

2020-2022 Mission Grants Prayers and Descriptions

1. Scholarships for Seminarians — Texas District LCMS — \$40,000

The LCMS recognizes the importance of seminary training to equip dedicated men for ministry to God's people. To help offset these costs, scholarship funds will assist seminary students from the Texas District, 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. Mercy Meals — Orphan Grain Train — \$5,000

World hunger continues to be a desperate need, especially among children in third world countries. This mission grant will assist Mercy Meals at Orphan Grain Train in packing and shipping meals. Most of these shipments will go to countries with sister church destinations where they will accompany Gospel messages.

Our loving Father, You call us to remember those who are poor and hungry. We thank You for the dedication of those who serve through Orphan Grain Train. There are so many dealing with hunger. Guide Orphan Grain Train to use their resources wisely as they desire to provide for the needs of so many all around the world. Bless the efforts of the volunteers who work so hard to impact the lives of people through their acts of giving and servanthood. Lord, we are grateful for their ministry and ask You to bless our efforts to support them financially so they can continue this wonderful outreach ministry. In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

3. DCE Scholarships — Concordia University Texas — \$24,000

Requested funds will be used for the provision of academic scholarships for students pursuing their Director of Christian Education (DCE) degree in academic years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

Our Lord God, lead us in Your truth and teach us, for You are the God of our salvation. Let Your Word take root in the hearts of those who are taught to be Directors of Christian Education. Send them out to faithfully teach that same Word and plant it in the hearts of children, youth, and adults who hear it. We pray for the scholarship support to expand and enhance participation in this program. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

4. Blessings and Bibles — Lutheran Disaster Care — \$15,000

Blessing and Bibles volunteers will assist victims of disasters in Texas and neighboring states. They will listen to their stories, share hope in Christ and leave victims with a Bible and

devotional materials for their spiritual care and a gift card to help relieve a small part of their immediate physical needs.

Our loving Father, You have taught us to not only love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people. Lord, guide the hands and lips of the Lutheran Disaster Care volunteers, as they share the love of Jesus Christ both in word and in action to those facing crisis situations. Strengthen the volunteers to be faithful witnesses of Your Truth as they walk alongside those who have suffered a great loss. Lord, in your Mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

5. Lutheran Student Center Improvements — Lubbock — \$20,000

The Lutheran Student Center is in dire need of much deferred improvements, mainly carpet/flooring and exterior paint. We want students to know that this ministry, as well as their faith, is important enough to warrant an update to their “home” to encourage them to study, cook, and enjoy Christian fellowship.

Our loving Father, the purpose of the Lutheran Student Center is to develop Christian leaders for the kingdom of Christ both now and in the future. The student center building is in need of paint and repair. We pray that the repair and updates to the building will encourage the students to utilize the facilities and encourage their growth in their Christian faith. Strengthen those who minister to them as they serve as faithful witnesses for You. We pray that the students will be blessed and grow in their Christian faith. In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

6. Urban Base Camp Outreach — Camp Lone Star — \$15,000

Urban Base Camp is a new program designed to partner with urban congregations at their facilities to reach out to lower income youth in their communities, offering an adventurous Christ-centered camp. The mission grant will be used to purchase a mobile rock-climbing wall.

Almighty God, You created this world and everything in it. You provide a healthy environment in Your creation where youth are able to learn about the strengths and abilities You have given them. We pray Your blessing on Urban Base Camp Outreach that it may bring some of those advantages to youth in city settings who are not able to enjoy the surroundings of Camp Lone Star. Grant that they will learn to trust You and to grow in the confidence of Your love; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

7. Creating a Network of Hope — Driving Hope of Texas — \$20,000

Driving Hope of Texas provides rides to and from medical facilities for poor and elderly patients. The mission grant will promote partnership between area churches to meet the physical and spiritual needs of this often underserved population by developing the network and promoting the service.

God of hope and mercy, when poor and elderly patients need rides to medical appointments, You raise up willing servants who help with transportation and other needs. Grant that Driving Hope of Texas will be able to network needs with helpers to give assurance of Your love to the hopeless. In Jesus' name. Amen.

8. Let the Little Children Come — St. Paul, Dallas — \$20,000

St. Paul Lutheran Church through its Christian Academy offers the only Christ-centered preschool and before and after school care for children and families to become part of the St. Paul family. A van will expand outreach to those in need.

Gracious Father, Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." We pray that the needed transportation be provided for the children of St. Paul Lutheran Church and Academy. May the Lord bless the children so that they can realize their God-given potential and receive the outpouring of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

9. E-Kids After School Program — Expansion Ministries, Inc. — \$20,000

This program cares for precious children living in impoverished Latino community apartment complexes of greater Dallas. The love of Jesus is shared while helping with homework. Funds will be used for snacks, special day celebrations, VBS, a computer lab, women's Bible study, and an outreach coordinator.

Gracious Lord, You charged Your disciples to let little children come to You so they could know Your love. We pray Your encouragement and blessing on E-Kids After School Program as it provides after school care, tutoring, and Bible school lessons for impoverished Latino children and outreach to their parents. Use this ministry to bring Your grace to bear on these students as they grow in wisdom and stature, and in favor with You and their friends. We pray this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

10. Laundry Love — St. Paul, San Antonio — \$12,000

Laundry Love partners with a laundromat, paying for all services one evening a month. On those evenings food, games, crafts, Bible lessons, and time for prayer and fellowship are provided in an effort to share the Gospel with neighbors of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Lord, laundry can be such a chore. When willing hands reach out to help at washing machines and dryers, they are able to share Your love. We ask your blessings on Laundry Love that detergent and dryer coins combined with Bible lessons, prayer, and fellowship may point lonely neighbors to your love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

11. Reaching Immigrants and Refugees — Multi-Ethnic Ministry of North Texas — \$10,084

The words of our Lord Jesus say to go and make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them. Multi-Ethnic Ministry of North Texas is doing just that in the DFW area as they continue to reach out to African refugees and immigrants, physically and spiritually.

Our Lord Jesus proclaimed for us to go and make disciples of all nations by baptizing them and teaching them to obey everything He has commanded. We pray that the Multi-Ethnic Ministry of North Texas will be able to reach out to the immigrants and new Americans in the North Texas area with the Gospel and meet their spiritual, physical, social, and emotional needs. We pray that the love of Christ, which impacts human life

and transforms hearts, will continue to be shared through all the services provided to the people. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

12. Translating LWML Bible Studies — WORDrus — \$9,243

Translating the LWML Donna Pyle Bible Study Series into Russian and German will create a global media resource through WORDrus Mission Society's internet outreach and foster spiritual growth for laypeople in Lutheran churches and communities throughout Eurasia.

Gracious Father, You have charged us in Your Holy Word to make disciples of all nations by baptizing them and teaching them to observe all You have commanded. There is a great need for us to follow this command by putting the study of Your Word in various language translations. You have given us a wonderful servant in Donna Pyle and blessed her with a desire to write Bible studies worth sharing. Help us to get them into the hands of those who need to know Your love and salvation for them. Our LWML has been richly blessed to have these Biblical studies and want others to have them as well. Bless the efforts of the WORDrus Mission Society whose goal is to get these studies translated into Russian and German, foster spiritual growth and provide sound Biblical doctrine for churches and communities throughout Eurasia. In Your loving name, we pray. Amen.