

St. Luke's Prayer Calendar

June 2019

Saturday, June 1

Dear God in Heaven, seniors are graduating from high schools and colleges all over the city, the state, the country, and the world. Thank you for the teachers, coaches and mentors who have guided them. We pray that you be with them in their next stage of life as they embark on new challenges, and we pray that you surround them with positive role models that will help them navigate these new waters. Amen.

Sunday, June 2

Dear God, some days I feel more grateful than others. Some days I get more of what I need to do, done. Some days I reach out to people I've missed. Some days I spend time serving others. On the other days, I don't do those things I intended to do. Help me to be more consistent in my life. I need guidance from distractions toward purpose. I know I am a happier, more fulfilled person when I am more grateful; I get more done, connect with people I miss and serve others. Holy Spirit, work in me for change in my life that will bring about more gratefulness, take more items off my list, connect me with people I miss, and serve You through others. And I will give you the glory! Amen.

-Prayer by St. Cecilia Member

Monday, June 3

Lord, thank you for being here and letting us feel your presence. We know that there are many people in the world who feel alone and cut off from society. Lead us, Lord, to reach out to them and show them your love and kindness. Let them feel a part of your holy family. Amen.

Tuesday, June 4

Dear Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I pray for your caring arms to be with all your children. Guide and protect those in need. Let everyone share your love when necessary. In Christ's name, Amen.

-Prayer by St. Cecilia Member

Wednesday, June 5

Oh Lord, You give special skills and talents to our doctors, nurses, EMTs, and other health care workers. We give you thanks for these people and the services they provide. Please grant them wisdom, strength and compassion in the treatment of their patients and in working with one another. Amen.

Thursday, June 6

Dearest God, Busyness fills our lives. Distractions are all around us, consuming us and keeping us from you. Quiet our minds and let us hear your word. Grant us peace and wisdom so that we may be true disciples that walk in your path. Amen.

Friday, June 7

Oh Father, You have bestowed on us so many talents, including the talent to be creative. It can manifest itself in so many ways, like composing, writing, acting, and painting. Thank you for the Arts and for those that share their gifts with others. Amen.

Saturday, June 8

Dearest Lord, Isaiah writes "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." Many of us are facing challenges that seem exhausting and overwhelming. We pray that you give them strength and perseverance. Amen.

Sunday, June 9 – Pentecost

Dear Lord, on this Pentecost fill each of us with the power and presence of your Holy Spirit. As you did so many years ago when you first empowered the church, give us tongues of fire that we may boldly proclaim your gospel of love and restoration to the ends of the earth. Give us the discernment of your spirit to better love those whom you have placed around us, help us to be your message of grace to the world. Amen.

-Prayer by Rev. Thomas Harper

Monday, June 10

Heavenly Father, I so often lack patience. Not only patience for others, but also patience for your will. I want things to happen on my schedule, my timeline. And I want to know what will happen next. Lord, grant me patience in my everyday life so that I am kinder to others while I wait. And grant me patience for thy will, knowing that you are in charge and have infinite wisdom. Amen.

Tuesday, June 11

My Lord, You are amazing! Your works and your love and your compassion blow us away. Forgive us when we take you for granted. Remind us to recognize your glory daily and thank you for your awesomeness. Lead us in your ways to serve your kingdom. Amen.

Wednesday, June 12

Heavenly Father, pets can bring such joy and companionship to our lives. For many, a pet feels like an integral part of the family. Thank you for the gift of their presence, the fun they bring, and the love they give. And we pray that you bring comfort to those who mourn the loss of their cherished companion. Amen.

Thursday, June 13

Lord, forgive us as we often overlook the day-to-day people whom we take for granted, but who assist us in our daily lives. The policeman directing traffic, the cleaning person keeping bathrooms tidy, the server preparing our coffee. Lord, make us aware of them and be thankful for them. And Lord, we give thanks as well for the behind-the-scenes people whom we depend on, such as engineers working in the water treatment plants and the power plants. Lord – thank you for them all. Amen.

Friday, June 14 – Flag Day

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the gifts you have bestowed upon us; our families, communities, and nation. Within these gifts, you have blessed us with immeasurable freedom which, in turn, requires protection through our commitment and sacrifice. Bless those who stand and protect our freedom, and we pray that you protect them with your omnipotent strength. Amen.

