# Prayers to print – May 2018

*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.*

**May 6***The Springs, Sparks, Nev.* – Jesus, the Rock of our faith, we praise you that, despite difficulty and opposition, your kingdom continues to spread. Thank you for blessing the combination of local outreach efforts and synodical resources to bring home missions to new areas. We pray that the multiplying of souls and churches continues in the Reno area and across the world. Amen.

**May 13***Puerto Rico* – Gracious God, today we ask your blessing upon the new disaster response coordinator, Rev. Larry W. Schlomer, called to serve and work with the pastors of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Church of Puerto Rico. May this pastor bring the comfort of the gospel to the people of this hurricane-devastated island as he helps identify and prioritize specific needs, plans construction and repair projects, and coordinates volunteer efforts. Bless also his efforts in overseeing the continuing theological training for two men whose training was interrupted by Hurricane Maria last fall. May all he does be done to your praise and to the glory of your name. Amen.

**May 20***Ministerial education schools* – Father in heaven, today we ask your blessing upon all those who graduate this month from our synodical schools: Martin Luther College, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Luther Preparatory School, and Michigan Lutheran Seminary. Bless these graduates as they enter a new phase of their lives as your witnesses, especially those receiving divine calls into the public ministry. May your wisdom and strength be with them in all that they do for the glory of your name. Amen.

**May 27***Missions counselor* – Dear Lord, today we include in our prayers Pastor Matthew Vogt, who this past winter accepted the call to serve as a WELS mission counselor. Bless the work of the mission counselor teams as they strive to stay on top of current cultural trends, help district mission boards explore new opportunities, provide training and counsel for new missionaries, and work with mission congregations—all for the good of your kingdom and in praise of your holy name. May Pastor Vogt’s passion for the loss emulate that of our Savior and be visible to all. Amen.