

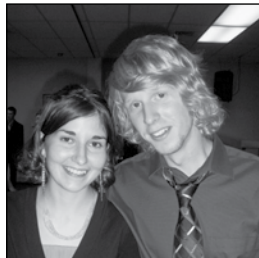
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a call to prayer for the ministry of the

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Dear Prayer Team of CLBI,

Well, the halls are all quiet now. The students have left for the summer, the staff is breathing a collective sigh of relief and the renovation crew isn't quite ready to start.

Graduation was truly a time of celebrating the goodness of God and the growth of every student in their faith in Jesus Christ. Nearly 400 people gathered both on banquet night and at the graduation ceremonies to give praise and thanks to God for His work in these young lives. Our gracious God answered your prayers. Thank you for drawing near to the throne of grace and interceding on our behalf.

Answered prayer often reminds me of a story told about Gladys Aylward, missionary to China, in her biography, *The Little Woman*. At one point in her ministry she led 100 orphaned children over the mountains to get to safety, only to be turned back at a broad river by news that soldiers were expected, and that they would have to return to the mountains. Gladys was exhausted, and overwhelmed, not knowing what to do.

A twelve-year-old reminded the teacher of the story of Moses that she had taught them, and said, "Moses parted the water, so let's just pray for God to part the water, and we'll walk across!" but she was told, "Your teacher isn't Moses." "But God is still God!" was her answer, and she prayed for God to part the waters. When her prayer was over, a ferryboat whistle sounded, as it came to bring them all to safety.

One of the children remarked, "God could have parted the waters, but He knew we were too tired to walk across, so he sent us a boat instead!"

When prayer is answered, our faith grows and we sense in a greater way the reality of God in our lives. We begin to believe that God can heal, that He can change a nation, or that He really can forgive my sins. After all, that is our greatest need, right?

Please join us in prayer for the summer ministries of CLBI – the classes being offered, the renovations planned, the summer teams serving across the prairies, and the staff teaching, preaching and recharging at summer camps. Remember to call out to God to fill the dorms once again in the fall and to supply our every need, whether physical, emotional, or financial. Your partnership in this ministry is so exciting.

As you pray, and wonder at how God will use CLBI in His greater plan, consider this: "Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the apples in a seed!"

Wishing you a blessed and restful summer,

Rev. Harold Rust, President

Monday, June 1

God of Truth, bless Dr. David Veum, President of the Lutheran Brethren Seminary as he teaches "Effective Preaching of Law and Gospel" at CLBI. Give him the wisdom and the words, that he would say what You want him to say.

Tuesday, June 2

Lord, grant us Your wisdom as we go through this day. Help us with any decisions we have to make in our lives. Let us hear Your voice and feel Your presence today as we search for direction through Your Word.

Wednesday, June 3

Thank You Lord, for the gift of music. Bless Arlen Salte as he leads worship at CLBI today. Bless he and Elsa in all the aspects of their ministry at Break Forth -Canada.

Thursday, June 4

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the opportunity to have classes running at the school this summer. Bless Dr. Lowell Stime as he wraps up his teaching on "Living Personalities of the Old Testament" during this week of CLBI Abbreviated.

Friday, June 5

Gracious Lord, You have blessed the school so greatly with the leadership of Pastor Harold Rust. Be with him on his birthday and give him Your joy and strength in the upcoming year. Also, please bless Ben Rude today, as it is his birthday too. May this coming year be especially wonderful for him.

Saturday, June 6

Father, we pray Your special blessing on Darcy Albers, Foundations staff member, and Sandra Miller, our office administrator, as they celebrate their birthdays today. Meet them with Your grace, peace and love as they look to a new year.

Sunday, June 7

Matthew 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God." Lord, we thank You for this day to worship You. Purify our hearts that we may see You and worship You in spirit and in truth.

Monday, June 8

We pray for wisdom and discernment for Rev. Michael Bradley, President of the Masters Institute, as he teaches "A Vision for the Church: Being a Safe Place for the Dangerous Kind." Bless all who participate in this inspiring class.

Tuesday, June 9

O God, we thank You for Your mercies new this morning. We especially pray for Jonny, Marina and Aimee Aicken as they resettle in Canada after a fruitful ministry with WMPL in Mongolia. Meet them this day with Your grace and love. Lead them as they prepare for a shared ministry between WMPL and CLBI.

Wednesday, June 10

Father, may Your kingdom come and Your will be done in all our lives this day. We praise and thank You for all the work You've done in us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Thursday, June 11

Lord, we pray that You will bless our federal government as they make decisions regarding our failing economy. Father we pray that You comfort those who have already lost their jobs. Use these circumstances to show the world once more that You are Jehovah Jireh, our Provider.

