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2019–2021 LWML MISSION GRANT #8

## Mission Grant Prayer Guide and Story

### PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

Prayers of Lights for Christ Scholarships in Zacapa, Guatemala

#### PRAYER #1

Gracious Lord, You are the Light of the World. The life-saving Gospel of Christ, along with food and clothing, sanitation and health care, and school transportation has been brought to the young children of Zacapa, Guatemala. We pray that mite offerings for this grant will be blessed and used to Your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### PRAYER #2

Lord, God, we thank You for the children of Zacapa, Guatemala, who have entered our lives through this mission grant. We pray for each one as they are being cared for through scholarships offered by the Lights for Christ Program. Increase their knowledge of You and let them feel the love You have for all. May they go into the world telling of Your saving grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### PRAYER #3

Heavenly Father, You give us the gift of life. Thank You for mission eyes and hearts to reach out to the children, their families, and workers of the Lights for Christ Program in Guatemala. We pray that the funds for this grant, as they are used to care for the children in the landfill, will encourage them to reach out and share Your love with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### PRAYER #4

Gracious Lord, we thank You for the Lights for Christ Program and its faithful workers who share the blessed Word of God. As the children learn of You, we ask that You bless and strengthen each child with renewed faith. Thank You for enabling us to share Your Word with families in Guatemala. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.



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### LIGHTS FOR CHRIST SCHOLARSHIPS

Divine Savior Lutheran Church,  
Zacapa, Guatemala — \$95,000

*but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14).*

When members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Wichita, Kansas, served on a mission trip to Guatemala in 2014, they observed the devastating poverty of people living in the Zacapa landfill. They also saw how Divine Savior, the local Lutheran Church, was reaching out with Christ's love to the families. Working cooperatively, a scholarship program, Lights for Christ (Luces de Cristo), was developed to enable the children in the garbage dump to attend Divine Savior Lutheran School. The two churches are enthusiastic about this program and are eager to expand in order to provide more children with the opportunity to receive a Christian education and to share Christ's love with their families.

The Lights for Christ Program offers Christian education to children whose parents have been economically dependent on collecting garbage in the municipal landfill. The children come to this program with many needs. They are provided with spiritual and physical support, as well as receiving a Christian education.

LWML Mission Grant funds will enable Lights for Christ to expand the children's education beyond grade six by providing them an academic education in grades seven through twelve at the Lutheran School. It will cover a portion of their tuition fee and a school supply bag, books, task materials, and a tutor. It will also cover the cost of a Christian education teacher, transportation, food, clothing, medicine, and other personal care items.

The Lights for Christ Program is bringing the life-saving Gospel of Christ to children and families in the Zacapa landfill. It has provided essential theological, financial, medical, and people resources, as well as being a valuable mission opportunity for Holy Cross members as they support Divine Savior Lutheran School's Gospel outreach in Zacapa.

*For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light (Psalm 36:9).*

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