



**100
MISSIONS
IN 10 YEARS**
WELS HOME MISSIONS 2023-2033

12 days of Christmas prayers

Day 1: *St. Peter, Milwaukee, Wis.*

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” This confession by St. Peter is the foundation of the Church and the solid rock upon which believers build their lives. Lord, empower the members and ministers of St. Peter/San Pedro Lutheran Church in Milwaukee as they reach out to their neighbors who come from many backgrounds. Give them joy as they work together as brothers and sisters to bring many more to build their lives on Christ, who is the solid rock. Amen.

Day 2: *New mission in Conroe, Tex.*

Dear Lord, thank you for moving WELS Board for Home Missions to choose Conroe, Texas, near Houston, as a new home mission start, and for moving the hearts of saints at Abiding Word, Houston, Texas, to help launch this new congregation. Use Christ’s good news in Word and sacraments to lead many souls in this fifth-fastest-growing city in the United States to come to faith in you. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Day 3: *New mission in Canton, Ga.*

Savior Jesus, you send us to go and make disciples of all nations. Thank you for allowing WELS Board for Home Missions to approve 12 new home mission requests. We pray specifically for the new home mission effort in Canton, Ga., and thank you that Rev. Cale Mead has accepted the call to be the pastor of this mission. Bless the congregation as they reach out with the gospel in this fast-growing suburb of Atlanta to bring more souls into your kingdom. Amen.

Day 4: *New mission in Wichita, Kan.*

Lord Jesus, we praise you for growing your Church through the good news of Jesus in Word and sacraments for the benefit of all people. Thank you for the generous offerings of your people that allow our synod to support new mission starts. We pray for Messiah Lutheran Church in Wichita, Kan., as they open a new mission on the east side of the city where the population is expected to grow by ten percent over the next ten years. Send your Holy Spirit through your means of grace and move your people to invite those you want to reach to drink of the living water of Jesus Christ that fully satisfies our spirits. Amen.

Day 5: *Hope, Toronto, Canada*

Lord Jesus, you said that in heaven there will be a multitude of people from every nation, tribe, people, and language. We praise you that we already get to see this amazing phenomenon play out in our churches today including at Hope Lutheran Church in Toronto, Canada. This mission congregation serves a city that is half populated by first generation immigrants from all over the world. Thanks for giving this mission unity and joy in their faith. May their international connections help them to reach family and friends across the world with your precious gospel spoken by trusted lips. Amen.

Day 6: *New mission in Windsor, Colo.*

Dear Father in heaven, by your gracious Word you have called us out of the darkness of unbelief into the light of faith in Jesus and made us a part of your family. This is not of ourselves, so we can't boast. We pray that your Word will continue to reach souls and bring them into your kingdom by the Spirit's power. We pray especially for the outreach efforts in Windsor, Colo., that you would open hearts to the gospel message, give growth to the small group of believers there and, if it is your will, help them to establish a congregation so that more may be brought to your truth. We pray this through Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Day 7: *Grace Hmong, Kansas City, Kan.*

Dear Jesus, as you continue to grow your church of believers here on this earth, we thank you for the blessings you've bestowed on the saints at Grace Hmong Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Kansas. Guide them in their efforts to continue bringing your law and gospel to the Hmong community. Provide their pastor, Ger Lor, with wisdom and health in leading this flock to follow you. Bless them and their ongoing efforts to make improvements to their facility as they reach out to the lost with the gospel, all to the glory of your name. Amen.

Day 8: *The Vine, Joplin, Mo.*

Lord of the Church, we thank you for the blessings you continue to bestow upon The Vine Lutheran Church, our WELS home mission in Joplin, Mo. Your grace is evident in their Mornings with Mommy program, in the number of families currently enrolled in their Bible information class, and in their recent Easter Fun for Families event. Bless them with an evangelistic zeal to continue sharing your saving message, fully trusting that your timeline is always good and that your Word always accomplishes the purpose for which it is sent. Amen.

Day 9: *Christ our Savior, Collinsville, Ill.*

Dear Lord, by your grace, you opened the door to mission work at Christ Our Savior in Collinsville, Ill. Be with your people. Remove obstacles that stand in the way of their work. Provide wisdom in their decision-making and help them further the gospel in their community. Bless them with all the resources they need to fulfill their God-pleasing plans. Motivate them with the joy of salvation in Christ their Savior and bless them with your Spirit. Amen.

Day 10: *Beautiful Savior, Fayetteville, N. C.*

Heavenly Father, thank you for blessing our WELS home mission, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Fayetteville, N.C., with a new worship space. Bless Missionary Tom Glende and his family as they serve the souls from the nearby military base as well as the many colleges near them. Instill in the members of Beautiful Savior a fervor for reaching the lost with Christ's good news. Bless the congregation's events and activities as they strive to intersect the lives of people with the gospel of Jesus. Open the hearts of the lost to receive the message of forgiveness with faith so that even more people will build their lives on Jesus, their beautiful Savior. Amen.

Day 11: *Mission Counselors*

Lord of the Church, we thank you for opportunities to share the Good News in new mission fields. Bless all our six WELS mission counselors as they work together with our home missionaries. Give them zeal to inspire the missionaries whom they serve and wisdom to guide them in their ministries. Give them joy in their work and use them to bring more believers into your kingdom. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Day 12: *100 Missions in 10 Years*

Lord, you know that countless souls are still searching for the peace that transcends all understanding. You have commissioned us to find the lost and have equipped us with your Word and Sacraments and

your faithful promises. You assure us that you are able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine. Confident of these truths, we humbly and boldly ask for your rich blessing upon the 100 missions in 10 years initiative. Bless our current missionaries and the fields that they serve. Provide ample manpower, money, and ministry resources. Grant wisdom, strength, perseverance, and joy to all involved in this effort.

In all we do, move all of us to see and do our part in spreading the gospel so that more may know your saving peace, all to your glory. Amen.