# Prayers to print – December 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.*

**December 3***Home Missions* – Lord God, thank you for blessing WELS with 36 new or enhanced home missions in the last few years and for the enthusiastic core groups of members who helped initiate and grow these new congregations throughout North America. Please help us to see the evangelism opportunities you put before us and to help make those efforts successful. Amen.

**December 10**
*Indonesia* – Holy God, you seek people from every nation, tribe, language, and people. You sent your Son to sacrifice himself for all so that people everywhere might call on your name and be saved. We feel privileged to support those who proclaim your saving name to the people of Indonesia. Bless the teaching and the training there, so that they may be equipped with the tools and the love to go out to the many islands with your saving message. Amen.

**December 17***Martin Luther College* – Lord of the Harvest, the fields are always ripe and the need for workers is ever present. We praise you and bless your name that you have given young people the desire, talents, and tools to teach future generations of your wondrous love. Be with the 13 graduates who finished their work at Martin Luther College this week, and – according to your will – use them in your kingdom where they may serve you well. Keep our educational systems strong, and move even more to answer your call. Amen.

**December 24***WELS Mission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing* – Gracious Lord Jesus, you came into our world to free us from our sins. Help us overcome all obstacles to sharing this news with the world. Bless our ministries to the deaf and hard of hearing, including congregations that offer sign language interpreters at their services. May your salvation be known by any means possible, so that all may know your saving love. Amen.

**December 31***Mexico* – Heavenly Father, you sent holy angels to proclaim our Savior’s birth to simple shepherds. Now you send your people to share Jesus with others. We thank you for the opportunities in Mexico to proclaim the praises of the Christ Child. Bless our endeavors to use the Internet to continue to move that message to more people than we ever could ever reach face to face. Give health and safety to all who go forward to proclaim your name, so that all the residents of Mexico may know the saving peace of Mary’s Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.