

2022–2024 Mission Grant Prayers and Descriptions

1. Seminarian Scholarships for Texas Students — \$50,000

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod recognizes the importance of seminary training to equip dedicated men for ministry to God’s people. To help offset the cost of attending seminary, scholarship funds will assist seminary students from the Texas District LCMS, enabling them to go out and serve with less financial burden.

Almighty God, You expect us all to share the “Good News” with those around us. There is also a great present and future need for men to enter our seminaries in order to be equipped and empowered to be the spiritual leaders in our churches and communities. Our heart-felt desire is to support them with scholarships so they can complete their training with less of a financial burden. Bless our efforts to support those You call to serve as professional workers in Your kingdom. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

2. Offering Women Hope: Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers, Houston — \$10,000

Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers help women in crisis pregnancies. This mission grant will be used to provide life-affirming aid such as pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and Christian counseling as well as Bibles and devotional books for women given through their Maternal Assistance program.

Gracious and living God, You are the One who gives the breath of life and sustains our hopes. When young women learn that they are to be Your instruments to bring new life into this world, they may be troubled, worried, and overwhelmed. You have provided Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers to give courage and comfort, hope and trust to troubled hearts. We pray Your blessing on Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers through these mission mites as they are given opportunities to guide these young women in ways that respect the lives of their unborn children. Merciful Father, strengthen them in love and faith toward You as they hear of Your mercy and grace in Jesus Christ their Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

3. ACTS of Love Early Childhood Education Center, Leander — \$25,000

ACTS of Love Early Childhood Education Center provides free childcare and parenting resources to teen parents. This mission grant will provide additional funding to continue to offer high quality, free, Christ-centered early childhood education and parenting classes to teen parents and their babies.

Almighty God, You have given us the blessings of children to nurture, teach and love. We ask You to work through Acts of Love to show the children Your love and care. As this ministry also seeks to help parents to both bring up their children in Your ways and to continue with their own education for the support and good of their families, please help us to reach out with love and support. Please give them wisdom and guidance as they meet this vital need in their community to Your glory. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

4. Orphan Grain Train, Houston — \$25,000

The Orphan Grain Train, Houston, volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs in the Houston area and around the world. This mission grant will provide storage and shipping supplies to aid in bringing the Gospel of Christ wherever they send assistance.

Our loving Father, You call us to remember those who are poor and hungry. We thank You for the dedication of those serving through the Orphan Grain Train. As we are experiencing a pandemic in our world today there are so many who are hungry due to unemployment. Guide their help and desire to put food in the hands of so many in need. Bless them with the necessary storage and shipping supplies so they can continue to impact the lives of people through their acts of giving and servanthood. Lord, we are grateful for them and ask You to find ways we can meet the needs of those we serve. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

5. Let Your Light Shine, Bethany, Austin and LSEM — \$10,000

The Let It Shine Enrichment Academy at Bethany Lutheran Church, Austin, was established by Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) and is designed to address the unique needs of children, particularly those on the autism spectrum and those needing early intervention. This mission grant will be used for tuition assistance and to provide materials and training needed to support the school's Christ-centered learning environment.

Almighty God and Father, You sent Your Son in love to call even the little ones to His embrace, for Your Kingdom belongs to people like these. In Your mercy, O God, work through the ministries of Let it Shine Enrichment Academy as they care for preschool children in the autism spectrum of disorders and other special needs. We thank You, for this caring arm of Lutheran Special Education Ministries that provides a loving and well-trained enrichment center for children who are often turned away from early learning facilities. Bless the use of this mission grant to let Your love shine in the lives of these children. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

6. Homeless to Housed, LINC Austin Outreach, Austin — \$10,000

This mission grant will help LINC Austin Outreach continue mobile street outreach in the Austin/Travis County area to locate and engage individuals experiencing homelessness. LINC helps navigate the homeless into housing, aids them to overcome obstacles such as attaining identifying documents, and provides basic needs.

Almighty and most merciful God, You have promised never to leave us nor forsake us but to abide with us to the end of time. Provide those who are homeless with people who, in wisdom and sympathy, will minister to them in their need, consider the road they have walked and do their best to provide hope and love, all the while pointing them to Jesus; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

7. The Garden Young Adult Ministry, North Texas — \$10,000

Young adults between the ages of 18-30 are disappearing from our churches. The Eternity Matters Most Network trains young adult leaders to reach unchurched and de-churched peers

through The Garden Young Adult Ministry. This mission grant will provide the ability for these leaders to receive practical and theological training to fulfill this mission.

Our loving Father, You call us to “equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” We thank and praise You for the young adults who are gathering together to learn and grow in faith so they can reach out to unchurched and de-churched peers. Please use this mission grant to strengthen and encourage them in their work. Bless this program and allow it to do Your will. In the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

8. Gospel-Driven Education, Faith Lutheran High School, Warda — \$20,000

The ministry at Faith Lutheran High School of Central Texas (FLHS) continues to grow each year through God’s grace. Students attend FLHS from Lee, Bastrop, and Fayette counties, many driving over 30 miles one way. Obtaining school-provided transportation will allow FLHS to expand the ministry to more students and families.

Gracious Father, thank You for the students, teachers, and supporters of Lutheran education and especially those at Faith Lutheran High School. Bless the young people who are attending this school, and fill them with a love for learning academically and drawing closer to You. We pray this mission grant is used to help Faith and the families involved to reach more students and alleviate some of the difficulties involved in transporting for school activities. May Your will be done. Amen.

9. Bible Brigade, Lutheran Disaster Care — \$16,000

The Bible Brigade will share God’s Word to those affected by disaster. This mission grant will be used to purchase Bibles marked with verses that comfort disaster victims and gift cards to be distributed to those impacted by disaster.

Dear Lord Jesus, You said, “So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.” Please use this mission grant to minister to people, who have been through a disaster, by meeting immediate physical needs and also their long-range spiritual need through the Bible they receive, thereby blessing them in body and soul. In the name of our merciful Savior. Amen.

10. The Table of Los Fresnos Mission Outreach, Los Fresnos — \$25,000

This mission grant will assist The Table of Los Fresnos Lutheran Church with purchasing a step van, chairs, and tables. These will be used to increase The Table’s impact by giving mobility to its gatherings and outreach mission to reach people in the Rio Grande Valley with the Good News of Jesus.

Gracious Lord, in Your earthly ministry You met people in the marketplace and on the hillside where You fed them with Your Word and with loaves and fish. Many people in the Rio Grande Valley are lost and scattered, like sheep without a shepherd. We pray Your blessing on the mission efforts of The Table of Los Fresnos as they carry Your Word and Sacraments through meaningful service to the de-churched and unchurched in their community, offering food, clean-ups, and fix-ups. May the step van, tables, and chairs

they will purchase with this mission grant multiply their ministry to seek and restore their neighbors to Your kingdom. We pray in Your name, Lord Jesus. Amen.

11. Each Child Complete in Christ, Faith Lutheran School, Plano — \$14,129

Faith Lutheran School strives to present students complete in Christ (Col. 1:28) by fostering love of learning, skills in critical analysis, leadership and independent thinking, and love of God and neighbor. This mission grant will provide tuition assistance for income-challenged families seeking classical Lutheran education for students in preschool through grade 12.

O Father of all people, who would have all come the saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we pray for Faith Lutheran School, Plano as they reach and teach students and their families. This school strives to follow Your words, “Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.” Please equip this school with understanding and leadership as they meet the needs of these students. Open the hearts of these students to hear Your true Word and through the Holy Spirit come to a saving faith in You. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.