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2019–2021 LWML MISSION GRANT #9

Mission Grant Prayer Guide and Story

PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

Prayers for the children and families of the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming.

PRAYER #1

Caring Father, we come to You seeking Your compassion and guidance for the outreach ministry to native American children living on the Wind River Indian Reservation. We pray for Your continued blessings for this Wyoming ministry. Send Your Holy Spirit to their full-time pastor as he labors to share the Word with the American Indian community. Help us, Lord, to grow in faith and to show by our actions the love You so freely gave on that rugged cross. *As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him* (Psalm 103:13). In Your blessed name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #2

Loving and gracious Father, we thank You for Your continued blessings on our mite offerings. We want to contribute, Father, to the spreading of Your Word through this mission grant which will be used to transport children living on the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming to Sunday school and Bible classes. Help us to have a giving heart, that we may rejoice as the Gospel of Christ is shared with the children on the Reservation. *Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth* (Psalm 127:3-4). We give You, Father, our praise and thanks for Your precious love. Amen.

PRAYER #3

Heavenly Father, Creator of all, we pray that the children and their families will be moved by the Holy Spirit to learn about Christ and His redeeming sacrifice for our sins. Guide the parents to send their children to the Mission to hear about Your never-ending love. May the Holy Spirit give the children and their families wisdom and knowledge of Your saving grace and love for all people. *"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it"* (Mark 10:14b-15). All glory and honor be Yours forever and ever. Amen.



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WIND RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION TRANSPORTATION

Fort Washakie, Wyoming — \$40,000

With the purchase of a church building near Fort Washakie in the spring of 1978 by the LCMS Wyoming District, the mission work with the Shoshone and Arapaho Native American tribes began. A large part of this ministry is focused on outreach to the children of the Wind River Indian Reservation. Due to the distance from their homes and with transportation options being limited, very few children are able to attend the Bible classes in Fort Washakie and Crowheart. A suitable vehicle will enable the children to continue the 88-mile round trip to Fort Washakie to Sunday school and the 60-mile round trip to Crowheart for the "Monday" school. These classes are the mission's best, and in most instances, the only, opportunity to share the Gospel of Christ with the children living on the Reservation.

The children of this high-poverty ethnic area receive few or no opportunities for Christian education. Often, there is little involvement from the parents in their children's education, and they make no effort to attend church. However, the parents grant the Wind River Lutheran Mission (WRLM) staff permission to pick up their children and take them to Sunday school or VBS. There they learn about Jesus, and the children become Christ-bearers, shining their light and pointing their families to the Savior.

In order to accomplish this work, funds are needed to purchase a reliable passenger van for the children's transportation. A van, rather than a school bus, is preferred, as van drivers are not required to obtain a special license. Your support of Mission Grant #9, the Wind River Indian Reservation Transportation at Fort Washakie, Wyoming, is greatly appreciated. *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God* (Philippians 4:6).

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