# Prayers to print – April 2023

*Any of the following prayers can be copied and pasted into your bulletins, social media, newsletters, e-mails, etc. to encourage members to pray for their synod’s ministry work.*

**April 2**

*Africa* – Jesus, Head of the Church, we praise you for our Christian fellowship with churches around the world including the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ in Kenya. Through these partnerships we can take the gospel to more people than we could alone. We ask you to bless our sister synods by our Christian encouragement, financial support, and theological training. Continue to guide us, Lord, as you open more doors for sharing your saving love with others around the world. Amen.

**April 9**

*St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, Saint Paul, Minn.* – Lord God, we praise you for opening the doors for the preaching of your life-giving gospel. When it seemed that doors to ministry were closing at St. John Lutheran in Saint Paul, Minn., due to hardships and vacancies, you were always guiding the church to new opportunities. We thank you for opening the door to Hispanic outreach at St. John. We also praise you for bringing Pastor Tim Otto to serve as bilingual pastor there. Bless his ministry among your people. If it is your will, allow this ministry to flourish as they connect with people in the community, so that many may find peace and salvation in Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

**April 16**

*Indonesia* – Lord God, we ask your blessing upon our synod’s mission work in Indonesia. By your grace alone, this group of 30 congregations served by 29 pastors continues to grow in their Christian faith and remain faithful to your saving Word. Bless the work of our mission counselor to Indonesia, Pastor Gregory Bey. Keep him safe in his travels. Guide him as he teaches and counsels the faculty and students who are preparing for ministry at their seminary. We also ask that you bless and increase the offerings of these congregations so that they may support their pastors in their work. Send your Holy Spirit to work through the means of grace in this mission and in all our world mission fields. Amen.

**April 23**

*Martin Luther College* – Lord Jesus, Martin Luther College has begun a new strategic plan called “Pursuing Excellence Under the Cross.” Grant that this effort to move their ministry forward may be a blessing to all those on campus and to the members of our synod. Through this plan, we ask that you send more workers into the harvest fields of our churches, schools, and communities. Amen.

**April 30**

*Lutheran Schools* – Lord of the Church, we praise you for the opportunities you have provided to preach and teach the gospel through our Lutheran schools. You have blessed enrollment with a 20-year high so that more students can sit at Jesus’ feet and learn from him. Keep these ministries focused on the mission you have given to preach the good news to all creation. As parents carry out their calling to train their children in your saving way, may our schools assist in this important task. Relieve stresses, remove divisions, and renew the zeal of your servants to care for your precious lambs. Also, bless the work of our synod’s Commission on Lutheran Schools, which supports and equips our Lutheran schools. Amen.