

## Intercessions for the Ministries of the NALC

(Revised: May 24, 2023)

### (Number 1)

We pray for our bishop, Dan (Selbo), for the staff of the North American Lutheran Church, for our Northeast Mission District, for our Atlantic Mission Region, for each of the congregations of the NALC, and especially today for \_\_\_\_\_ Lutheran Church in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

*(We continue to remember the people of Immanuel Lutheran Church in New York City, their pastors, Carol and Gregory Fryer, their seminarian, Lara Bhasin, and other parish leaders as they fight for their survival against demonic forces endeavoring to destroy their congregation.)*

We pray that together we might faithfully bear witness to God's saving grace in Jesus Christ.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

### (Number 2)

We pray for our bishop, Dan (Selbo), for the staff of the North American Lutheran Church, for our Northeast Mission District, for our Atlantic Mission Region, for each of the congregations of the NALC, and especially today for \_\_\_\_\_ Lutheran Church in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

*(We continue to remember Immanuel Lutheran Church in New York City, its pastors, Carol and Gregory Fryer, its seminarian, Lara Bhasin, its congregational leaders, as well as its members as they oppose the forces of evil attempting to destroy their congregation.)*

We pray that embracing the Good News, we might together faithfully be a beacon light of the Gospel within our increasingly secular society. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

### (Number 3)

We pray for our bishop, Dan (Selbo), for the staff of the North American Lutheran Church, for our Northeast Mission District, for our Atlantic Mission Region, for each of the congregations of the NALC, and especially today for \_\_\_\_\_ Lutheran Church in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

*(We continue to hold up in prayer before you Immanuel Lutheran Church in New York City. We pray for its pastors, Carol and Gregory Fryer, its seminarian, Lara Bhasin, its congregational lay leaders, as well as each of its members as they endeavor to oppose the evil forces attempting to consume their congregation.)*

We pray that by the power of your Holy Spirit we might be effective witnesses to God's grace in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

(Number 4)

We pray for our bishop, Dan (Selbo), for the staff of the North American Lutheran Church, for our Northeast Mission District, for our Atlantic Mission Region, for each of the congregations of the NALC, and especially today for \_\_\_\_\_ Lutheran Church in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

*(We continue to raise up in prayer before you our brothers and sisters in Christ at Immanuel Lutheran Church in New York City as they battle against the radical evil forces attempting to overcome and obliterate their congregation. We especially remember its pastors, Carol and Gregory Fryer, its seminarian, Lara Bhasin, its congregational leaders, as well as each of its members in this most difficult time.)*

We pray that our common witness might bear fruit in abundance. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

(Number 5) *(Focus on the four Core Values of the NALC)*

We pray for our bishop, Dan (Selbo), for the staff of the North American Lutheran Church, for our Northeast Mission District, for our Atlantic Mission Region, for each of the congregations of the NALC, and especially today for \_\_\_\_\_ Lutheran Church in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

*(We continue to raise up before you the people of Immanuel Lutheran Church in New York City as they contend against the radical evil forces attempting to decimate their congregation. Give strength and encouragement to its pastors, Carol and Gregory Fryer, its seminarian, Lara Bhasin, its congregational leaders, as well as each of its members in this most difficult time.)*

By the guidance of your Holy Spirit might we always be found to be a Church that is Christ centered, mission driven, traditionally grounded, and congregationally focused. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

(Number 6) *(Focus on the 1<sup>st</sup> Core Value of the NALC: Christ centered)*

We pray for our bishop, Dan (Selbo), for the staff of the North American Lutheran Church, for our Northeast Mission District, for our Atlantic Mission Region, for each of the congregations of the NALC, and especially today for \_\_\_\_\_ Lutheran Church in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

*(Defend and protect the people of Immanuel Lutheran Church in New York City as they wage a holy war against the radical evil forces endeavoring to consume their congregation. Afford strength and encouragement to its pastors, Carol and Gregory Fryer, its seminarian, Lara Bhasin, its congregational leaders, as well as each of its members in this time as they contend with demonic evil.)*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Empower this Church and each congregation to be truly Christ centered as we confess Jesus Christ, as revealed in Scripture, is the Lord of the Church and the only Savior of the World. Guide and direct us to always affirm the Holy Scriptures to be the norm for all matters of our life and faith and to embrace the Lutheran Confessions as a faithful witness to the Scripture. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

(Number 7) *(Focus on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Core Value of the NALC: Mission Driven)*

We pray for our bishop, Dan (Selbo), for the staff of the North American Lutheran Church, for our Northeast Mission District, for our Atlantic Mission Region, for each of the congregations of the NALC, and especially today for \_\_\_\_\_ Lutheran Church in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

*(We also embrace in prayer Immanuel Lutheran Church in New York City, its pastors, Carol and Gregory Fryer, its seminarian, Lara Bhasin, its congregational leaders, as well as each of its members in this time of demonic darkness as they contend against those forces that would destroy their congregation.)*

Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

Empower this Church and each congregation to embrace the Great Commission as our only mission. Equip this Church to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth, to make disciples committed to Christ, to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to teach people all that Jesus commands, and to trust in His consistent presence and power. Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

(Number 8) *(Focus on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Core Value of the NALC: Traditionally Grounded)*

We pray for our bishop, Dan (Selbo), for the staff of the North American Lutheran Church, for our Northeast Mission District, for our Atlantic Mission Region, for each of the congregations of the NALC, and especially today for \_\_\_\_\_ Lutheran Church in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

*(We also pray for Immanuel Lutheran Church in New York City, its pastors, Carol and Gregory Fryer, its seminarian, Lara Bhasin, its congregational leaders, as well as each of its members as they struggle against those forces that would destroy their congregation. Strengthen them and encourage them in the face of all with which they must contend.)*

Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

Guide this Church, each congregation, and each of us to embrace the gift that we are a part of the faithful witness of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church across all time and space. Motivate us by your Holy Spirit to always hold fast to the creeds, and to practice forms and expressions of worship and Word and Sacrament ministry that are consistent with the Holy Scriptures. Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

(Number 9) *(Focus on the 4<sup>th</sup> Core Value of the NALC: Congregationally Focused)*

We pray for our bishop, Dan (Selbo), for the staff of the North American Lutheran Church, for our Northeast Mission District, for our Atlantic Mission Region, for each of the congregations of the NALC, and especially today for \_\_\_\_\_ Lutheran Church in

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

*(Let us never forget our brothers and sisters in the faith at Immanuel Lutheran Church in New York City, its pastors, Carol and Gregory Fryer, its seminarian, Lara Bhasin, its congregational leaders, as well as each of its members as they engage in a holy and righteous struggle against evil powers attempting to annihilate their congregation. Afford them divine encouragement and strengthen them as they engage their evil and demonic enemies.)*

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Recognizing the local congregation to be the front line for mission and ministry, inspire this Church and to always hold as its primary responsibility the function of striving to equip and strengthen every congregation to become the most effective instrument possible for accomplishing Christ's purposes. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.