4**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift this day brings. Help us to live each day in your glory, and to fill our hearts with love, grace, and forgiveness. We thank you for the many blessings in our lives. Help us to share our faith, and your generous spirit, in all that we do. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

-Prayer by Laif Afseth, St. Luke's Board of Trustees

### **Tuesday, February 5**

Dear God, In our efforts to do our best and make wise decisions, please shower us with reminders to be grateful and generous in our thoughts and actions. It is so easy to consider "what ifs" in a negative sense, trying to anticipate other people's perspectives, needs, and desires. When we remember to work in a spirit guided by your grace and love, your will shows through. Thank you for all of the beauty of this world and the people we love. You give each of us incredible opportunities to serve your kingdom. Help us to remain focused on you and show your love to every person we encounter. In Christ, Amen.

-Prayer by Mark Kidd, Sr. , Church Council

**Wednesday, February 6**

Dear Lord, thank you for the quiet silence you provide us each day. Help us to seek it out. We have so many devices telling us what to do, where to go, and what to think. We pray that we seek more quiet silence so that your will invades our thoughts and that your will be done. Giving thanks in all circumstances, we pray in your name. Amen.

-Prayer by Kristin Tillman, Church Council

**Thursday, February 7**

Heavenly Father, we come before you in the humblest way we know how to simply say thank you. Thank you for each blessing and hardship. May they be for your glory alone. Amen.

-Prayer by Cassandra McZeal, Church Council

**Friday, February 8**

Thank you, Jesus, for all the ways that you have blessed me. I am so grateful for all that I have. Help me to see new opportunity to share my gratitude with others so that they may see your great love through me. Amen.

**Saturday, February 9**

God of love, thank you for loving us so much that you give us what is best for us. Thank you for sending Jesus down to earth to help us learn what true love is. Thank you for showing us unconditional, faithful love. Help us to follow your examples. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Sunday, February 10**

Loving God, we confess that we cannot even begin to fathom your understanding. Thank you for the gift of Scripture that illustrates your great love and that guides us to righteousness. Thank you for small groups that give us discipline to read and study your word. Thank you for the way that you speak to us through your written word. Keep growing us in your ways and moving us forward on our journey of faith. Amen.

**Monday, February 11**

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you for the many blessings we receive from you every day. Please help us be good stewards of all that you have bestowed on us. Help us understand what these blessings mean and how we should use them to help others and to do your work. In your son's name, we pray. Amen.

-Prayer by Don Sinclair, St. Luke's Board of Trustees

**Tuesday, February 12**

God of the future, thank you for being in control of all of the things that we cannot control. Thank you for going before us and preparing the way. Thank you for preparing us over the years and giving us what we need for this exact moment. God, help us rise to meet to the challenges of today and guide us so that our actions are pleasing to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Wednesday, February 13**

Heavenly Father, thank you for creating me as your personal masterpiece. Thank you for being my Father and reminding me that I am a child of the one true King. Help me to remember that you are always with me and that you will never leave me. May your hand and your favor be with me in all that I do. Amen.

**Thursday, February 14**

Gracious God, grant us your love so that we are patient and kind. Let us not envy, boast, or be too proud. Keep us from dishonoring others or being self-seeking. Help us to be slow to anger and keep no record of wrongs. Let us shun evil and rejoice in truth. Guide us to always protect, always trust, always hope, and always persevere. Keep us from failing. Amen.

**Friday, February 15**

Heavenly Father, YOU are love. Please forgive us when we forget this, and as a result, we forget you. Your mind-blowing, steadfast love is the fuel needed to bring glory to you and your kingdom, yet it is not always our priority to recognize or receive this wonderful gift. Today, God, we ask you to help us remember you are love and to integrate that into everything that we do. In doing so, we can face anything. Thank you so much for loving us without limitations. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

-Prayer by Louise McEvoy

**Saturday, February 16**

Heavenly Father, thank you for the special people you have brought into our lives who make a difference for us. Thank you for the good times that we have shared together, and the special way that we connect with one another. Thank you for binding us together in your love. Please bless them as they have blessed us. Amen.

**Sunday, February 17**

Lord of all, we struggle with the ways of the world and trying to make a name for ourselves, only to find that all we need is you. Set us free from what binds us and keeps us from you. Open our hearts and remove the things that hinder us so that your joy can fill us. Help us to live life so that we reflect your love. All honor and glory is yours. Amen.

**Monday, February 18**

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for walking with us each day. Guide us to share your love, compassion, and encouragement with all of your children. We are grateful for your love and support. Amen.

-Prayer by Sherry Ritcheson, Church Council

**Tuesday, February 19**

Lord, I confess that I am afraid and discouraged. Scripture tells me to not be anxious about anything, but to present my requests to you. So, today, I pray my most fervent prayer

request. Please take care of this request and give me your strength and courage. Thank you for being with me wherever I go. Amen.

### **Wednesday, February 20**

Heavenly Creator, Help us to not be distracted by the things of the world so that we stay focused on you. Let us forget the mistakes that are behind us and strain toward what is ahead of us. Help us to work towards the goal and win the prize for which you have called us heavenward in Christ Jesus. Amen.

### **Thursday, February 21**

Loving God, you have shown us the true meaning of unconditional love. Guide us to follow your loving ways. Help us to show love to our family members every day. Give us opportunities to perform acts of love for our friends. Let your love shine through us into small incidental moments we share with strangers. Help us to seek out and love those who are in need. Grow us so that your great love overflows into all that we do. Amen.

### **Friday, February 22**

Dear Lord, as we embark on a new year full of goals, we pray that our "Year of Gratitude" transforms our church, church leaders, families, and community. Lord, we are so grateful for your love and grace that we ask you to guide us as we pass them on to those who impact our lives. Amen.

-Prayer by Sam Autry, Church Council

### **Saturday, February 23**

"I love you Lord, my strength." Psalm 18:1 Thank you God for being my rock, in whom I take refuge. Thank you for protecting me and for saving me through your precious son, Jesus. "When the earth all around is sinking sand, on Christ the solid rock I stand, when I need a shelter, when I need a friend I go to the rock." Amen.

-Prayer by Karen McCarver

### **Sunday, February 24**

Dear Lord, We thank you for all the many blessings you have bestowed upon us. Let us be thankful to you in good times and bad. Let us listen and hear your will for us each day. Let us live out your will in all that we do. We pray all of this in Jesus' name. Amen.

-Prayer by Vicki Keiser, Church Council

### **Monday, February 25**

God of refuge and strength, help me to trust in you with all my heart and to not rely on my own understanding. I submit all of my ways to you so that you can make my paths straight. Renew my strength so that I may persevere and not grow weary. Amen.

**Tuesday, February 26**

Everlasting God, in today's world of instant gratification, we struggle with having the self-discipline to create good habits that will draw us closer to you and true joy. We pray that you would give us courage to take the next step in our journey of faith. Strengthen us to do hard things so that they become easier, and give us the focus that we need to make you our priority. Amen.

**Wednesday, February 27**

Heavenly Father, help me to seek you with all of my heart so that all of my worries diminish in your presence. Keep me focused on you so that I can rise above all that is holding me back. Let me live life with your full joy that cannot be contained. Amen.

**Thursday, February 28**

Glorious God, remind me that I am working for you and not for men. Let me always strive for excellence in all that I do, and help me to not settle for ordinary things. Let my life be a reflection of your values. Amen.