

2026
First
Quarter

January
through
March

Virilina District
Church of the Brethren

PRAYER CALENDAR



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is in the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.” (Romans 8:26-27 - NRSV)

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 some suggestions for the prayers and meditations of your congregation during January – March 2026. Remember to lift them up in your printed and other media, as well as during your worship services and prayer meetings.

A DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR

January 4, 2026 -

Pray for **Annette Hubbard** who was licensed to the set-apart ministry at the Topeco Church of the Brethren. Let us give thanks for those who hear the call of God and respond “Here I am, Lord, send me.”

January 11, 2026 -

Pray for **the Virilina District Board and its commissions** who recently met for their annual retreat. Let us lift up those who give oversight to our shared ministries.

January 18, 2026 -

Pray for **JD Morse**, who is being installed as the Pastor of the Jones Chapel Church of Brethren and **G. Blaine Compton**, who is being installed as the Pastor of the Danville, Emmanuel Church of the Brethren and licensed to the gospel ministry today. Let us pray for those who hear God’s call to labor in his vineyard.

January 25, 2026 -

Pray for the **Council of District Executives** as they prepare to meet in Maimi, Florida. Let us give thanks for those who serve the larger church to equip and strengthen us to follow Jesus.

February 1, 2026 -

Pray for **the Matthew 18 Conflict Transformation workshop** which will be hosted by the Discipleship and Reconciliation committee on Saturday February 7 at Camp Bethel. Let us pray that we each might see Jesus, even when we are in conflict with one another.

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Peacefully.
Simply.
Together.*

February 8, 2026 -

Pray for ***Iglesia Cristiana Nueva Vida*** as they worship in their new building located in Floyd, VA. Let us give thanks for the resources, physical, material and spiritual that God gives us to share the Good News of Jesus.

February 15, 2026 -

Pray for the ***Virlina District Ministers and Spouses Retreat***, focused on the theme of *Spiritual Disciplines for Your Walk* to be held at Camp Bethel on February , 2025. Let us pray that our leaders, our ministers and their families will be refreshed for the work of Christ and the church!

February 22, 2026 -

Pray for ***Roundtable*** (Grades 9-12), sponsored by the Interdistrict Youth Cabinet on February 27-March 1, 2026 at Bridgewater College. Let us pray that God will nurture the spiritual depth and stamina of our young people.

March 1, 2026 -

Pray for ***Iglesia El Buen Pastor*** as they prepare to move into their new church building in Radford, VA. Let us give thanks for sacred spaces dedicated to the worship of God and the building up of the body of Christ.

March 8, 2026 -

Pray for the ***Virlina District Board***, scheduled to meet at the Trinity Church of the Brethren, on March 21, 2026. Let us pray that the Spirit of God will grant discernment, guide every decision and empower every undertaking.

March 15, 2026 -

Pray for the participants and leadership of ***Pilgrimage XXVI: A FaithQuest for Adults***, a spiritual development retreat of the Virlina District, planned for March 20-22, 2026 at Camp Bethel. Let us pray that participants will gain a deeper spirituality and greater commitment to the cause of Christ.

March 22, 2026 -

Pray for the ***2026 Camp Bethel Summer Staff recruitment process***. Let us give thanks for those whom God will call to nurture our young people with Christian love.

March 29, 2026-

Pray for ***the Deportation Defense Response Team*** as they work to support our immigrant sisters and brothers within the Church of the Brethren. Let us give thanks for those who bring a cup of cold water in the name of Jesus.

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