-Prayer by Ed Smith

Saturday, June 15

Heavenly Father, we pray for travel mercies for all those who are embarking on journeys or are in the midst of a trip. We pray for their safety and that their logistics go smoothly. And we pray that if there is a disruption, that you give them patience and quick resolution. Amen.

Sunday, June 16 – Father's Day

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of earthly fathers and father figures who mentor us, provide for us, and care for us. We pray, Lord, that you would be with all of our fathers today and always. As they sacrifice for us, bless them in amazing ways. Grant them strength and perseverance as they provide for us. For those who have fallen short of your desires, lift them up and bring them back to your ways. Guide our fathers and give them what they need to answer your high calling. Help them to know how much we love and appreciate them and all that they do for our families. Amen.

Monday, June 17

Lord, thank you so much for the staff at St. Luke's who keep things running: the finances, the scheduling, the maintenance, the safety, the technology, and so much more. These stewards ensure that the building and ministry is well run. We are so grateful for their efforts and we pray that you bless their work. Amen.

Tuesday, June 18

Dearest God, I think of the children's hymn "The B-I-B-L-E." The Bible touches us in so many ways. Through its stories, we see your love, your commitment, your forgiveness over and over again. The Psalms can be a place of comfort, strength, and praise. Thank you for your holy word. Amen.

Wednesday, June 19

O Father in Heaven, be with those in hospice care. Let them feel your loving presence surrounding them. Be with their caregivers as they tend to their needs. Amen.

Thursday, June 20

Dearest Lord, we are grateful for the amazing people who teach Sunday school and lead Bible studies. They give of their time and their talents so that others can grow in their knowledge and their faith. Thank you, Lord, for these servants of your kingdom. Amen.

Friday, June 21

O Lord, Sometimes I am in such turmoil, such perplexity, such discomfort that I can't even find words to pray. Yet I am confident in my knowledge that you know my heart. You know my concerns. You know my needs even without me speaking a word. Thank you, Lord, for hearing my inner groans and for being there for me always. Amen.

Saturday, June 22

Lord, sometimes all I can say is "Wow". Your world is beautiful. The majestic mountains, the star-filled night, the oceans teeming with fish, the gardens full of fragrant flowers. Thank you for letting us be a part of your creation. Amen.

Sunday, June 23

Lord, I am often so weak, being tempted to do things that are outside your will. Or I am wasting my time and talents on meaningless pursuits. Forgive me for not having my priorities straight. Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Let me hear your call and be a faithful servant. Amen.

Monday, June 24

Lord, we pray for those who are unemployed, underemployed, or in jobs which are not a good fit. Lord, we ask for them to find meaningful, purposeful positions where they can utilize their gifts. We also pray that you be with them in their job search and give them strength and perseverance. Amen.

Tuesday, June 25

Lord, there are slights, betrayals, and disappointments in my past that still weigh on me. I hold grudges even though I know they are self-destructive. By clinging to these wrongs, I am handcuffed to the past. Help me, God, to release these bonds so that I can move forward in love and forgiveness. Amen.

Wednesday, June 26

Heavenly Father, I know I have failed you. I hear your call or feel your nudge. But I fail to act as it is uncomfortable or inconvenient. Forgive me, Lord, for my lack of action And I pray that you give me additional opportunities to serve you. Amen.

Thursday, June 27

O God in Heaven, bless the food that I eat today. Let it nourish my body, strengthen my mind and restore my soul. Let the energy that it gives me be put to work to glorify your name. Amen.

Friday, June 28

Dearest God, party politics are all over the news. It seems like everyone is pointing fingers at each other rather than working toward solutions. Please give our leaders discernment and wisdom. Help them to listen to each other, to find common ground, and to speak in truth and love. Amen.

Saturday, June 29

Heavenly Father, when the world seems so full of despair and disappointment – remind us of the good in people. There are acts of kindness all around us: doors being held open, a car being allowed to merge with a smile and a wave, assistance with a heavy load, a thoughtful note. Even a smile from a stranger can lift our hearts. While these are small actions, these are all glimpses of your love and compassion. We give you thanks for these acts and we pray that we, in turn, can be missionaries of your love through our actions. Amen.

Sunday, June 30

Our Father in Heaven, thank you for our pastors. We are so blessed to have the wisdom, kindness and compassion they share with us. We pray that you continue to speak through them in their words and actions. Continue to give them strength and courage in their ministry and let them be a blessing to the church, the city, and the world. Amen.