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2019–2021 LWML MISSION GRANT #3

## Mission Grant Prayer Guide and Story

### PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

Prayers for Mission Outreach for At-Risk Young Women in Africa

#### PRAYER #1

Heavenly Father, our hope and salvation, bless and help the young women in Africa caught in the web of prostitution and hopelessness. Lutheran Hour Ministries provides a means for these women to hear of Your mercy and forgiveness. We pray that through their efforts, many caught in a lifestyle of desperation will be enabled to turn their lives around through help from local Lutheran churches and volunteers. In Jesus' precious name. Amen.

#### PRAYER #2

Lord Jesus, our help and our Redeemer, we implore You to bless our giving to enable Lutheran Hour Ministries' programs to bring hope and help to the young women of Africa caught in a life of prostitution and violence. You have placed us in families and churches that support us. Grant that our mite offerings will be plentiful so that many young women will be connected to the church and to Your Word. Amen.

#### PRAYER #3

Lord, grant us help to faithfully obey Your command to love our neighbors as ourselves and give generously to fund this mission grant that will enable young women in Africa, caught in a desperate and harmful lifestyle, to receive the help they need. As Lutheran Hour Ministries reaches out to these women, grant them hearts to hear, learn, and believe in Jesus. May the members of local Lutheran congregations accept and mentor these women. In Jesus' precious name. Amen.

#### PRAYER #4

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, only hope of mankind, graciously grant our prayer that this grant be fully funded. Problems of violence and hunger consume those affected by poverty, causing heartache and death worldwide. Today we ask your blessing on at-risk women in Africa. Grant us compassionate hearts to generously give, that many young women receive hope and forgiveness. Bless all those helping these women and children that Your name will be glorified. In Jesus' name. Amen.



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### MISSION OUTREACH FOR AT-RISK YOUNG WOMEN IN AFRICA

Lutheran Hour Ministries — \$100,000

*And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'* (Matthew 25:40).

Young women in Kenya and Cameroon live in extreme poverty and violence; hunger and limited education force many to sell themselves for mere dollars. Nairobi has one of the highest HIV rates in Africa. With few public resources for treatment, dying from HIV/AIDS is a very real possibility.

In Cameroon, sexual exploitation, prostitution, and trafficking is so common that about 30 percent of girls ages 12 to 25 have given birth at least once. Many young pregnant women are forced from their homes, often after rape or domestic abuse. These women are outcasts with nowhere to go — not even to their church.

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is committed to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in these countries. Through ministry centers, LHM reaches out by sharing hope and faith in Jesus, changing the lives of these women both physically and spiritually.

Through our mite offerings, "Reaching Rahab," a Christ-centered program in Kenya, is making a difference in the lives of women and their young children who often live on the streets or in prisons. The program offers counseling and teaches life skills to help break the cycle of poverty and prostitution. Income-producing trades help these women become independent and successful. Sharing Jesus and God's forgiveness, they become reconnected to the church.

A network of prison chaplains and volunteers helps these young women through counseling and Bible studies. Groups with mature female volunteers from a partner Lutheran congregation are formed to help them transition into productive lives outside prison. The Prison Mums project provides help through HIV counseling and testing services.

In Cameroon, unwed teenage mothers and victims of sexual abuse are offered a holistic outreach program to empower and promote integration into society through education and spiritual growth. This provides the tools to prepare them for a better life.

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