

2020
Second
Quarter

April
through
June

Virilina District
Church of the Brethren

PRAYER CALENDAR

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

“And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.” I John 5:14 (NRSV)

Now, more than ever, we need to be focused in our prayers for our national and world leaders, for the church wherever it is known, and for all peoples. Prayer increases our spiritual power, enhances the unity of the church and provides an avenue for the Spirit to direct us!

Here are our suggestions for the prayers and meditations of your congregation during April - June 2020. You are encouraged to *place these in whatever media you are currently using for worship and study.*

A DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR

April 5, 2020 -

Pray for ***the peoples and leaders of our nation and the world*** as we grapple with this pandemic. Let us place ourselves in the hands of God through faith, hope and love.

April 12, 2020 -

Pray for ***Angela T. Carr***, who began on January 31 as “circuit rider” for the Thriving in Ministry program of the Church of the Brethren and continues as pastor of the Laurel Branch Church in Floyd County, Virginia. Let us support, encourage and pray for those who undertake set-apart ministerial service.

April 19, 2020 -

Pray for ***LaDonna Sanders Nkosi***, Director of Intercultural Ministries for the Church of the Brethren, who began on January 16. Let us give thanks to God for the work and witness which we accomplish together.

April 26, 2020 -

Pray for ***Rodger L. Boothe***, who has served thirty-five years as pastor of the Olean Church. Let us pray that we will embrace anew the ministry of proclamation in word and deed wherever we are.

May 3, 2020 -

Pray for the youth of the Church of the Brethren as we observe ***National Youth Sunday*** throughout our denomination. Let us look forward with excitement and enthusiasm to the greater works of God to be revealed.

May 10, 2020 -

Pray for ***Joelle Hathaway***, as she begins as assistant professor of theological studies at Bethany Theological Seminary on July 1. Let us give thanks to God for the work and witness which we accomplish together here and throughout the world.

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May 17, 2020 -

Pray for **Spencer P. Knox**, who begins as 2020 Summer Program Coordinator at Camp Bethel on May 18, 2020. Let us pray that the ministries of Camp Bethel will be enhanced and multiplied for the glory of God.

May 24, 2020 -

Pray for the **Widening the Welcome of Your Church** event sponsored by the Good News Team of the Virlina District, to be held on June 6 at the Summerdean Church in Roanoke, Virginia. Let us pray that the Lord of the Harvest will call and send out workers into fields near and far.

May 31, 2020-

Pray for **the students and staff of the Christian Growth Institute** as they gather at the Stone Church in Buena Vista, Virginia on June 6 for Orientation Day. Let us express gratitude to God for those who are engaged in formation for the Gospel Ministry in Virlina and Shenandoah Districts.

June 7, 2020 -

Pray for the year-round staff, the summer staff, counselors and campers, as the summer camping program takes place at **Camp Bethel**. Let us pray that the camp experience will be a laboratory for Christian living and that every camper might be drawn closer to Christ and the church.

June 14, 2020 -

Pray for the **Virlina District Board**, meeting at the Crab Orchard Church in Raleigh County, West Virginia on June 20. Let us glorify and honor God in the business of the church as well as in every aspect of life.

June 21, 2020 -

Pray for **Gary L. Basham**, who is retiring as the Director of Ministry Formation for the Virlina District on June 30. Let us pray that the wideness and breadth of God's work might continue to challenge us to seek wider, greater and more creative fields of mission and ministry.

June 28, 2020 -

Pray for the moderator, officers, delegates and attendees of the 234th Recorded **Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren** meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan from July 1-5. Let us pray that our leaders, delegates and membership be given travel mercy, wisdom, discernment and insight as they serve Christ and the church.