## UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD GLOBAL MISSION INTECESSORY PRAYERS

## APRIL THROUGH JUNE, 2025

## Lutheran World Relief

April 6: We pray this day for the work of Lutheran World Relief—for the aid they provide in emergencies and for the help they give to families to restore lives. Empower us, O God, to support their work of tackling the cycle of poverty so that families and communities around the world can thrive. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

### Young Adults in Global Mission

April 13: God of transforming love, we thank you for those who are serving this year as Young Adults in Global Mission. Continue to bless them in their serving, as they become the hands and feet of Jesus to provide critical support to ministries and projects to communities in need. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

### **Companion Synods**

April 20: On this Day of Resurrection, we raise our shouts of "Hallelujah!" with our siblings in Christ in our companion synods: the Lutheran Church in Liberia and the Ansbach-Wurzburg Kirchenkreis in Germany. Continue to bless and strengthen our partnerships with new opportunities to learn about one another and to celebrate the oneness of our faith in Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. God of grace, hear our prayer.

## Camp Mount Luther

April 27: Lord God, we thank all the generous contributors to the Camp Mt. Luther Foundations for the Future Campaign. May the campers and staff enjoy the privacy of their new bathhouse this summer. Direct us as we continue to support and pray for our young campers, as they are our future. And when they return home, bless them in their sharing of their camping experience with others. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

## **Global Health Ministry**

May 4: We give thanks to you, O God, for the work of Global Health Ministry. May their focus on leadership training, offering medical supplies and helping grassroot efforts improve the health and livelihood of all the vulnerable people in your kingdom. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

## Lutheran World Federation

May 11: Lord God, you knit your people into one body through our baptism into Jesus Christ. We pray for our companionship with Lutherans around the globe, members of the Lutheran World Federation, who work to proclaim your grace to all people. Bless our work together through this federation of churches, so that we may put our faith into action through humanitarian and development work, advocacy and dialog. May our work impact the lives of many and give glory to your name. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

# Companion Synod Sunday

May 18: As we celebrate this "Companion Synod Sunday" across our Upper Susquehanna Synod, unite us, O God, in our accompaniment journey with the Lutheran Church in Liberia and the Ansbach-Wurzburg Kirchenkreis in Germany. Open and expand our communication one with another, so that we can learn from each other how to spread your Good News of salvation through our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

# Global Refuge

May 25: God, our refuge and strength, since 1918 you have moved and empowered Lutheran Church organizations in the United States to welcome the stranger, especially those displaced from their home countries by war, persecution or natural and economic disasters. This ministry continues now as Global Refuge. Bless them in their commitment to speak out boldly and to stand up for the just treatment of those seeking safety and refuge here. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

## Seafarers International

June 1: God of land and sea, we thank you for the ministry of the Seafarers International House and its port chaplains. Continue to bless their work with mariners who work for long months away from their families and who face many risks at sea. Use this ministry to provide them with a safe haven, respite, and whatever else they might need. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

## Synod Assembly

June 8: Gracious God, we ask your blessing upon our Upper Susquehanna Synod as voting members from our congregations gather in assembly this coming weekend. Guide Bishop Miller and all those who will lead this gathering. Continue to bless all those who serve on our synod's ministry teams as they strive to share your Good News in this corner of your Kingdom and beyond. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

### Camp Mount Luther

June 15: As the 2025 Camp Mt. Luther camping season begins, we pray that the leaders and counselors will be filled with the Holy Spirit. May they be examples for their campers by showing love, patience, kindness and acceptance to those under their care, so that their Camp Mt. Luther experience will remain in their hearts as they share it with others and encourage them to experience it too. God of grace, hear our prayer.

### Young Adults in Global Mission

June 22: Compassionate God, we pray for your continued blessings upon those who have served and those who are preparing to serve as Young Adults in Global Mission. Continue to use them as your instruments of compassion as they minister to people and communities in the United Kingdom, Central Europe, West Africa, Southeast Asia and Central and South America. God of grace, hear our prayer.

#### Missionaries

June 29: God of all, you often call your children to leave their homes to serve you and your people in far away places. Bless the work of those who serve as missionaries for your Gospel. We lift up especially the Rev. Brian Palmer, serving with the Lutheran Church in Liberia, and the Rev. Bridget Gautieri, serving at the ELCA Wittenberg Center in Germany. Keep them steadfast in their faith and in the work that you have given them to do. God of grace, hear our prayer.