

**Friday** – Pray for God to richly bless everyone through His Word:

**Bible Classes:** Pray for our teachers—*Pastor, Dr. Giessler, Jerry Huttner, Brian Zeleznikar* and all students; **pray for** ♦thorough preparation, ♦life-long learning, and ♦faithful application.

**Young Adults:** Give thanks for our active young adults; pray for God’s *blessing* and *guidance* on our new Young Adults Group.

**Youth:** Pray for the LORD to send us more families with youth; then for guidance so that we can be an eternal blessing to them.

**Sunday School:** Pray for our ♦director—*Lisa Powell*, ♦teachers—*Kathy Green, Hannah Hlavacek, Cat Liptak, Lisa Powell, Kate Seitz*, ♦staffed nursery workers, and ♦students; **pray for** ✓thorough preparation, ✓faithful parents, ✓lesson reinforcement during the week, and ✓faithful application.

**Saturday** – Prepare for Sunday and reach out to others:

**People who Prepare For and/or Serve on Sunday:** Pray for God’s blessing on the *preparation* and *faithful service* of the ♦custodian, ♦altar guild, ♦teachers, ♦choir, ♦organist, ♦nursery, ♦ushers, ♦distribution assistants, and ♦pastor.

**Our Stephen Ministers:** Pray for Alan Carlson, Jerry Huttner, Dee Kaderbek, and Millie Sluka; if you are in need—*go to them and be blessed through them*; if others are in need—*mention BLC’s Stephen Ministry Program to them*.

**Personal Preparation for Divine Service:** Do the following to get ready:

1. Choose which service you will attend; you have promised to do so *AND the LORD wants to richly bless you!*
2. Read the assigned Scripture Readings in advance. As you read, take some notes or mark key phrases, verses; then bring your Bible.
3. Prepare to receive the Lord’s Supper by reviewing Luther’s Christian Questions with Their Answers (Luther’s Small Catechism, pages 40-44).
4. Call someone you haven’t seen for a while; then invite that person to attend and ♦offer a ride or ♦offer to sit together.

**Outreach:** Get familiar with these resources: sermons, brochures, “How Good is good enough” book, and “Evolution versus God” DVD (available in our narthex / by our main entrance); then ♦offer those resources to others, ♦refer them to our website: [www.BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com](http://www.BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com), ♦invite them to attend with you, ♦offer a ride, or ♦meet at our main entrance!

## My Daily Prayer Guide

Revised on January 14, 2014

- ➔ Keep this folder with your Bible and Devotional Booklet.
- ➔ Keep the current Weekly News and other prayer requests inside.
- ➔ Follow this folder to bless your conversations with the LORD.
- ➔ Call Nancy (440-886-2089) to start a prayer through the BLC chain.
- ➔ For the latest Weekly News: [www.BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com](http://www.BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com)

**A Good Way to Begin Our Prayers** (note **a-c-t-s**; use all or part of this section):

1. **Dear God:** I **adore** you for being eternal, unchangeable, all-powerful, all-knowing, present everywhere, holy, just, faithful, good, merciful, and gracious (Luther’s Small Catechism, 105-107)!
2. I **confess** that I have sinned against You and others *in* my thoughts, *by* my words, and *with* my deeds; I have fallen far short of Your will for my life; please forgive me ([Rom. 3:10](#); [3:20](#); [3:23](#); [1 John 1:9](#))!
3. I **thank** You ♦for creating me and loving me, ♦for sending Your Son to take my sins and my punishment, ♦for Your wonderful gift of forgiveness through Jesus, and ♦for providing all that I need ([Acts 17:24-31](#); [John 3:16](#); [Isaiah 53:4-10](#); [Acts 24:46-47](#); [1 John 1:7](#); [Rom. 8:32](#); [Phil. 4:19](#))!
4. Please **supply** me with ♦love for Your Holy Word, ♦strength to put off my old self and put on my new self, ♦concern for the needs of all people, and ♦desire to glorify You in all I say and do ([Ps. 143:8](#); [Eph. 4:22-24](#); [Mark 12:28-31](#); [Matt. 5:16](#); [1 Cor. 10:31](#))!

**Sunday** – Pray for ♦yourself, ♦family members, ♦friends, and ♦the person you are planning to invite; **pray that attendance** at Divine Service and Bible Class / Sunday School **is a high priority for all of these reasons:**

1. To hear, understand, believe, and apply God’s Holy Word!
2. To grow in repentance – *thus in sorrow for sins and confidence in Jesus’ sinless life and sacrificial death for the forgiveness of all sins!*
3. To be certain of God’s forgiveness and His will in every circumstance!
4. To follow through on confirmation vows: To ♦hear the Word of God and receive the Lord’s Supper faithfully, ♦live according to the Word of God, and ♦continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it.

