

Mite Multiplier for Missions

Leader: This devotion is an activity with scripture readings and songs for participants to use as an incentive to gather mites at an LWML group event or meeting. Inform participants prior to the meeting of the mite gathering activity. It is helpful if copies of the 2018-2020 LWML Texas District Mission Grant chart are distributed. Another resource to distribute is the LWML Texas District 2018-2020 Mission Grants with Prayers. Both resources are available from the LWML Texas District website, lwmltxdist.org/mission-grants.

Read the numbered statements and ask the participants to multiply their answer and write an amount on the line. Read and sing together the scripture readings, prayers and songs that are in bold print.

Opening Prayer:

O Good and Gracious God, may this activity be an avenue for us to multiply our mites. May our hearts be opened and with joy may we share our blessings. Help us ponder this and many other ways we may express our thankfulness to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone (Titus 3:4-8 NIV).

1. Estimate how many hugs and smiles you shared today and multiply by \$.05 X _____.

2. We have been justified by God's grace. In that grace, we may physically look prettier when we use a Chapstick® or lipstick. Multiply \$.04 times the number of tubes you think you have. \$.04 X _____.

3. Sing "Jesus Loves Me." Multiply \$.25 by the number of times you sing "*Jesus loves me.*" _____

**Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me; Yes, Jesus loves me; Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.**

4. There are 11 Mission Grants which equal \$180,000. Divide the \$ amount by 60,000. _____

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God (2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NIV).

5. Multiply \$2.00 by the number of grants that focus on ailments we may experience. _____

Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the LORD comforts His people and will have compassion on His afflicted ones (Isaiah 49:13 NIV).

6. Sing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" add the number of times "Praise" is sung and multiply by \$.20. _____

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on Him (Romans 10:12 NIV).

7. How many mission grants refer to different nationalities? Add \$.50 for each of them. _____

We love because He first loved us (1 John 4:19 NIV). **“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength’. The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these”** (Mark 12:30-31 NIV).

8. Mission service is what Lutheran Women in Mission do. Add \$.40 for each mission service activity you have participated in this year. _____

9. We sing about the Trinity in “Holy, Holy, Holy.” As we sing it, multiply \$.10 for the number of times you sing “Holy” and then add 9 cents for the Trinity. _____

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God almighty early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever (Psalm 107:1 NIV).

10. Multiply \$.50 for each time “give thanks” is repeated as you sing the song “Give Thanks”. _____

**Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son**

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**And now let the weak say, "I am strong" Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"**

Give thanks.

Totals 1-10 _____

Leader: We say and pray together:

I will make them and the places surrounding my hill a blessing. I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing (Ezekiel 34:26 NIV).

Glorious and majestic are His deeds, and His righteousness endures forever (Psalm 111:3 NIV).

We thank you Heavenly Father for your kindness in sending your Son Jesus who has washed away all our sins so we can be heirs of eternal life. Help us do what is beneficial for everyone who calls upon your name. Comfort us in times of trouble so that we may also comfort others. Help us share your saving grace so that many more will say, “Holy, holy, holy Lord God almighty, blessed Trinity.” You have showered us with many blessings. May we be thankful and share our blessings. Amen.