



News of the Week December 20, 2023

Prayers of the Week

For retired pastor Roger Anderson, former Bishop of the Southwest California Synod and family member of Pr. Grant Barnett Christenson, as he nears the end of his life.

For all those who travel during this holiday season.

For all those in Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Ethiopia and Eritrea. All those who are experiencing violence or threats of violence.

For the victims of ongoing war across the world, including people of Israel and Gaza, Ukraine and Russia.

For all those who are grieving during this Christmas season.

From the Montana Synod Prayer Calendar:

American Lutheran Church, Billings

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MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM THE STAFF OF
THE MONTANA
SYNOD!

BP. LAURIE, PASTOR
BRENDA, COLTER,
JENNY, AND OLIVER



*For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Shalom.*

Isaiah 9:6

Christmas Prayer

God of Shalom, you have promised to be with us in times of joy and sorrow. Yet, despite your Christmas birth among us, we do not always trust in your presence and the peace it brings. Thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, to live with us, to heal and comfort us, and to proclaim a transforming word of peace and grace to us and the whole world. May we carry your presence and promise with us as a reminder of your steadfast love. And may your loving faithfulness be reflected in our thoughts and actions toward ourselves and one another. In the name of Jesus we pray.

Amen

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and Synod staff off Dec. 24-26**

and
**Dec. 29 - Jan. 1, in observance of
Christmas and New Years.**

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