

PRAYER PETITIONS FOR JULY 2022



Please continue to pray with us! Acknowledging the importance and power of prayer as taught by Jesus, we are

invited to pray through one or more of the petitions each day. A full list of prayer petitions can be found on our website, at www.luminhos.org

Pray with us!

Loving God, we give thanks for the resumption of volunteer staff in care homes. Bless them as they re-acquaint themselves with residents and healthcare staff. Give them renewed compassion and strength as they visit and oversee special programs for the benefit of all living there. Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Enduring God, as we patiently wait for the resumption of volunteers in hospital, we pray for the new Volunteer Directors in our hospitals, who continue to prepare for that day. We pray for understanding and wisdom as new protocols envision different ways forward for worship volunteers and patient porters, that, meetings between chaplains and SHA volunteer leaders will be fruitful. Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Benevolent God, be our guide and our wisdom as LuMinHoS continues to discern and call lay visitors, worship volunteers, and cover chaplains for this ministry. Help us to seek out willing hands and hearts, with gifts to share in loving service in the hospitals. Bless and guide our Chaplain and the Volunteer Management Team as they reach out to prospective volunteers and clergy, to fulfil the roles once filled before the pandemic. Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, we pray for those in hospitals, in the midst of transitions due to illness or a change/decline in health. Saskatoon hospitals house several people waiting for placement in assisted living. Or, placement in long term care.

Accompany those in the midst of such transitions; as they come to terms with their new reality. And, be with their families as they come to terms with that new reality as well. Comfort them with the peace of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Suffering God, we lift up patients suffering with illness and diseases that affect mental health. We call to mind dementia, schizophrenia, depression, and other conditions that affect their socializing nature. Such can be socially debilitating, distancing patients from community, creating an environment of loneliness and disconnection. Help us to walk patiently and faithfully with them. Guide our Chaplain to be a calming and compassionate presence with them as he visits.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Knowing God, bless our Board of Directors and our Committee Members. We give thanks for their vision and commitment to your work with Lutheran Ministry in Hospitals of Saskatoon. Bless them. Empower them with your wisdom as they use the gifts you have already given them to proclaim the comfort of Christ in our hospitals.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Beneficent God, we pray for your abounding love to enfold and refresh our nurses, hospital physiotherapists and occupational therapists who work with a diverse group of patients each and every day. Keep them compassionate, increase their patience. And, especially, give them respite from their work at home, and at play. We give thanks for them.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Instructing God, we pray for teachers who work in the hospital school program, teaching hospitalized students at their bedside. Bless them over their summer break. May your healing Spirit encircle and provide wholeness and comfort to those children as they struggle and heal from their illnesses.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

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Creating God, we pray for newborn babies, their parents, and their siblings and extended families as they welcome their new addition. Grant them wisdom and fill them with the unconditional love you have for us; that their child may grow to know how loved they are by you.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

God of Empathy, we pray for all those whose loved ones have suffered and died in hospital. Be with the grieving families. Strengthen and encourage them. May they take comfort knowing in faith the eternal life God has promised us, that, safely wrapped in the Saviour's love, nothing can ever separate us from God.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Journeying God, we lift up healthcare staff who grace the rooms of the dying, caring for them; at the Hospice at Glengarda; St. Paul's Palliative Care ward; and make-shift palliative care rooms in other

hospitals. These places provide dignity and sacred space for families, their loved ones, and their clergy and lay ministers. We give thanks for all they do. Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Unfailing God, we pray for respite and strength for all hospital emergency personnel, who have been kept busy as coughs, colds, pneumonias and flus run rampant in our city (and province). We give thanks for the care teams, nurses, doctors, surgeons, pharmacists, and all others who work in the emergency wards. Richly bless them. Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

into your hands, loving God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

