

2021
Second
Quarter

April
through
June

Virgina District
Church of the Brethren

PRAYER CALENDAR

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” Romans 12:12 (NIV)

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 2021. You are encouraged to *place these in your bulletin* on the Sunday indicated and/or *include them in your congregational newsletter*. Remember to lift them up during your worship services and prayer meeting.

A DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR

April 4, 2021 -

Pray for ***Iglesia de los Hermanos (the Church of the Brethren in Spain) and its seven congregations*** as they struggle to go forward during COVID-19. Let us support, encourage and pray for the international partners of our denomination.

April 11, 2021 -

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

April 18, 2021 -

Pray for ***Shawn Flory Replogle***, Executive Director of Organizational Resources for Finance for the Church of the Brethren, who began on January 1. Let us give thanks to God for the work and witness which we accomplish together.

April 25, 2021 -

Pray for ***Claude C. Shell***, who has served ten years as pastor of the New Covenant Church in Chester, Virginia. Let us pray that we will embrace anew the ministry of proclamation in word and deed wherever we are.

May 2, 2021 -

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

May 9, 2021 -

Pray for ***the Disaster Ministry of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria*** (the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) as it travels to and from Maiduguri to bring assistance to Christian displaced persons whose needs are ignored by the government. Let us pray for those who are harassed and persecuted for their faith and witness.

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May 16, 2021 -

Pray for **Lee and Robin Naff**, who have served ten years as co-pastors of the Hiwassee Church in Pulaski County, Virginia. Let us support, encourage and pray for those who undertake set-apart ministerial service.

May 23, 2021 -

Pray for **the Parkway Church** as the congregation anticipates disorganization at the 2021 Virlina District Conference. Let us give thanks to God for the ministry and mission accomplished by this congregation and for seeds planted that yet await blossom and fruit-bearing.

May 30, 2021-

Pray for **the students and staff of the Christian Growth Institute** as they gather online June 12 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 6, 2021 -

Pray for the year-round staff, the summer staff, counselors and campers, as a reduced summer camping program begins on June 13 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 13, 2021 -

Pray for the meeting of the **Virlina District Board**, scheduled to be held on June 19. Let us glorify and honor God in the business of the church as well as in every aspect of life.

June 20, 2021 -

Pray for **Amber T. Harris**, a member of the Peace Covenant Church in Durham, N.C., who has been approved for ordination to the Gospel Ministry. 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 27, 2021 -

Pray for the moderator, officers, delegates and attendees of the 234th Recorded **Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren** meeting online from June 30-July 4. Let us pray that our leaders, delegates and membership be given wisdom, discernment and insight as they serve Christ and the church.

