

2020
First
Quarter

January
through
March

Virgina District
Church of the Brethren

PRAYER CALENDAR



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (RSV)

Our prayers together are a source of spiritual togetherness and vitality. Prayer is the heart of our relationship with God. It increases our spiritual power, enhances the unity of the church and allows the Spirit to guide us!

Here are our suggestions for the prayers and meditations of your congregation during January – March 2020. You are encouraged to place these in your bulletin on the Sunday indicated and/or include them in your congregational newsletter. Please also post this on your congregational bulletin board. Remember to lift them up during your worship services and prayer meeting.

A DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR

January 5, 2020 -

Pray for **Marla B. Abe**, pastor of the Bethel Church, for **Thomas E. Auker**, pastor of the Jones Chapel Church and for **W. Leonard Foley**, pastor of the Masons Cove Church; all of whom began their new pastorates on January 1, 2020. Let us give glory to God for the manifold gifts of the Spirit bestowed upon Christ's church.

January 12, 2020 -

Pray for the **Nominating and Personnel Committee** of District Conference as they gather for their first meeting on Saturday, January 18, 2020 to pursue the calling process for district leadership. Let us pray for the guidance and aid of the Holy Spirit in discerning those called to leadership.

January 19, 2020 -

Pray for **Richard W. Berkley**, who attained twenty years of pastoral service with the Schoolfield Church in Danville, Virginia on December 12, 2019 and continues his consecrated service. Let us support, encourage and pray for our pastors and ministers.

January 26, 2020 -

Pray for the **Smith Mountain Lake Community Church** in Franklin County, Virginia as they celebrate **twenty-five years** of service to community and world. Let us pray that God would enable us to minister creatively in every place and situation.

February 2, 2020 -

Pray for **Alexandra “Alex” Parker**, a 24-year old woman from Hutchinson, Kansas, who is undertaking a year's service as a Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) Worker for Congregations In Action at Highland Park Elementary School in Roanoke, Virginia. Let us listen to hear God's voice in all of our life lessons.

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February 9, 2020 -

Pray for **Jennifer "Jen" Houser and Zechariah "Zech" Houser**, students at the Duke Divinity School, whose licensing to the Gospel Ministry is scheduled today. Let us pray that we will support, encourage and pray for those who are preparing for set-apart ministerial service.

February 16, 2020 -

Pray for **Michael L. Pugh**, who has served and continues to serve the White Rock Church in Floyd County, Virginia as pastor for fifteen years as of December 5, 2019. Let us honor the commitment, dedication and work of those who have given themselves to the work of Christ and the church.

February 23, 2020 -

Pray for the **Virlina District Pastors and Spouses Retreat**, to be held at the Eagle Eyrie Conference Center on February 28-29, 2020. Let us pray that our ministers and their families will be refreshed for the work of Christ and the church!

March 1, 2020 -

Pray for the **Mission and Ministry Board of the Church of the Brethren** as it meets at the Brethren Retirement Community in Greenville, Ohio on March 14-16, 2020. Let us prayerfully uphold those who serve with and for us throughout our nation and the world.

March 8, 2020 -

Pray for the participants and leadership of **Pilgrimage XXIV: A FaithQuest for Adults**, a spiritual development retreat of the Virlina District, to be held on March 20-22, 2020. Let us pray that those who participate gain a deeper spirituality and greater commitment.

March 15, 2020 -

Pray for the **Virlina District Board**, meeting at the Summerdean Church in Roanoke, Virginia for its winter meeting on March 21, 2020. Let us pray that the Spirit of God will grant discernment, guide every decision and empower every undertaking.

March 22, 2020 -

Pray for **Sherri Crowe**, Client Manager for Brethren Foundation Funds in Elgin, Illinois. Let us remember that every person who serves the Body of Christ is important, those parts which seem to be weaker are indispensable.

March 29, 2020 -

Pray for the **Topeco Church of the Brethren** in Floyd County, VA, and the **Peters Creek Church of the Brethren** in Roanoke, VA. as they celebrate **one hundred and seventy-five years** of congregational life this year. Let us give thanks to God for the vision of those who saw the possibilities in their day, for the faithfulness to respond during the intervening years, and for the ongoing call to mission and ministry that is before us.

March 22, 2020 -