

Prayers

Prayer #1 – Gracious Lord, bless the leaders of this Lutheran Church in Tanzania. They are striving to teach their young girls about Jesus and helping them to a better life with new skills. Bless all their work. Send the Holy Spirit to guide them and encourage them. Open doors for them and help make their efforts fruitful and change the lives of these girls. In Jesus' Holy Name we pray, Amen.

Prayer #2 – Dearest Heavenly Father, through scripture You have shown us the love Jesus had for children during His earthly ministry. Bless these girls in Tanzania as they learn about Jesus and a new life skill. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, may they come to know Jesus as their Savior and joyfully share this Good News with their families and friends. In Jesus' Holy Name we pray, Amen.

Prayer #3 – Creator of heaven and earth, hear us as we humbly come before You and thank You for raising up Christian leaders who want to bring others to You and to improve the lives of these girls. Guide the leaders and the church members in their efforts to better the lives of these young girls and teach these girls about Jesus. We pray that the seed they plant will be fruitful. Hear our prayer, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer #4 – O Lord God, open the ears of these girls to hear Your Word spoken to them by caring leaders. You have blessed these men with a desire to go and share the Gospel with others, especially those who have no opportunity to hear because their homes are so remote. Send Your Holy Spirit to create a desire in these girls to know more about Jesus as their lives are enriched with a sustainable skill. Hear our prayer in the name of Your precious Son, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Devotion

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

All: We thank and praise You O Lord for sending Your Son to give us eternal life with You.

Leader: In southeastern Tanzania, many young women in remote areas do not attend school or have jobs, and seek unskilled jobs in larger towns, often ending up involved in prostitution. Some end up with AIDS or unexpected pregnancies, with no means of supporting themselves. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania South-East Lake Victoria Diocese (ELCT-SELVD) has established the Bishop Makala Sewing Center to teach young girls sewing, life skills, and the Gospel. Their goal is to build classrooms with a 50 student capacity, along with a dormitory. Within one year of training, their sewing skills enable the girls to have pocket money, purchase a sewing machine, and buy materials to create sewn items to sell for income.

All: We thank and praise You, O Lord, for helping us teach others skills to improve their physical lives and learn about Your Son, Jesus Christ and His redeeming salvation for their eternal life.

Leader: This center will be a school and a place to live and learn. It will have all the supplies, including sewing machines, cloth, furniture, and instruction. The district churches are very compassionate and caring, showing their support by buying the items the girls make. Our support for this center will help the ELCT-SELVD fulfill their mission of connecting with all their people, even those living in the remote bush areas, bringing them the Gospel, and the hope of eternal life with Jesus.

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