

2017-2019 LWML Mission Grant #2

Mercy House for Women and Children Franklin Avenue Mission, Flint, Michigan, \$100,000

Devotion/Litany

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, 'here am I. Send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8).

Leader: Lord, because of the first sin by Adam and Eve, evil has resided here on Earth, causing much pain and sorrow for mankind.

Response: They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good. The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have turned aside; together they have become corrupt (Psalm 14:1b-3).

Leader: For those who have not heard, have not tasted Your goodness, how will they hear Lord? How will they feel the safety and comfort of Your arms?

Response: For You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man (Psalm 5:4-6).

Leader: The faithful in Flint, Michigan are seeking Your guidance in sharing with those in the devil's snare, the truth of love, compassion, and forgiveness; the truth of Your Son's sacrifice, and the truth in the healing of both body and soul found in Your Word.

Response: There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!" (Psalm 3:66).

Leader: Because of their love of Your word and Your commands, these servants desire to share Your abundant blessings with the many around them living in despair and hunger, and with prayers and thanksgiving have taken on a new, bold mission to provide refuge for women and children in need.

Response: The Lord is king forever and ever; the nations perish from His land. O Lord, You hear the desire of the afflicted; You will strengthen their heart; You will incline Your ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more (Psalm 10:17-18).

Leader: Lord, we ask You to pour Your blessings on Mercy House, the occupants, the workers, and volunteers. May Your love be reflected in all that is done, and may this home serve as a vessel to bring others to salvation through the work of Your Son – His suffering, death, and resurrection for all.

Response: In You, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me! Incline your ear to me; rescue me! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me! For You are my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake, You lead me and guide me; You take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for You are my refuge. Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God (Psalm 31:1-5).

All: I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes it boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together! I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him (Psalm 34:1-8).