

Tuesday, January 7
C—Confession –I am sorry...
Prayers for Ourselves

8am- **Praise:** for a new day and walk with Jesus

9am-**Work/School:** thank God for your job/opportunity to learn, pray for your co-workers/classmates.

10am-**Repentance:** ask 1) God to reveal your sins, 2) ask forgiveness for your sins and 3) ask for God's help to change your sinful ways. Forgive one person who has wronged you.

11am- **Learning:** that you would grow in knowledge of God's Word, His Kingdom for the life of the world, and be trained in sharing your faith.

12pm-**Spiritual Growth:** that you would know Jesus as your best friend and you would grow in love, joy, peace, patience, etc.

1pm-**Guidance:** Seek, listen and respond to God's call to be the person He created you to become.

2pm- **Hope and Vision:** a strong sense that God is with you and that He has plans for your life.

3pm-**Health:** thanksgiving for your body, protection from illness, pain, healing touch.

4pm-**Family:** spouse, children, parents, siblings, grandparents, other relatives.

5pm-**Finances:** for wisdom, generosity, blessing, contentment.

6pm- **Friends:** thank God for your friends, ask Him to bless them, and for you to be a good friend.

7pm-**Activities:** that God would work in you and through you in your hobbies, volunteering and other activities to glorify Him.

8pm-**Rest:** for good rhythms of work and rest, a good night's sleep, and God's protection.

Wednesday, January 8
P—Petition I ask
Prayers for Our Church

8am-**Board of Trustees:** Gracious Lord, we give You thanks for allowing us the privilege to serve You and the congregation of St. Mark. It is only by the gifts You have given us that we are in any way qualified to perform our duties as Trustees. **C** We confess that without Your help and direction we cannot do the job You have entrusted us to do. **P** Give us wisdom and strength to do the work You have set before us in a manner that will be pleasing to You. We ask Your blessings upon all the initiatives that we are taking on as well as the initiatives of the Elders and each of the committees also serving You. Please give us all open minds, ears, and hearts so that we can work together to accomplish great things for Your church that are pleasing to You. Lord we ask for Your blessing upon this great country we live in, a country in which we enjoy the freedom to worship and praise You openly. We pray for those who are not so fortunate.

Thank You for all of the members of our congregation. They so generously give, not only of their financial resources but of their time and their talents. The countless volunteer hours are invaluable and we ask for Your continued hand of blessing to be upon all volunteers as they serve You.

9am-**Worship and Music:** **C** Confession and forgiveness when we sin against each other so that we can worship the Lord unencumbered. **P** Continued pool of volunteers willing to serve. **V** Joy, endurance, Christian charity among members of the worship bands, choirs, instrumentalists, altar guild, altar servers, ushers, soundboard/PowerPoint operators .

10am-**Parish Education:** **P** For God to inspire volunteers to staff our educational and training programs. For continued growth in outreach. **V** For God's Word to take root and grow mightily in the hearts of all students. (Sunday School, Confirmation, High School, Adult Discipleship, Teachers). To continue to grow in God's Word.

11am-**Congregation for Life** – Help lead us in providing opportunities for fellowship. Assist us creating a warm and caring church for all members. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, guide each of us to utilize them according to your call. Bind us all together in the unity of the Holy Spirit. We thank you for the opportunities to serve you.

12pm-**Stewardship:** **C** Let us confess our sins to God Almighty and thank Him for His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who sacrificed His life to take our sins upon Himself for our eternal salvation. **P-** Let us repent to those we have harmed in thought, word and actions, that they might find forgiveness for us and let us forgive all those who have harmed us without waiting to hear their repentance. **V-** As we get closer to Jesus' second coming, let us share the Glory of God's love to everyone. Thanks be to God.

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1pm-**Finance:** **P-**For the congregation to joyfully share their financial blessings with St. Mark on a regular basis, both through Member's continued general giving and additional support for building needs. For God to send volunteers to serve Him through the sharing of their time and expertise. **V-** That God would guide the Church Council in wisely using the assets and gifts provided.

2pm-**Evangelism:** - **C-**We confess that we have become consumed with our own lives and circumstances and have neglected to see those around us that need to know you as Lord and Savior. Forgive us Lord! **P-** Help us to be intentional and organic in sharing our faith and hope in you with those with whom we come in Renew us Lord! **V-** Give us your eyes and your heart to truly see those around us in need of your love and your salvation. Lead us Lord!

3pm-**Confirmation Ministries:** The students, their families, and the Pastors for their Biblical learning and teaching.

4pm-**Youth Ministries:** the students, and their families, and the leadership for their spiritual growth/maturity.

