**St. Luke’s Prayer Calendar**

**October 2016**

**Saturday, October 1**

God, help me to be still and quiet in your presence. Grow my love and trust in you so that I may become more like Jesus in all aspects of my life. Amen.

**Sunday, October 2**

Father in Heaven, you have blessed me with the gift of family. Help me to grow and develop these relationships on the foundation of your love. Bless the time I have with my family, and care for my loved ones when I am apart from them. Amen.

**Monday, October 3**

Gracious God, let me embrace your Word wholeheartedly, and give me the courage to fully submit to your power and authority. Let my obedience show the world your glory. Amen.

**Tuesday, October 4**

Heavenly Creator, open my eyes to see the beauty and the abundance of your creation. Guide me to be a faithful gardener and a loving caretaker of the earth. Fill me with your great love so that I may sow seeds that bear the fruit of the spirit. Amen.

**Wednesday, October 5**

Loving Father, grant me wisdom when I am faced with a hard decision. Give me rest when I am weary. Give me strength when I am weak. Heal me with your love when my heart is broken. Grant me forgiveness when I sin. Encourage me when times are hard. Amen.

**Thursday, October 6**

Lord, I want to grow spiritually. Keep me humble as I walk through my journey of faith, help me to honor you with my life, teach me how to pray sincerely, and give me the courage to boldly speak your name. Amen.

**Friday, October 7**

Lord, I choose to follow your ways today. Help me be stronger than my emotions, and let me overcome peer pressure. Protect me from myself and my human condition. Keep me from being distracted by worldly values. Keep my eyes focused on you. Show me how to embrace all things as divine opportunities instead of personal inconveniences. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

**Saturday, October 8**

Lord, bless this new day with opportunities to help others come to know you. Guide my actions so that they may see your presence in my life. Guide my words to tell them about you. Place it upon my heart to love them so that they may feel your love and seek you. Amen.

**Sunday, October 9**

Father – Thank you for blessing me each morning with your unfailing and empowering love. You have generously provided me with a loving family, nurturing friends, and so many blessings throughout my life. Help me, Father, to remember the brevity of our lives and to be mindful of all the opportunities I have to share the talents and treasure that You provided, and my love and service with others so that I might fulfill the special purposes you have planned for me. Keep my heart open to reach out to those searching for a caring friend. Let me be “blessed to be a blessing” to others. Amen. -Ginger Blanton, Generosity Committee

**Monday, October 10**

Fill me today with a spirit of generosity and gratitude for all of the many gifts and blessings that you provide me every day. Help me see your presence in my life, to hear and listen to your voice and to rejoice in this precious gift of life. Guide me with your wisdom and grace to serve and give of myself in spiritual and meaningful ways that strengthen my faith and honor and glorify you. Amen.

-Mike Palmer, Generosity Committee

**Tuesday, October 11**

Father, I came into this world with nothing and will leave this world with nothing. Open my heart and mind to grasp that everything that I possess really belongs to you. May all that you have given me be an instrument to bless someone else’s life so that they will find Christ.

-Sally Gray, Director of Generosity

**Wednesday, October 12**

Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve, to give and not count the cost, to fight and not heed the wounds, to toil and not seek for rest, to labor and not seek reward, except that of knowing that I do your will.

-By St. Ignatius of Loyola; Submitted by Tamyra Palmer, Generosity Committee

**Thursday, October 13**

Father, help me to remember that we are your children. Grow my faith, and help me to make a difference in your world. Guide me to your perfect will. Amen.

**Friday, October 14**

Dear God, thank you for today and the time we have to spend together with our friends and loved ones. Help us to remember it is better to give than to receive. Proverbs 22:9 reminds us “He who is generous will be blessed, for he gives some of his food to the poor.” Generosity can come in many forms. Help us to be generous to others with our forgiveness, service, and love. We ask that You shine your light in us so that others may see your love. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

-Prayer by Pam Gray and Tyler (7th grade)

**Saturday, October 15**

Lord of all things, help me to be a faithful steward of all that you have entrusted to me. Show me ways to use my resources to further your kingdom. Open my heart to cheerfully give back to you, and show me the joy of blessing others. Amen.

**Sunday, October 16**

Dear God, thank you for providing all of the great resources to St. Luke’s United Methodist Church. Please be with the Generosity campaign as we help further St. Luke’s mission to bring our savior Jesus Christ into the lives of others through prayer, worship, service, and friendship. Amen.

-Generosity Committee member

**Monday, October 17**

Father God, I thank you for the spiritual gifts you have given me. I pray I would use them well to serve others, in everything bringing glory to you. Amen

-Julie Barrett, Generosity Committee

**Tuesday, October 18**

Father, you give us visions of hope throughout the Bible, but many of us have lost our vision of hope in the future. Guide us back to your vision of hope and fill us with the joy of salvation. Amen.

**Wednesday, October 19**

Almighty God, may your power be at work within me to accomplish infinitely more than I can ask or imagine. May all honor and glory be yours. Amen.

**Thursday, October 20**

God, help me to run the race of life with perseverance in such a way that I obtain the kingdom prize. Keep my eyes focused on you so that I may endure all adversities. Help me to serve you with my whole heart always. Amen.

**Friday, October 21**

God, I thank you for the hope and the future that you give me in Jesus Christ. Grow me so that I may see the world through your eyes and share your light with others. Amen.

**Saturday, October 22**

God, grant me wisdom and discernment to follow your ways in my daily life. Fill me with the Holy Spirit so that it overflows into all that I do. Amen.

**Sunday, October 23**

Heavenly Father, help me to be the man you want me to be- father, son, husband, brother, friend and all the other roles you’ve given me in life. Be with me as I work to become who you want me to be.

-Mike Stroman, Generosity Committee

**Monday, October 24**

Today, think about what a giving God we have. Everything in your life is a gift from God and we are called to be good stewards of these gifts. Give thanks to God in prayer for your many blessings.

**Tuesday, October 25**

Today, focus on the many amazing ministries at St. Luke’s. Think about the lives of children, youth and adults we bring closer to Jesus through these ministries. Give thanks to God for all God is doing at St. Luke’s through our many programs.

**Wednesday, October 26**

Today, think about the joy you receive serving within a ministry at St. Luke’s. Everyone has a role in accomplishing the Lord’s mission and what a gift it is to give oneself away in generosity and service. Thank God for the opportunity to serve our church and the world.

**Thursday, October 27**

Today, think about your current giving level and prayerfully consider increasing your gift. Give thanks to God for all God has given you and for the strength to step out in faith and give more.

**Friday, October 28**

Today, as you complete your pledge card, ask God for wisdom and guidance. Trust the joy that will come as you once again give yourself away in generosity and service to your church. Thank God for this opportunity to give.

**Saturday, October 29**

Dear Lord God, Jesus and Holy Spirit, I praise your name and pray your will be done. Holy Spirit please help me do your will and not my own. Lord Jesus, thank you for saving me and all of us. I love you Lord.

-Craig LaFollette, Generosity Committee

**Sunday, October 30**

Dear God, I know that closed hearts can neither give nor receive. I pray that you might open my heart to the rich life you offer me, a life of generosity. Today, let me not settle for the simple happiness of receiving gifts from you, but know the unadulterated and pure joy of giving them away. Amen.

-Dr. Tom Pace

**Monday, October 31**

Heavenly Father, be with me as I struggle with uncertainties and resist giving you control over my life. Grant me wisdom to make decisions and give me peace in knowing that thy will be done. Amen.

-Generosity Committee member