# Prayers to print – January 2020

*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.*

**January 5**

*WELS* – Lord, when we pause to reflect on the past year, we are astounded at your blessings. We praise your Holy Spirit for moving members to be involved with ministry at their own congregations, in mission fields, and as part of our synod’s disaster relief efforts. We thank you for increased enrollment at our ministerial education schools. We glorify you for opening doors for us to connect with people around the world so that we can bring the gospel to more people than we ever could have planned. Please bless us in 2020 as we continue to strive to be good stewards of your kingdom. Amen.

**January 12**

*President Schroeder* – Holy Spirit, none of us deserves to be a part of your kingdom, let alone called to serve you, yet you have given us this privilege. We ask you to continue to be with Rev. Mark Schroeder as he guides our earthly affairs as president of our synod for another term. Give him zeal, strength, and wisdom to point us in the right direction as we support him with our labors and prayers. Increase your kingdom through our humble efforts. Amen.

**January 19**

*Lutheran Leadership Conference* – Father of all, some things never change: our sinful nature and actions, and your forgiveness despite our wicked actions. At this week’s synodwide Lutheran Leadership Conference, give the attendees new ways to share your Good News with a sin-sick world. We pledge to continue to reach out to the lost since you have given us that commission. Bless both presenters and listeners. Amen.

**January 26**

*Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary* – Lord Jesus, Head of the Church, we ask you to guide this time of transition at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary as new men are called to replace several long-time professors. Prof. Richard Gurgel will be leaving the seminary to serve as president of Martin Luther College beginning this summer. Prof. James Tiefel retired at the end of 2019, and Prof. John Brenner plans to retire in June 2021. By your Spirit call for these positions the men you have in mind and be with them as they help train our future pastors. Amen.