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Building the Lord's Kingdom

PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

Prayers for providing assistance for the construction of a multipurpose building in Sri Lanka.

PRAYER #1

Lord God, Creator of all, thank You for giving us hearts filled with Your love and voices to share Jesus. As the construction of the Sri Lanka multipurpose building continues, we pray for those who have graciously given of their time and talents to help. May the labors of their hands be blessed as the Word of God is shared. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER #2

Heavenly Father, how great You are! The church in Sri Lanka is blessed to have congregations to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We pray for their continual growth of faith in You. Be with them as they hear the Gospel, receive the Sacraments, and praise You. In Jesus, Your Son's name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #3

Lord, God, we pray for the church workers in Sri Lanka. As Your ministry continues to grow in this country, we ask for strength for those who are sharing the message of salvation. We pray for those who are seeking to serve You in this special way of becoming pastors and deacons. Bless the deepening of their knowledge of You as they continue their studies. In Your holy name we pray, in thankfulness and praise. Amen.

PRAYER #4

Heavenly Father, we pray Your blessings upon the mites collected for the Sri Lanka building project, as well as for the church body in Sri Lanka as they move forward with the training of local pastors and deacons. We ask that You guide the building process, so it will be completed for Your glory and to point others to Christ Jesus. Bless the hands who work diligently through the construction process. May all be done according to Your plan. In Jesus' name. Amen



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SRI LANKA MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION Office of International Mission — \$50,000

We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing (2 Thessalonians 1:3).

Sri Lanka is an island nation located off the southern tip of India. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has been active in Sri Lanka since 1927 when the country was called “Ceylon.” Currently, there are four congregations and seven preaching stations in the country.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC), in the capital city of Colombo, has undertaken a building project that will house a new sanctuary, a central office for the CELC, seminary classrooms, and dormitory spaces, as well as a preschool. Currently, there is no Lutheran seminary in Sri Lanka and it is logistically impossible to have students study abroad at established seminaries.

The vast majority of citizens in Sri Lanka are Buddhist or Hindu. Only seven percent of the population is Christian. Because of previous years of work and evangelizing in Sri Lanka, a pre-seminary contingent began training in January of 2017. It is projected that there will be between four and six candidates each year who will benefit from this educational endeavor.

This grant will assist in funding the construction of their multipurpose building, enabling the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church to move forward with the training of local pastors and deacons and to provide a location for the central office of the CELC. In addition, it will provide space for the new sanctuary and preschool for Immanuel Lutheran Church in Colombo.

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen (2 Peter 3:18).

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