# Prayers to print – March 2023

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

**March 5**

*Christian Aid and Relief* – Lord Jesus, you demonstrated compassion for us during your time on earth—resolving people’s physical problems while solving their much bigger spiritual problem. May we imitate you as we see the needs of hurting people around us and help them. We thank you for WELS Christian Aid and Relief’s coordination of disaster relief efforts and for moving so many people to give and volunteer in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian and other disasters. Use our love for others as a witness of your love for us and an opening to share the good news of your forgiveness and eternal life. Amen.

**March 12**

*Ministerial Education* – Lord of the Church, you have entrusted us with the responsibility of making disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching with your gospel in Word and sacraments. Open our eyes to see the need for workers in our church. Inspire young people to consider a career as a pastor, teacher, staff minister, or missionary. Provide parents with the words to encourage their children to consider full-time ministry. Help our synod and congregations to best utilize the workers with whom we are blessed and move us to value them and their ministries. Use us, Lord, to share the good news of salvation in Christ Jesus in our communities and to the ends of the earth. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**March 19**

*Youth Ministry* – Heavenly Father, thank you for blessing the WELS Youth Nights that have been organized across our church body. Give the leaders joy in their service. Provide them with wisdom as they make an impact in the lives of our teenagers with your Son’s law and gospel. Send your Holy Spirit into the hearts of the teens who participate. Strengthen their faith in your promises and let them build strong friendships rooted in their love for the Savior. Let these youth nights remain Christ-centered and use them to bring others to faith. Amen.

**March 26**

*The Refuge Ev. Lutheran Church, Durham, N.C.* – Dear Lord, by your grace you opened the door to home mission work at The Refuge in Durham, North Carolina. Be with your people in that setting and remove obstacles that stand in the way of their work. Provide wisdom in their decision-making and help them further the sharing of your good news in their community. Bless them with all the resources they need to fulfill their God-pleasing plans. Motivate members with the joy of salvation in Christ their Savior and bless them with your Spirit. Remind them that your Word never returns to you empty, so their efforts are never in vain. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.