

## Prayers

**Prayer #1** – Dear Lord, We ask You to bless Lutheran Braille Workers’ project, Laborers of Love, as they engage in sharing Your Word by producing 20,000 English Standard Version Bibles in braille and large print. Use our prayers and mites to further Your kingdom by using this ministry as a means to plant the seed of faith in the hearts of the visually challenged reading these Bibles, so they will know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

**Prayer #2** - Dear Lord, We would have all men to be saved and “see” Jesus with the “eyes” of faith. We ask your blessing on this Lutheran Braille Workers’ mission grant, Laborers of Love, that the 20,000 large print and braille English Standard Version Bibles be the tool used by the Holy Spirit to reach the 11 million visually impaired and blind persons, of whom 95% are unchurched, with the seed of faith, that they may believe in Jesus as their personal Savior. Use our prayers and mites to spread Your Gospel far and near; to You alone be the glory. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**Prayer #3** - Dear Heavenly Father, In the 2017-2019 biennium there are many mission grant projects for which we are to pray and ask Your blessing. Today, we particularly ask You to look with favor on the Lutheran Braille Workers’ ministry of Laborers of Love in which \$100,000 is to be used to produce 20,000 copies of the 37 volume English Standard Version (ESV) Bibles in large print or braille for the visually challenged. Please bless our prayers and mites that this grant recipient may receive their money in a timely manner, and that this printing of the ESV Bibles, by the power of the Holy Spirit, will open the hearts of the recipients of this Bible so that they may become one with us in believing in Jesus as their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil. In Your Son’s name we pray, Amen.

## Story

*Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17).*

Did you know there are approximately 11 million blind and/or visually impaired people in the United States, and of those about 95% are unchurched? For 74 years Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) has been using their resources to engage blind and visually challenged people by giving both spiritual and physical encouragement. Combined since 2012, Lutheran Blind Mission Society and Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) are helping the visually challenged to “see” Jesus with the “eyes of faith” through the use of large print and braille Bibles.

Laborers of Love, will use this grant of \$100,000 to print 20,000 English Standard Version (ESV) Bibles at more than 100 LBW Work Centers in the United States. This is a complicated process of transcription, creating and embossing zinc plates and then printing a complete ESV Bible of 37 volumes in either large print or braille for a cost of \$185. On the commercial market this same Bible would sell for \$810, making the purchase of this Bible cost prohibitive for many blind and visually impaired persons. The Laborers of Love grant project will give these Bibles free of charge to recipients.

As a Recognized Service Organization (RSO), this ministry serves about 1200 active participants in 60 Outreach Centers throughout 23 states. LBW seeks to reach out to people with visual limitations so they too have the saving news of Jesus.

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Laborers of Love- \$100,000



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## Prayers (cont.)

**Prayer #4** - Dear Father, In order to share the love of Jesus with over 11 million blind or visually impaired persons, Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) has received a Lutheran Women's Missionary League Mission Grant for \$100,000 to produce 20,000 braille or large print English Standard Version (ESV) Bibles. We ask You to bless the recipients of the Laborers of Love mission grant and the outreach of LBW. We also ask You to bless our prayers and mites for this ministry, that all who receive one of the ESV Bibles come to know Jesus as their Savior, and that all we do be to Your glory and for the good of others. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Story (cont.)

Many blind or visually impaired persons have been mistakenly told that their blindness is punishment for sin, or if they have enough faith, they'll be healed. Because of this misinformation, many of the visually challenged become discouraged or have rejected God. Being able to read a Bible and learn of the saving news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection will give them encouragement and hope.

Lutheran Braille Workers is committed to continuing their connection to the visually disabled. By lovingly equipping and supplying them with ESV Bibles in braille or large print, the Gospel will be proclaimed. Through the LBW network of volunteers, these Bibles will be a means for sharing God's love.

