



We live in an ever-changing world - one that, at times, just makes no sense. From terrorist attacks to natural disasters, hate crimes and unmentionable acts of violence, we get the in-depth report from every news outlet in the United States. And, we watch these special reports, trying to find some kind of reason for the craziness, some explanation for *why* these things happen and *who* is responsible and *how* can we make a difference. We know that as Christians, we are called to trust God, share His love and pray. Philippians 4:6 (NIV) says "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." With this passage in mind, let us pray...

Dear God, thank You, for Your goodness to our nation. We are comforted by the knowledge that You alone are our Savior and Lord, and the ultimate Master of life. As we face these uncertain times in our nation, we ask You, Lord, to dwell among us. Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Give them the wisdom to know what is right, and the courage to do it. We trust our nation to Your loving care, Lord. Give us Your light and Your truth to guide us in our ways so that we may seek Your will in our lives and impact the world around us for Your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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Praise God for His Answers

- Mission Lutheran School (MLS) is blessed in so many ways and through so many people. Praise God for His answers to our prayers.
- Pastors Weber and Buttke are available to cover during Pastor Carabotta's absence for four months.
- Doug Lorenz worked through many details so that Pastor Carabotta could have some time away from ministry to care for Lourdes and his family.
- El Caldito Soup Kitchen always has just enough volunteers so that the meal is prepared and all are served. Thanks, volunteers!
- Vicar Andy from Faith Lutheran Church is helping out with chapel at MLS and helping Karen Jensen with the youth activities as a joint venture in youth ministry. Bless all relationships with Faith Lutheran Church.
- Pastor Patten agreed to provide an Easter Sunrise Service at 6:45 a.m.
- Karen Jensen is offering her expertise in directing PE classes at MLS.
- Ruth Staffeldt will continue as Altar Guild coordinator until a volunteer is found.



Prayer Requests

- Restoration of Lourdes' health as she suffers from Valley fever and other complications due to her health issues. Please give support and comfort to Pastor, Lourdes, Robert II, and Eva and others who are helping to care for Lourdes.
- God would be in the process of filling the Supreme Court's judge vacancy.
- Bless the message of the rock crosses that were made in K/1. Move the students to hang them in their homes to remind them Jesus is their rock!
- Guide all church leaders as the future growth and mission of Mission Lutheran Church are addressed.
- Guide Jim Vance as he recruits volunteers to fill Council and Board positions for 2018.
- Guide the Evangelism Board as they address how to reach young people and unchurched families with children at MLS.
- Bless Amie Springer as she recruits students for the next school year, specifically in the preschool class.

Prayer Requests for State and World

- America would reaffirm its strong commitment to NATO, especially NATO's role in the fight against terrorism.
- London to recover from the recent terrorist attack.
- State of New Mexico's serious budgetary issues and the ramifications involved. Pray for God's answers to this "crisis" in our state.



Prayer Ministry Breakfast—April 8 from 8:30—10 a.m. in Luther Hall, please sign up.

Good Friday Prayer Vigil—Sign up in church entrance.