# Prayers to print – December 2016

*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.*

**December 4**

*Reformation 500* – Lord of the church, we thank you for using Martin Luther to bring the truth of your Word – salvation by grace through faith – back to light in the church. Help us to make the most of this 500th anniversary of the Reformation to proclaim the gospel to those around us so they too can come out of the darkness to know freedom from sin through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Amen.

**December 11**

*Martin Luther College* – Lord Jesus, you are the one who blesses your church with workers who teach and preach your saving gospel. We are humbled that you have given our synod many generations of people who have sought to develop an excellent ministerial education system, and individuals with willing hearts to say, “Here I am. Send me.” Bless the 13 mid-year graduates at Martin Luther College this week, and be with them in every place and in the various ways that they shall serve you. Amen.

**December 18**

*Ethiopia* – Lord of all nations, your Word is truth. We are thrilled to see how your gospel has caused Christians in Ethiopia to seek others who share their same beliefs based on your unchanging Word. We are humbled that they have found that glorious, life-giving truth among the congregations of our synod. Bless the work of our synod’s Commission on Inter-Church Relations and our friends in Ethiopia as we move toward fellowship with them. Amen.

**December 25**

*Living Promise, Morristown, Tenn.* – Lord Jesus Christ, you have been generous and gracious to the people of Living Promise Lutheran Church in Morristown, Tenn. On October 30th, they dedicated a new worship building to the glory of your Name. Though spires and steeples may tumble and fall, your gospel message proclaimed in that sanctuary will stand forever. May this new building draw people to that message so that they may hear it and be saved. Amen.