

## Prayers

**Prayer #1** – Dear Lord, we thank you for your goodness, your mercy and your grace. Help us to assist Bethesda Lutheran Communities (Bethesda) in providing funding for these faith-filled services. We ask You to use these books to fill the hearts of those served with Your presence and joy. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

**Prayer #2** – Heavenly Father, we thank you for this wonderful opportunity to be a blessing to so many sisters and brothers in Christ with intellectual disabilities. Thank you for Bethesda Lutheran Communities' work in providing the homes and services. We pray that the Holy Spirit will work through this ministry. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

**Prayer #3** – *I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well* (Psalm 139:14). We worship and praise your holy name. We lift our eyes to see Your glory. We thank You with our hymns of praise. Lord, all the world is Yours! You are Lord over all! May Your Spirit fill those served by Bethesda with the knowledge that they are wonderfully made by You. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

**Prayer #4** – Gracious Heavenly Father, all we have is Yours. In thanksgiving and praise, we give You our mission offering that it might, through Bethesda, share your gift of salvation. In Jesus Holy name we pray. Amen.

## Story

*I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well* (Psalm 139:14).

Bethesda Lutheran Communities (Bethesda) is a nationally recognized organization that provides homes, support, and advocacy for people with intellectual disabilities. It has had a mission to provide services that will enhance lives with the sharing of the good news of Jesus Christ for over 110 years.

Bethesda, through its "Lifting Up Bethesda" program, works to break down barriers for people with intellectual disabilities so that they can become part of their church body; and ministry consultants work to ensure the individuals are welcomed in the Word and Sacrament.

The costs associated with the integral faith-based support part of their services are not subject to state reimbursement. These services rely heavily on volunteers, ministry partners, congregational support and private donors. Travel is an essential part of their faith-based support services. Bethesda provides services to over 1900 individuals in over 13 states.

Mission Grant #15, Sharing Jesus with People with Intellectual Disabilities, will assist with the travel expenses of the Bethesda ministry consultants who visit the individuals they support, as well as, assist with visits to congregations and other faith partners.

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## Story (cont.)

This grant will help in funding the ministry consultants leaders; and will promote increasing congregational awareness and support of these faith-based services.