5pm-**Pastors/Staff:** Bless our spiritual teachers and leaders with wisdom, protection and health, and all our staff with focus, gentle spirit and peace of mind in all tasks. May we be led by the Spirit in all that we do and help us remember that we are here to serve with gladness according to the way we are gifted. Bless and keep each of our families.

6pm-**Elders:** We invite the congregation to confess our proud and stiff necked ways. Please ask God to give our church continual growth and unity. Enable us to be an inviting church and a beacon in the community as we become more comfortable sharing our faith in natural ways with others. Please plant volunteer seeds in those who are searching for ways they can help and engage in church life. Please pray for wisdom, discernment, and sensitivity to the Spirit for all church leaders and volunteers.

7pm-**Our Missionaries:** Faithful service, protection and blessings.

7:30pm-**Worldwide Church:** more missionaries, obedience to God's mission, faithfulness to God's Word.

8pm- **Persecuted Church/Christians:** strength, courage, faithful witness, protection.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. Num 6:24-25

Thursday, January 9

V- Vision - I act...

Prayers for the Life of the World

8am- Lord, with contrite hearts we come to you asking for your help in working out the church's vision. The Holy Spirit to move through our hearts and minds and continue to reveal to us Your vision. Guide us in being good stewards of this plan that it will be reflective of You and Your ways. We want to be able to glorify You in all that we do and to be a beacon that shines within the community and to attract others to You. Father God we thank You for Your presence in our lives.

9am-Thanksgiving: for God's creation, plan of salvation, sending Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

10am- Marriages and Families: for strong, healthy, Christ-centered relationships and spiritual protection.

11am-Schools/Universities: the students, their families, teachers and administrations for protection and blessings.

12am-Our communities: for spiritual transformation, health, freedom, protection, and blessing. **1pm-Our governing bodies:** Local, State and Federal elected representatives that they be servants of the people, for the people and for Christ.

2pm-Military and Civil Servants: all branches of the armed services, fire fighters, law enforcements, paramedics, etc. for protection and blessings.

3pm-The Nations: those who suffer from poverty injustice, oppression, war, and disease.

4pm-Missionaries: to proclaim the Gospel clearly, follow the Spirit's leading, protection; emotional, physical and spiritual health, integrity, joy and provision.

5pm-The Lost: Muslims, all non-Christians for their salvation and protection from persecution once they become believers.

6pm- Local/Global: God would use us to bless others and help them know Jesus.

7pm- God help me to listen to your voice and give me a servant's heart to obey and trust in your Word.

8pm- Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol Him all peoples! ...the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever!

The Invitation to Prayer

God is listening. He really is. God says, "You will call upon me, and I will listen to you" (Jeremiah 29:12) This is His promise to each of us.

For three days in January, join thousands of others around the world from our network of churches (Lutheran Congregations in Missions for Christ) for intentional prayer for ourselves, our churches and our world.

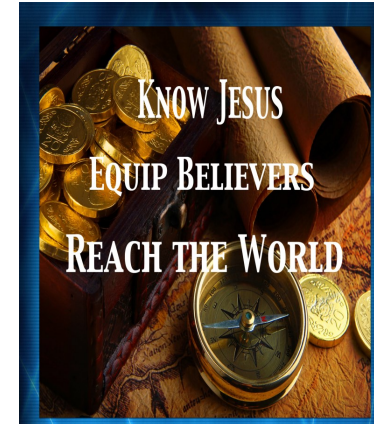
Each day there is a theme and items to pray for each hour from 8am-8pm .

Utilize this guide to nurture your prayers throughout 2020 .

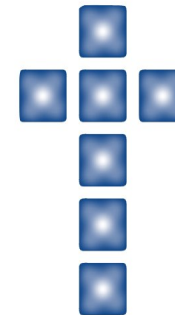
Take the invitation. God is listening.

While there are three intentional days of prayer, God desires that *every day is a day of prayer*. "Pray without ceasing," God tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:17. Here are some ideas to make prayer a regular part of your day.

- Start the morning in prayer. Before you get out of bed, say good morning to God and thank Him for a new day.
- Pray with your spouse and/or kids before leaving for work/school, asking that God would bless their day.
- Pray before each task, meeting, or class, asking that God would guide you and give you strength.
- Pray at each meal, thanking God providing for your needs.
- Whenever you hear a siren, stop and pray for those involved.
- When you see something beautiful, thank God for His creation.
- When you feel stressed, pause and pray. Let God's peace rule in your heart.
- Talk to one person today and ask if there is any way you can pray for them and then do it.
- Pray with your kids/spouse before bedtime, thanking God for the day, asking forgiveness for your sins, and asking God to give restful sleep.



Through Confession Petition, and Vision



3 Days of Prayer

January 7-9, 2020

St. Mark Lutheran Church