CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

TO PREPARE FOR THE 11TH SYNODICAL CONVENTION OF LUTHERAN CHURCH—CANADA September / October, 2017

For Sunday, September 24

Lord God almighty, Your Son, Jesus the Christ, has declared that He will build His Church on the unshakeable foundation of His Word; as the delegates prepare to gather in Kitchener to conduct the business of our Synod, we pray that He would be powerfully at work to fulfill what He has promised. By Your Spirit keep their eyes fixed on Him and their hearts grounded in His truth, that all that they decide may be for the good of your people and bring glory to You. As they gather in Your Name, be their mighty fortress to thwart the gates of hell that would seek to disrupt these proceedings in any way. Let Your holy angels be with them, that the evil foe may have no power over them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

For Sunday, October 1

Heavenly Father, as the delegates of our Synod gather in Kitchener as Your children and our representatives, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon them to equip them for this service. Let His gifts be manifest among them for the common good of us all. Grant them faith, wisdom and knowledge. Let the harmony they share in Christ prevail among them. Let them outdo one another in showing honour. Grant that they might walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which they have been called with all humility and gentleness and patience, bearing with one another in love, and eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Let their love be genuine, that they might love one another with brotherly affection. Help them to hold on to what is good. Make them fervent in spirit and constant in prayer, that they might serve You in all things; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

For Sunday, October 8

Lord God of Israel, who neither slumbers nor sleeps, grant safe travel to all those who gather in Kitchener to serve your Church as delegates and representatives of our Synod, keep their going out and their coming in from this time forth and forevermore. We thank and praise for their willingness to serve us in this sacrificial manner by giving of their time and gifts. Bless them and equip them in every way for this good work. Since apart from Your Son we can do nothing, let Him be present among them as they gather in His Name, that His Spirit might direct them in all that they do and decide, so that our Synod may be strengthened for the proclamation of His Gospel in our land and wherever You have graciously called us to support it throughout the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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