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Proclaiming God's Presence and Power

PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

Prayers for Lutherans For Life as they proclaim God's presence and power.

PRAYER #1

Most Holy Lord, You created us in Your image, but sin entered in and broke that relationship. We now face many life issues as a result of sin and our failure to appreciate the life with which we have been blessed. Forgive us, Lord. Give us hearts that care for and value the life we have been given by reaching out to those in need of Your love, grace, and mercy. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER #2

Creator God, as we gather our mites to be used in service to Your people, we pray that You would bless the efforts of Lutherans For Life as they develop digital materials to provide vital information regarding life issues. You demonstrated Your love by sending Your Son to be our Savior. We pray You would bless these efforts to care for all Your children, both inside and outside the family of faith. We ask this in our Savior's name. Amen.

PRAYER #3

Heavenly Father, look with love on Your servants as they seek to serve You by sharing a life-giving message with those who need to hear it. Guide the workers at Lutherans For Life as they update and create new materials with a message of life. Bless the mites used to provide the funds for this labor of love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER #4

Blessed Lord, we pray that the materials created by Lutherans For Life will serve as a witness of Your love to those using the materials and that individuals and congregations would be able to engage people using these resources. May Your name be glorified through this grant and Your people served with love. In Jesus' name. Amen.



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DIGITAL MEDIA DEVELOPMENT Lutherans For Life — \$30,000

The mission of Lutherans For Life (LFL) is to equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for life. Life issues, such as abortion, embryo experimentation, and physician-assisted suicide, are not political or personal choices but matters of the heart that affect people, neighbors, loved ones, and family. They offer opportunities for us to demonstrate how God's loving grace gives immeasurable importance to every human being, no matter their age, appearance, or ability. One way to equip those making life decisions is through the development of digital media materials.

Almost 89 percent of the people in the United States use the internet, and 77 percent have a social media profile. Digital avenues like the internet, smartphones, and social media offer an open mission field to connect to people, particularly the younger generations before they face such life issues. Current online conversations surrounding life issues regularly become volatile, most of all for Christian advocates of life's sanctity since our values and perspectives run counter both to fallen human nature and prevailing public opinion.

LFL believes our Savior is calling them into this arena to share the truth in love. They need to translate their life-giving message into this 21st century language. The Digital Media Development grant funds will assist in creating a collection of infographics, memes, shareable video clips, webinars, and podcasts. These tools have the unique ability not only to proclaim, but also to portray and put into motion, how God's power and presence makes human lives worthy — especially to the least and the weakest among us.

LFL envisions that this digital media initiative will serve as a visual witness, while virtual conversation will enable Lutheran individuals and congregations to engage people using social networks such as YouTube, Facebook, iTunes, and Instagram. LWML's support and partnership through this \$30,000 grant will make it possible for LFL to help people treat life issues — and the souls facing them — with courage and compassion.

For more information on the work of LFL, check out the Lutherans For Life website: lutheransforlife.org.

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