Friday, June 12

Lord Jesus we ask You to bless alumni, Nathan Sorenson and Megan Scott as they are united in marriage tomorrow in Viking, AB.

Saturday, June 13

Father, bless Lucas Pinno as he celebrates his birthday today. Give him a special measure of joy and happiness that he would know he is loved and cared for.

Sunday, June 14

"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with Your God." Micah 6:8. Father, we pray that You bless Mary Ettner today, on her birthday. Remind her just how much You love her.

Monday, June 15

O God, please remember Living Water International as they continue the work of supplying the world's poor and needy people with life sustaining fresh water. Multiply their resources that whole villages might have both fresh and Living Water.

Tuesday, June 16

Father, we lift up the students in High School entering exam time right about now. We ask that You would encourage them, give them sharp minds, and give them rest.

Wednesday, June 17

Lord, we thank You for the beauty and joy that summer brings after a long winter. It is a blessing to see Your creativity through the intricacy of nature.

Thursday, June 18

Father, we pray a blessing on Rob Lewis and his ministry with the World Mission Prayer League as he prepares locations for the IMPACT teams going out in January 2010.

Friday, June 19

Jesus, we thank You that each day is new. Give us new energy and wisdom as we enter today. Fill us with as passion to love people in ways that are tangible, meaningful and that communicate the truth of Your Good News.

Saturday, June 20

Father, we pray a very special blessing on Haley Christiansen as she celebrates her birthday. Fill her with great joy! We also lift up Jonathan Scrivens and Kaylyn Isaak as they join their lives together in Saskatoon today.

Sunday, June 21

Lord, we give thanks for our fathers on this day. Be with them and their families as they celebrate. Psalm 103:13-"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."

Monday, June 22

Be with the CLBI Summer Teams as they start planning and training to go out and minister to at Bible Camps and Vacation Bible Schools. Help them come together and bond as a group, even as they learn ministry skills.

Tuesday, June 23

Guide Rev. Brad Soenksen as he teaches "Biblical Interpretation" to a group of pastors and students this week at CLBI. May the Holy Spirit give them a passion for Your Word and a conviction that Your Word is truth (John 17:17).

Wednesday, June 24

O God, we ask that you will bless Heidi Osterwalder on her birthday. Keep her in good health and fill her with great joy as she mothers her 4 children and as she works alongside Jeremy to disciple many students each year.

Thursday, June 25

Be with all the Alberta Lutheran Bible Camp staff as they attend JST (Joint Staff Training). Be with them as they share these days of training, study, and good fun together in Jesus' Name.

Friday, June 26

Father, today we pray a blessing upon Melissa Skretting and Andrea Labrecque as they celebrate their birthdays. Let them see Your love through their families and friends. Fill their hearts with joy and expectation as they marvel at Your blessings.

Saturday, June 27

Send Your loving protection to surround us, O God, as we continue another day in Your service. Show us those who may need a word of encouragement or to be lifted up in prayer.

Sunday, June 28

Psalm 27:1 "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Monday, June 29

Today Lord, we pray for Your blessing of safety as the CLBI Summer Teams leave to Valley View and Elbow Bible Camps. Let this be an experience that allows them to impact many young believers in a positive way with the Gospel.

Tuesday, June 30

Father, thank You for Your blessing on CLBI and for allowing its ministry to continue in Your name as this fiscal year comes to a close. Your people have been so generous; a reflection of their relationship with a very generous God!

Wednesday, July 1

Lord, as Canada turns 142 years today we pray for guidance. Bless our leaders as they make decisions that affect us all. May Canada take a leading role in humanitarian relief around the world in Your name. Bring revival to our land, O God.

Thursday, July 2

Heavenly Father, we pray that the Summer Team in Elbow, SK will have an impact today on both children and adults alike as they share the Word of Christ.

Friday, July 3

Father, bless our friend, Pat Lewis (World Mission Prayer League), on this special day as she celebrates her birthday. Fill her day with peace and joy as she rests in the promises of Your Word.

Saturday, July 4

God would You move in a powerful way "south of the border" as our brothers and sisters in the United States celebrate Independence Day. Bring revival and healing to this very influential nation.

Sunday, July 5

Thank You Lord that we live in a free country. Help us not to take it for granted but use every opportunity to share the Gospel in Word and deed.

Monday, July 6

Father, one Summer Team is at the Valley View Bible Camp in southern Saskatchewan. Give them good health during this week and in all the days ahead. Grant them the courage to be ambassadors for Christ all through the week.

