

St. Luke's Prayer Calendar

May 2019

Wednesday, May 1

Father God, we know that many of your children do not know you. As we go about our day today, please make us aware of those individuals to whom we can be a witness. Then, oh Lord, give us the courage to speak of your great love for them, and as we tell our story, give us the words that they need to hear to open their hearts to you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Thursday, May 2

Dear God, how awesome you are to always be with us! When we worry, let your presence bring peace to our souls. Thank you for being with us every moment of our journey and for holding us close. Amen.

Friday, May 3

Lord, thank you so much for this church and what the ministries and staff have meant to our entire family. It is not only continuing to do your work but how they do it, with humility and grace, what a blessing for this community. Amen.

-Prayer by Greg Williams

Saturday, May 4

Heavenly Father, thank you, God, for your presence. For times when we are uncertain, guide us on your path. When we can't make it on our own, be with us to help us. Help us to lean on you and not our own understanding. Continue to be with us and fill us with all we need. We are so grateful for your guidance and your help. Amen.

Sunday, May 5

Heavenly Father, we pray for our youth who are nearing the end of this school year. We pray You bless them with courage, tenacity, and discipline to successfully complete their final exams and projects. We pray for a smooth and exciting transition for those students moving from elementary to middle school, from middle to high school, for those making their way to college, and for the youth entering our nation's workforce. Lord, be with them as they find their way in this world and give them the strength to lead with your love and guidance. Amen.

-Prayer by Michele Byington

Monday, May 6

God, thank you for the reassurance that you will always be with us. Even when we are uncertain about what lies ahead, help us put our trust in you. Be with us to remind us that your will for our lives is better than anything we can hope for or imagine. Praise to you, Lord, for your faithfulness. Amen.

Tuesday, May 7

Heavenly Father, throughout Scripture, you tell us the importance of our words. You created the world through the word, you tell us to use our words to build each other up, and you tell us that gracious words are sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Help us to remember to use our words in ways that are pleasing to you. Amen.

Wednesday, May 8

Lord, we pray for all those whose families are hurting, that they will find their strength in you to support each other through their differences with unconditional love. Amen.

-Prayer by Karen Garrido

Thursday, May 9

God, Proverbs 11:2 tells us that "When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom." We confess that we oftentimes take credit for all the gifts and successes that you have given to us. Help to remember that you are the giver of all things good, and help us to acknowledge you as the source of our gifts in all that we do. Amen.

Friday, May 10

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for the PM Pals ministry. Thank you for all the generous and selfless volunteers. Thank you for the fun and joy that happens on those Friday evenings. I pray that you bless the families that participate each month. Amen.

Saturday, May 11

Lord, 1 John 4:18 tells us that "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear..." Thank you, God, for your gift of perfect love through your son, Jesus Christ. Help us to remember that when we are afraid, you are holding us and caring for us. Guide us to feel your safety and security in our lives. Amen.

Sunday, May 12 – Mother's Day

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of Mothers. Thank you for birth mothers, adoptive mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, and mother figures who bring love and care into our lives. We pray that you would pour out your richest favor and blessings on them today and always. Help them to know how much they are loved and appreciated. Amen.

Monday, May 13

Father, thank you for the gift of forgiveness. Help us to forgive others as you have forgiven us. And help us to forgive ourselves. Let your unconditional love show us the way. Amen.

Tuesday, May 14

Heavenly Father, in a world where evil exists, we pray for your divine protection from the evil one. We pray, God, that you would hold us close to you and purify our hearts so that we may seek good and grow your Kingdom here on earth. Amen.

Wednesday, May 15

Dear Lord, thank you for all you give to us every day! Please be with and help those who are hurting and lonely. Help them to find and maintain a relationship with you and your son, Jesus Christ. The sacrifice your son made has opened the door and paved the way for all of us broken and sinful people to find your grace and forgiveness even though we do not deserve it. Thank you for this day! In your son's name, we pray. Amen.

