# **OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN**

## A Prayer/Devotion

### ALL: OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN

Group 1: Be with us in our daily living. We study your Word and attend our LWML meetings, rallies, workshops and conventions, confident that you will lead and answer our prayers. You are Lord of all! Make us ever aware that you constantly reach out in love to all your earthly children everywhere. You offer salvation to all, and you alone bring them to saving faith.

#### ALL: HALLOWED BE THY NAME

Group 2: Help us to be sincere and show by our lives what great things you have done for us. Enable us to carry out the work of the LWML and other tasks you lay before us each day, so that in everything we say and do, you will be glorified and your holy name honored.

#### ALL: THY KINGDOM COME

Group 1: Rededicate us to make disciples of all nations. We fervently rededicate ourselves – the Holy Spirit moves us to do so. May your Kingdom of living souls cover all the earth. Lead us in consecrated study of your Word and renew our prayer life as we strive to carry out your command to make disciples of all nations. Grant us a strong faith and a godly life that your Kingdom may grow by our daily witness and by our giving of mites.

#### ALL: THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

Group 2: Give us willingness and a joyful spirit to serve you as members of the LWML. Give us wisdom that we may do what you want us to do and that we may see your plans for us in spreading the Gospel.

### ALL: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

Group 1: You have given us all the needs of the body to make us able to serve you and others. Make us also aware that it is not our doing but you who give us the gifts and bring success to our endeavors.

# ALL: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US

Group 1: Forgive us when we give our mites thoughtlessly. Forgive us for not trusting your guidance in selecting mission projects and grants.

- Group 2: Forgive us when we spend more time planning table decorations and refreshments than studying your Word.
- Group 1: Forgive us when we give our time grudgingly and hurry with our tasks so that we will have more time to spend on some personal pleasure.
- Group 2: Forgive us when we feel hurt or angered because our ideas were not chosen.
- Group 1: Forgive us when we lack enthusiasm.
- Group 2: Forgive us for not praying that your will be carried out by all that we do in our organization.
- Group 1: Forgive us when we forget that it is you who gives the increase.
- Group 2: Forgive us when we stray away from the main objectives of the LWML.

# ALL: GIVE US A FORGIVING ATTITUDE WHEN WORKING WITH OTHERS. FORGIVE US FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS.

### ALL: AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

Group 2: You know our weaknesses, so we ask for your guidance in all our decisions and actions. Guard us from all false doctrine and from compromising when your Word is challenged. We pray that we will be strengthened and preserved in faith.

### ALL: BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL

Group 1: When our LWML, or we as individuals, are asked to carry a cross, help us to bear it so that it will work for our good. At the end of our journey on earth, graciously take us to the heavenly mansions you have prepared for us.

# ALL: FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER AND EVER

Group 2: We know you will answer our prayers, for you have all power, wisdom, love, and mercy. We are confident you will answer them in your own way and time.

### ALL: AMEN, AMEN, AMEN

