

## Prayers

Prayer #1 – Heavenly Father, you commanded us to “Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations,” Matthew 28:19. Most of us cannot go into the world but we can pray for those who can and we can supply their material needs as they tell others about Jesus. We ask your blessings on these selfless, spirit-filled men, women and families. Let them always feel your presence and peace in all they do. Amen.

Prayer #2 – Oh, God, our Father, hear our prayer. We come to you not for ourselves but for those who are telling others of the story of Jesus; his life, death, and resurrection for our salvation. How he healed the sick, raised the dead, fed the hungry, brought sight to the blind and all these things he did to serve others. Our missionaries are our emissaries to other lands who share the Gospel in places where we can't go but we can provide for them with the help of Mission Central. May we be generous in our support of them. Amen.

Prayer #3 – Oh, Holy Lord, hear us as we pray for our missionaries, that you would strengthen and encourage them. Give them the peace that only you can provide. Help us to give them peace knowing that their needs while in the field are being taken care of so they can focus on sharing the Gospel. Take away their worry and concern knowing that Mission Central and the LWML has provided for them. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer #4 – Dearest God, our heavenly Father, we lift up to you the concerns of our missionaries. While they are working for you they may worry about earthly needs. Help us to provide for them through our mites and prayers for this grant that these funds administered through Mission Central will make their lives of service to you, spreading the Gospel, a life of joy! Amen.

## Story

Since 2003, Mission Central, located in Mapleton, Iowa, has been operating as the largest mission supporting agency. As a part of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) World Mission global Gospel outreach they have been blessed by God to be the conduit helping to raise millions of dollars every year to send and keep LCMS World Mission Missionaries in the field.

Many of us don't realize the extra costs associated with sending a missionary to the field. Things we take for granted in our daily lives such as education of their children or a vehicle to travel to the people they serve. Other needs include: flights to and from the mission field where they serve; transportation in country of service; health insurance; housing expenses; office expenses; language training in the field; cost of orientation and training prior to leaving for the field. Exact costs are impossible to predict because of a different scenarios for each missionary and his or her family. All the needs are desired and highly valuable if not absolutely necessary. Mission Central seeks to serve and support new LCMS missionaries throughout the world proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Mission Central uses this blessed gift of money and awards it with prayerful discretion by the LCMS Mission Central staff. With the recommendation and endorsement of the LCMS Office of International Mission, it is given to the most current and urgent needs of our missionaries waiting to serve or already in the field.

Jesus has called our LCMS missionaries to go into the entire world to proclaim Jesus Christ above all. We as Lutheran Women in Mission, empowered by the Holy Spirit, can assist our missionaries with our prayers and our mite dollars for this grant to Mission Central.

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Current Missionary Need \$100,000

