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2019–2021 LWML MISSION GRANT #21
Training to Share the Gospel

PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

Prayers for providing educational and financial support to the deaconess programs in our international partner churches

PRAYER #1

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the women who are training to become deaconesses. Guide them as they study and train to learn their profession. Provide teachers to present the necessary education and training, especially in our partner churches outside of the United States. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER #2

Most holy Lord, bless the mite offerings that are raised to benefit the LCMS Deaconess Ministry. We pray that these women may be educated and trained to serve You by serving others and caring for the least of these among us. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER #3

Blessed Jesus, You set an example of caring and serving for Your followers. Send Your Spirit to empower these women as they train to become deaconesses. Be with them as they study so they may understand diaconal leadership, the work of deaconesses, and how to apply what they learn to body and soul ministry. Amen.

PRAYER #4

Father God, You have chosen these women to serve You and Your church as deaconesses. Bless the mite donations that are gathered as they help provide educational support to equip them for that service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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LCMS DEACONESS MINISTRY

LCMS Office of International Mission — \$39,523

LCMS deaconesses are women who are full-time professional church workers trained to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a ministry of works of mercy, spiritual care, and teaching the Christian faith. The LCMS Deaconess Ministry program provides LCMS students the opportunity to become church professionals, learning about diaconal leadership, and the work of deaconesses as it applies to body and soul ministry.

Christ's love for the whole person remains the supreme example for Christians, caring for the needy in body and soul. He said,

*For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
I was naked and you clothed me,
I was sick and you visited me,
I was in prison and you came to me* (Matthew 25:35–36).

LCMS Deaconess Ministry works both domestically and internationally. These women serve in congregations alongside the office of pastor or in institutions where, like the women of old, they may serve as institutional chaplains.

This grant will provide educational and financial support to the deaconess programs in our international partner churches in the Philippines, Latvia, Liberia, Indonesia, Malaysia, and India. Their theological training encompasses two years of studies and one year of internship. The grant helps fund theological education, text books, resources, transportation, student aid, and tuition support to the underprivileged women who have a passion to learn confessional theological studies in order to serve the church.

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