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2019–2021 LWML MISSION GRANT #5

Mission Grant Prayer Guide and Story

PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

Prayers for Translating the Bible into Every Language

PRAYER #1

Dear Lord, in praise to You, we thank You for this opportunity to share our gifts and prayers for the ministry of the Lutheran Bible Translators' project, God's Word Changes Everything. We know You hear the prayers of Your people in all languages, and we join with people of all languages to praise You. We ask You to bless the training project of translating the Bible into the languages of the people in Ethiopia, Tanzania, and elsewhere so they can read Your words of salvation in their own language, come to believe in Jesus as their Savior, and know You hear them when they pray. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #2

Dear Lord, You are in control of all things, and we praise Your name! We thank You for using LWML to share the love of Jesus through the Lutheran Bible Translators' mission grant, God's Word Changes Everything. We pray your guidance and blessing on this grant that will provide funds to train translators as part of a four-year seminary training track. Help this grant to equip these pastors and church leaders to share God's Word with their people in Tanzania, Ethiopia, and elsewhere who do not have a Bible written in their native language, and help them to know that God hears all prayers to Him in any language. We ask You to bless our prayers and mites that Your will be done. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER #3

Dear Heavenly Father, we ask You to look with favor on the Lutheran Bible Translators' grant, God's Word Changes Everything. Please bless our mites so that the over 170 million people who speak over 1,500 different dialects may read the Bible in their own language. By the power of the Holy Spirit, let them 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.

PRAYER #4

Dear Father, we thank You for the opportunity to share the love of Jesus through the Word with those in Ethiopia, Tanzania, and elsewhere. We ask Your blessings on the recipients of the God's Word Changes Everything grant and pray that they may know Jesus as their personal Savior and be confident that You hear them as they pray in the language of their heart. Let all we do be in praise to You and to Your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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GOD'S WORD CHANGES EVERYTHING

Lutheran Bible Translators — \$95,000

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).

Does God only speak English?

It is estimated that 170 million people who speak over 1,500 unique languages have not been reached by the church with God's Word in their own language. Many of these people think they must speak English to pray to God.

Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) is equipping and training pastors and church leaders from churches in Ethiopia, Tanzania, and elsewhere to translate God's Word in the numerous local dialects. This will allow for the people to worship and praise the Lord in their own language.

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).

This grant of \$95,000 will fund the cost of training pastors and church leaders in translation principles during one year of their four-year seminary training track. The estimated cost per trainee is \$9,500 a year.

Bible translation is absolutely foundational to the mission of the church. Martin Luther wrote, "I wish that this book alone, in all languages, would live in the hands, eyes, ears, and hearts of all people" (LW 48:356). When people have God's Word in their local dialect, it changes their lives in ways they couldn't imagine. Praise the Lord!

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).

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news (Isaiah 52:7).

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