# Prayers to print – March 2019

*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.*

**March 3***Mission Journeys program* – Lord Jesus, by your Great Commission you directed us to go and make disciples. Make us eager to do that. Bless programs like WELS Mission Journeys, which provides the opportunity for WELS members to take a short trip to help with ministry at a WELS home or world mission. Fill participants with your Spirit so that they bring home with them the joy and enthusiasm for witnessing your salvation to others. Amen.

**March 10***MLC staff ministry program* – Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for all the called workers you provide to our congregations through our ministerial education schools. Today we especially thank you for providing staff ministers through the staff ministry program at Martin Luther College over the past 25 years. Continue to use this program to educate Christian men and women in the Scriptures and to train them for service in the public ministry. Provide opportunities to staff ministry graduates that bless our congregations and benefit your kingdom. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**March 17***Forward in Christ magazine* – Lord Jesus, *Forward in Christ* is one of the tools our synod uses to encourage people with your Word and promises. Give each of the authors and editors wisdom in their writing. Use their work to bring glory and honor to your holy name. Let the articles and stories in the magazine enlighten its readers with understanding and faith. Inspire subscribers to share it with others. Increase its readership and bless more people through it. Amen.

**March 24***Ascension, Harrisburg, Pa.* – Dear Lord, by your grace, you have allowed the gospel to be shared at Ascension Lutheran Church in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for more than 40 years. Bless the congregation with a new pastor and reinvigorate the people in their ministry. Send your Holy Spirit to strengthen them. Remind them that your Word never returns empty but always accomplishes what you desire. Give them courage and confidence to share the Savior with their friends and neighbors. Bless their efforts, Lord. Amen.

**March 31***Christian giving counselors* – Lord, our Provider, who are we that you have blessed us so richly and given us the opportunity to participate in your Great Commission through the stewardship of your gifts? We thank you for WELS Christian giving counselors who provide guidance to us in carrying out our charitable goals. We ask you to bless our synod’s new giving counselors, Rev. Thomas Mielke in the Northern Wisconsin District and Rev. Daniel Wagenknecht in the South Atlantic and South Central Districts. Fill them with your Spirit so that their service—and our fruits of faith—are pleasing to you. Amen.