**Most Sundays:** Divine Service 8; Classes & Nursery 9:30; DS & Nursery 10:45

**Most Mondays:** DS at 7 PM (*NOT during Advent & Lent*)

**Some Wednesdays:** DS at 11 AM & 7 PM (*ONLY during Advent and Lent*)

**Monday** – Pray for good priorities, other people, and Deuteronomy 6:6-9:

**Good Priorities:** God (**know Him through His Word; honor Him by living His Word**); spouse; children; job; extended family, friends; etc. May God enable us to pass through *things temporal* without losing the *things eternal!*

**Family Members** (spouse, children, grandchildren, extended family, etc.): Pray for them spiritually, physically, etc. List some of them here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Neighbors, Friends, Co-Workers:** Pray for ♦your relationship with them, ♦their needs, and ♦their relationship with Jesus. List some here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Young Families:** Pray for the growth of parents in living Deuteronomy 6:6-9, *thus being the primary faith-shapers of their children* by helping them **know** and **faithfully live** God’s Word. List some here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tuesday** – Weekly News: [www.BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com](http://www.BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com)

**Use the current Weekly News:** Pray for faithful participation in ♦attending our services, ♦attending our activities, and ♦serving as gifted.

**Salvation:** Use a “**Pray for Others to Be Saved**” bookmark (*available by our main entrance*) to pray for people who *do not yet* know Jesus; write their names at the top; then pray! Add others here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Marriages:** Pray that each one would be ♦built on God’s Word, ♦centered in Christ, and ♦powered by the Holy Spirit. Give thanks for good ones; pray for struggling ones, list them here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Federal, State, and Local Leaders:** Pray for the *repentance* and *faithful service* of our president, governor, mayor, and others; then let us be grateful citizens.

**Armed Forces:** Pray that the LORD would grant ♦strength, ♦courage, and ♦protection; that all would serve with honor; that all military families would have their needs met and the support of others.

**Employment:** Pray for those who are in need; list them here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday** – Weekly News: [www.BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com](http://www.BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com)

**Use the current Weekly News:** Pray for all requests, needs, and people listed on the prayer page.

**People with Prolonged Suffering:** Pray for ♦God’s grace to endure and ♦God’s help to be a positive witness in every circumstance. List them here: \_\_\_\_\_

**People who are Mourning:** Pray for ♦God’s comfort and peace, ♦growth in Christ, ♦trust in the LORD to provide, and ♦a blessed anticipation of eternal life through Jesus. Possibly refer them to a Stephen Minister. List them here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mission Work:** Pray for ♦good health, ♦protection, ♦faithful service, and ♦God’s powerful work through His Word, especially for Pastor May and Family—*LIA*, Dr. Giessler—*Team Jesus*, Pastor Igor, and, \_\_\_\_\_.

**Persecuted Christians:** Pray for ♦perseverance, ♦patience, and ♦a good witness to others – *even in the midst of great suffering!*

**Thursday** – Pray for our congregation, leaders, families, and childcare center:

**Church Members:** Pray for everyone on one page of the current Church Directory (we do a new NON-pictorial directory every year; contact the church office for a current copy), *even personally contact someone for whom you pray.*

**Leadership Team:** Pray that they **know** and **follow** God’s will in every circumstance. Coordinator: Dr. Giessler; Asst. Coordinator: Ken Fraiberg; Receivables: Natalia Ford; Treasurer: Jim Schabel; Worship: Rand Stender; Care: Millie Sluka; Education: Kate Seitz; Childcare: \_\_\_\_\_; Outreach: Tami Taylor; Fellowship: Eileen Kovach; Building: Terry Tomasch; Grounds: \_\_\_\_\_

**Be a Teammate:** How is the LORD calling you to serve at Bethlehem?

**Parents, Youth, and Children:** Pray for ♦sorrow for sin, ♦faith in Jesus as Savior, ♦daily spiritual nourishment from the Bible, ♦Christian living, ♦serving as gifted, and ♦the blessing of Christian friends.

**Bethlehem Family Childcare:** Pray for ♦ Tricia Wise—*our director*, ♦success spiritually—*so that all involved are brought to or strengthened in Jesus*, and ♦success financially—*so that our revenue is consistently equal to or greater than our expenses.*