

GOD'S WORD CHANGES EVERYTHING

Lutheran Bible Translators — \$95,000

All: Dear Lord,

You changed everything for us and for all people when you sent Your Son into the world to save us from the devil, the world, and our flesh. We ask You, O Lord, to bless Lutheran Bible Translators as they work to share this Good News in various languages. We pray that those who have never read the Bible in their own language will, with the help of the God's Word Changes Everything grant, have the opportunity to do so. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Reader 1: In what language do you pray? Was there ever a time when you thought that God didn't hear you? Have you always had a Bible to read, written in your native language?

Reader 2: *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path* (Psalm 119:105).
So, faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ (Romans 10:17).

Reader 1: The purpose of this grant, God's Word Changes Everything, is to have a Bible in the language of the people. This way they can read the Word and, with confidence, pray to God in the language of their heart knowing He hears them. This grant will equip pastors and church leaders in Ethiopia, Tanzania, and elsewhere to be directly involved in translating the Bible and to help their people use that Scripture in their daily lives and worship.

Reader 2: *How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!* (Psalm 119:103).
So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands (Psalm 63:4).

Reader 1: There are over 170 million people in Tanzania, Ethiopia, and other countries who speak more than 1,500 unique languages, but have no Bible to read in their native dialect. Many of these people assume they can only pray in English for God to hear them. The churches must use local languages to proclaim the Gospel to their people. They know that Bible translation is fundamental to the mission of the church.

All: *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"* (John 14:6).

Reader 2: *How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news* (Isaiah 52:7).
My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all the day (Psalm 71:8).

All: Dear Lord,

Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this mission outreach. Please use our prayers and mite gifts to enable the saving knowledge of Jesus to be shared in the language of the people so together, in praise to the Lord, we join in celebrating the true God and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.