Thursday, May 16

Oh God, open me up to your truth, and hope, and love. Please carry me through this day, for you are my strength and song. Help me to show your sacrificial love to all I encounter. In Christ's blessed name I pray. Amen.

-Prayer by Michelle Frazier

Friday, May 17

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for beautiful spring days and the promise of new life. Grant us time to spend with you in peace enjoying this wonderful world with which we have been blessed. As we enjoy the wonder of your creation, may we grow closer to you. Amen.

Saturday, May 18

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ who showed us how to love and live. Help us to follow Jesus and to remember 1 Corinthians 16:14, "Do everything in love." Amen.

Sunday, May 19

Father God, we lift up our graduating seniors to You, and we thank You for the part they have played in our family. We ask You to provide them with a new community to be a safe place for their souls, which stirs and encourages their faith. We pray that you would finish the work you started in their lives, that their hearts would awaken to your love, which you showed through Jesus on the cross, and that they would love and follow you wherever you lead. We pray that you would be with them, that they would have an ear for your Spirit, and that they would have courage to bring your kingdom everywhere they go. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

-Prayer by Joseph Patty, St. Luke's Student Ministries

Monday, May 20

Dear Heavenly Father, today we come to you with grateful hearts for all the special people you have put into our lives at just the right moment. Open us up to notice all the love, care, and comfort you have given us through their presence. Don't let us take the gift of these people for granted, but help us to share that love with those around us who need it also. Amen.

Tuesday, May 21

Dear Jesus, you tell us to love one another as you have loved us because if we love one another, everyone will know by our love that we are your disciples. Guide our thoughts, words, and actions to overflow with your love so that our lives are a living, breathing witness for you. Amen.

Wednesday, May 22

Dear God, when we come to you stressed out and weary from the hectic world, let us remember your promise, "Come to me all of you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."(Matt. 11:28) Thank you, Father, for giving us rest, strengthening us, and renewing us with your love. Amen.

Thursday, May 23

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. We pray God that you would wrap your loving arms around them and comfort them during this time. We pray, Lord, that you would heal their broken hearts. In Jesus' loving name, we pray. Amen.

Friday, May 24

Dear God, we pray for the graduates this month. Please be with them as they embark on new journeys. Allow them to use their spiritual gifts to better serve you. Amen.

Saturday, May 25

Heavenly Father, we pray for parents who are struggling with children who have gone astray. We pray that you would give these parents wisdom, discernment, and strength so that they know how best to help their children. We pray also that you would bless and encourage these parents. In the name of your son who love us all unconditionally, Amen.

Sunday, May 26

Father, thank you for always being there to listen to us. Help us to listen better and hear you when you speak to us. And let us be good listeners for those around us. We are so grateful for the comfort of being able to bring our prayers to you. Amen.

Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day

Lord, today we pray for soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who throughout this country's history have given the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation. We remember them best through cherishing and never forgetting the price of freedom. We pray for their families and friends; that they may find peace and comfort in their loved one's memory and service to our republic. General Patton said it best, "It is foolish and wrong to mourn the people who died. Rather we should thank God that such people lived." In Christ's name we pray. Amen.
-Prayer by Major Austin Maples (United States Army)

Tuesday, May 28

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of grace. Thank you for loving us unconditionally and for never giving up on us. Help us to follow your example so that we faithfully work to bring out the good in everyone we meet. Help us to trust that you have great plans for all of us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Wednesday, May 29

Dear God, we pray that you would be at work in us and through us in amazing ways to serve your Kingdom here on earth. All honor and glory is yours. Amen.

Thursday, May 30

God, we pray for the graduating Seniors. We pray, Lord, that you would guide them in your way and prepare them to embrace all of the opportunities that lie ahead. Lord, be with them through this time of new beginnings and help them to be ever mindful of the ways in which they can demonstrate your love to others. Amen.

Friday, May 31

Dearest Heavenly Father, I pray that you will be with our graduating Seniors. I pray that your hand of protection will be over their lives, and that you will give them your wisdom. I pray that you will guard their minds and hearts through Jesus Christ. I pray that you would draw them to you and away from the world. In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen.