



2021 LWML SUNDAY- Litany for Mites

Our Hearts in HIS Hand

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter

2:9). LWML Sunday calls us again to believe and witness with all that we are and have, that God has made us His people in Jesus Christ. "In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have." (LWML Pledge)

The heartbeat of Lutheran Women in Mission is placing our hearts, our talents, and treasures into our Savior's hand to bring new life, hope, and joy to those who do not yet know His gift of salvation. As our Lord commended the widow who gave from her heart all she had, we pray the Spirit of our God and Savior to magnify our mites for the growth of His kingdom throughout the world. (See Mark 12:41-44.)

Leader: *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"* (1 Peter 1:3).

Group: God our Father, we thank and praise You for giving us new birth through the resurrection of Jesus. Though we have not seen Jesus, we love Him. Though we do not now see Him, we believe in Him *"and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory"* (1 Peter 1:8).

Leader: What has the Son of God done for you that you love Him so?

Group: Dear Lord Jesus Christ, You have ransomed us, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with Your precious blood, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. You were foreknown before the foundation of the world but made manifest in the last times for us, who through You believe in God who raised You from the dead and gave Him glory so that our faith and hope are in God. (See 1 Peter 1:18-21.)

Leader: How has the Spirit of God and of Christ brought these blessings into your heart?

Group: O blessed Holy Spirit sent from heaven through the Gospel, we thank You for the regenerating water and word of Baptism, which saves us, *"not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,"* (1 Peter 3:21).

“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly” (1 Peter 4:8)

Leader: What does all this mean?

Group: “We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him.” (LWML Pledge)

Leader: *The end of all things is at hand; therefore, be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies — in order that in everything ...*

Group: *God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen* (1 Peter 4:7–11).