# Prayers to print –August 2017

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

**August 6**

*Christian Aid and Relief* – Our loving Savior, you are a God of law and justice; you are also a God of grace. We thank you that, through faith in Jesus, we have been liberated from guilt and fear and instead given the privilege of sharing your incredible love with others. Bless the work of WELS Christian Aid and Relief, through which our churches and members help one another as well as those in our communities or in mission fields. May our love, given as humanitarian aid or disaster relief, open hearts to hearing the ultimate love story about the work of Jesus. Amen.

**August 13**

*Vietnam* – Holy Spirit, what amazing work you have given us the privilege to be part of! We thank you that multi-cultural work with Hmong in the United States has led to open doors in Vietnam. Bless Pastor Bounkeo Lor as he leads efforts to teach law and gospel to 60 church leaders of more than 70,000 people. If it is your will, may this work progress to the point where WELS can join in fellowship with this body of believers. Thank you, as well, for the growth of this church body by 40 churches and 2,400 members since we have begun our training efforts. “Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise!” Amen.

**August 20**

*Lutheran Schools* – Father, Son, and Spirit, as classes resume in schools across our synod, we ask your blessing on the new school year. Accompany students as they begin the task of learning and growing. Feed their faith as well as their intellect and make their work a joyful gift of thanks to you. Grant our teachers patience, diligence, and wisdom, as they instruct and lead our future leaders. Bless the staff at each school with the desire to work for you with all their hearts. Let this whole year be a year lived to the glory of your name. Amen.

**August 27**

*Shepherd of the Valley, Westminster, Colo.* – Lord Jesus, send your Holy Spirit to guide and bless Shepherd of the Valley in Westminster, Colo., as they start a second campus in the new, growing community of Candelas. Bless the congregation as they call a pastor to lead outreach efforts at the new site even as they go about evangelism in the community now. Lord, draw your people to you, and help them to grow as your disciples. Amen.