Pray For Us Calendar

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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES — NOVEMBER 1-30 “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God,” Jesus says in Luke 18:16. God wants all His children to have faith in Him, yet sin and brokenness permeate the lives of His people. Children are orphaned, and families are ripped apart. Over the years, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has reached out to care for God’s precious children through the mercy ministries of congregations, missionaries and Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs).

Remember God’s work to support children and families as you pray:

1. for all Christians, that they would help and defend the orphan and widow, the poor and lonely, the homeless and oppressed.

2. for all adoption and foster-care agency workers, that they would make good and right decisions concerning what is best for all involved — enabling them to find proper families and resources to meet the needs of the children they serve.

3. for Christian families, that they would open up their homes and lives so that all children might live in safe dwellings and loving homes.

4. for all children, that they might be brought to the waters of Baptism and guided in Your truth.

5. for all orphanages, that they might receive proper funding, food, resources and godly caregivers.

6. for all orphanage workers, that they might be refreshed by Your Word and become good role models and teachers as they provide loving care to the kids in their charge.

7. for all orphans, that they might find Christian families who will nurture them with the love and knowledge of Christ.

8. for all foster children, that they might find peace amongst the chaos as they wait for a proper family to be established.

9. for Foster In Texas, a program of Lutheran Social Services of the South, Inc., that they might match children who have been removed from their biological families to skilled and caring substitute families.

10. for all caregivers, that they might raise children in the way they should go so that they might use their time and talents to glorify God and to serve their neighbor.

11. for all children who receive new families, that they would learn to love and respect their new family just as that family loves and provides for their physical, emotional, intellectual, educational and spiritual needs.

12. that all parents of adopted and foster children learn to deal patiently with them as they deal with the grief of losing all that they knew and loved.

13. for children in distress, that God would be their source of strength and hope. Pray that He would defend them from all danger and guard and protect them from every evil of body and soul.

The Lutheran Malaria Initiative is working to end malaria deaths in Africa. Among the most vulnerable are children and pregnant women.

INVolvEMENT IDEAS
• Visit www.lcms.org/rso to learn about Recognized Service Organizations and find ones working near you.
• Learn more about how you can support 1,001 Orphans at www.lcms.org/1001.
• Check out www.lcms.org/lmi to learn more about the Lutheran Malaria Initiative.
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14. for New Life Children’s Center in Canyon Lake, Texas, that they might continue to provide a safe haven and special trauma therapy for abused, neglected and troubled girls that are too disruptive to live in foster homes. Pray that God would give them a sense of hope and belonging as they learn to put their trust in Him.

15. for Krause Children’s Center in Katy, Texas, that their healing process and spiritual care would continue to positively change the lives of middle-aged boys and girls that receive their godly guidance and care.

16. for the BeREAL program in New Orleans, that they continue to provide transition services for the youth aging out of Louisiana’s foster-care system so that those kids might succeed and be prepared for the next chapter of their lives as they put their hope and trust in our changeless God.

17. for 1,001 Orphans, a program of the LCMS and its partners that is working to find families and provide spiritual care and education for orphaned and disadvantaged children in Kenya.

18. for Voice of Care in Illinois, a RSO of the LCMS, that God would continue to bless the developmentally disabled through their amazing staff and volunteers as they teach their clients about God’s Word and absolute love for them. Pray that they would continue to teach families and congregations that these beloved children of God are not a mistake.

19. that God would continue to open the hearts of Voice of Care workers during the sharing of His Word so that they, too, can be blessed even though many of them have to work during worship services and don’t always get to receive the gifts that He desires for them.

20. for the widows, that they might know You as their faithful bridegroom who will supply for their needs as they live out their lives in purity and prayer — being generous in Word and deed.

21. for the poor, that they might find true riches in Your Word and ways and be blessed by the generosity of others.

22. for the homeless, that they might find a warm and safe place to lay their heads, food for their bellies, hope for the future and rest in Your truth.

23. for the lonely, that they might find comfort in Your promises, fellowship in Your people and fulfillment as they love You and their neighbor.

24. for the unemployed, that they might find suitable and fulfilling employment, fair wages, encouraging support and the opportunity to share their time, talent and treasure with those in need.

25. for children who are missing, that they would look to You for their protection and every help in time of need. Keep them from danger, restore them to their families and give them peace.

26. for all Lutheran child and family service agencies and all Lutheran social service agencies that care for abused, neglected, misguided and abandoned children and youth.

27. for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, a RSO of the LCMS, that they might continue to help at-risk kids and their families to succeed in the name of Christ by providing a spiritual life program along with a holistic model of care to meet each child’s unique challenges and needs.

28. for Good Shepherd Lutheran Homes in the Dominican Republic. This organization operates a group home, which was established by LCMS missionaries and the local Lutheran church, that cares for six children with developmental disabilities.

29. for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities around the world, that they might be treated with respect and love as beloved children of their heavenly Father.

30. for the Lutheran Malaria Initiative, which is working to end malaria deaths in Africa. Nearly 700,000 people die each year from the disease, and most of them are children and pregnant women.