Tuesday, July 7

Father, today we lift up the Summer Team running a VBS in Tofield, Alberta. Give them all the strength and energy they need to do Your work.

Wednesday, July 8

Lord God, on this day remember the country of Mongolia and all the wonderful people spreading Your love in a land of need. Strengthen the growing number of believers to continue in the path of righteousness as they study Your Word.

Thursday, July 9

Dear Lord, we thank You today for Darby Murphy, a testimony of Your grace and a real servant for Your kingdom. Give him the strength and wisdom he needs this week as he speaks at the Elbow Bible Camp as well as all the ministry he is doing this summer.

Friday, July 10

Wonderful Savior, thank You for the various summer ministries You work through each year. Thank You for all the wonderful people You put in place to keep these ministries going and for all they do in the lives of many.

Saturday, July 11

Heavenly Father, thank You for these summer days and all the joy they bring. Keep us all safe and healthy in order to soak in Your beautiful creation as much as we can.

Sunday, July 12

Psalm 18: 1 & 2 "I love you, O Lord, my strength, The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer. My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."

Monday, July 13

Father God, please bless the CLBI Summer Team this week while they are at Nelson Lake Bible Camp. Give them energy to serve with joy this week.

Tuesday, July 14

Dear God, we pray for the other CLBI Summer Team serving at Simmie Bible Camp this week. Bless their time there and the people they meet. May there be much fruit created through the faithful ministry of Your Word.

Wednesday, July 15

Lord, bless Selina Dahl on her birthday today. We pray that you would continue to watch over her as she works hard this summer and throughout this next year.

Thursday, July 16

Pastor Harold is at Hastings Lake Lutheran Bible Camp this week. Thank you for all the work he does. Bless him and Alvin Sorenson as they are the resource pastors for this family camp.

Friday, July 17

Gracious Lord, please bless Martin Bauer and Tovah Vold as they prepare for their wedding tomorrow. Surround them with friends and family during this joyous time.

Saturday, July 18

Awesome God, bless Stephen Davis today on his 19th birthday as he rests and prepares for a new week at Camp Kinasao. We ask that You give him Your peace and joy beyond all understanding.

Sunday, July 19

“Commit your cause to the Lord, let Him deliver. Let Him rescue the one in whom He delights.” Psalm 22:8

Monday, July 20

Dear Father, renew the Summer Team as they work at Concordia Lutheran in Edmonton today. Give them energy and the refreshment of the Spirit as they work with the people there.

Tuesday, July 21

Christ Jesus, bless the Summer Team working at Living Hope Bible Camp with strength and courage today. May they be witnesses of Your love to the children there.

Wednesday, July 22

Lord, shine Your light through our lives to all whom we meet during the rest of this week. Give us strength to persevere and to be contributing members of Your kingdom.

Thursday, July 23

Today is Steven Njaa’s birthday. Bless him in his work with maintenance at the Elbow Bible Camp. Give him wisdom and passion for all that he seeks to do in the future.

Friday, July 24

Father, we pray that the Good News of Jesus Christ reaches parts of the world where it is so desperately needed this day. May those who hunger for an answer in life come to know Christ, and the truth of Your Word.

Saturday, July 25

Lord, we lift up Karla Gjesdal and Pastor Al Severson today as they celebrate their birthdays. May their days be blessed and full of good health. May they remember Your Word and the glorious promise we have through Your Son.

Sunday, July 26

“The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pasture, He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul.” Ps. 23:1-2

Monday, July 27

Father, work through the Summer Team serving at Messiah Lutheran in Camrose this week. As they share the message of Jesus Christ with children and with other congregational members, let the truth impact their own hearts, leading them to a deeper confidence in their Saviour.

Tuesday, July 28

The other Summer Team is serving at Bethany Lutheran Church in Tilley, Alberta. Lord, meet all their needs according to the riches that are in Christ Jesus. Let them overflow with love and gratitude to the people in this congregation.

Wednesday, July 29

“May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.” Ps.19:14

Thursday, July 30

O God, our Provider, meet all the needs of the school in these slow days of summer. Fill CLBI with applications, with volunteers willing to help with renovations, and with the financial gifts to make it possible. Thank You, Lord!

Friday, July 31

As the Summer Teams pack up and head to the WMPL Camp at Hastings Lake, may they finish well in Camrose and Tilley, and may this coming weekend be a great blessing to both teams. Renew both teams by Your Word and Spirit to serve faithfully in the month ahead.

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