

Pray that the Lutheran Church in Germany and the Czech Republic can bring the love and light of Christ to those who have been living in spiritual darkness.

### Prayer #1

Heavenly Father, we thank You for providing workers for the Church according to Your wisdom. You know the gifts You have given them to seek and teach the light of Christ in Eastern Europe. Bless these workers — now and in the future. Provide them with faithfulness to perform their tasks. Allow for adequate times of rest and renewal. O Lord, give them zeal to share the Good News of Christ Jesus. Amen.

### Prayer #2

Holy Spirit, thank You for gathering Your people into one body, the Body of Christ. Strengthen our faithful pastors and missionaries to proclaim Your Word and administer Your Sacraments. Keep them uncompromising in Your truth, bold in sharing it, and compassionate in living it. Guard them from the influence of the world and give them the opportunity to bring their influence to bear upon it. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Prayer #3

How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the Good News! Thank You, Lord, for faithful workers who share Your Word with Your people. Inspire and raise up young people to receive training in the work of the Church. Comfort workers who may need encouragement and bring them hope. Preserve Your Church by providing faithful workers. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Prayer #4

*For You bless the righteous, O Lord; You cover him with favor as with a shield (Psalm 5:12).* Father, protect Your missionaries with the shield of Your favor. Grant them to deeply know that their efforts and successes do not make them righteous, and grant them knowledge that the discouraging times are not seen as their failures. Let them rest knowing Your favor, in Christ, surrounds them continually. We pray that they may assist You in bringing many to Your Son. Amen.



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## Supporting Missionaries in Germany and the Czech Republic

### Light of Christ in Eastern Europe Mission Central — \$56,000

Eastern European countries continue to emerge from the darkness of oppressive regimes and into the light of our Lord. For decades, Christians in the Czech Republic and Germany had to hide their faith.

In Martin Luther's homeland and the nearby Czech Republic, most German and Czech people do not know Christ as their Savior. The Czech Republic is considered one of the most atheistic countries in the world. LCMS Mission Development Counselor Gary Thies stated, "Under communist domination of the Soviet Union, Bibles were restricted and now the people are eager to hear about Jesus. The challenge is great, but God has sent wonderful pastors, teachers and missionaries to reach out to the people of this country that are in darkness." Scripture tells us,

***Your word is a lamp  
unto my feet  
and a light  
to my path  
(Psalm 119:105).***

The Lutheran Church is striving to meet the urgent need to bring the love and light of Christ to people who have been living in spiritual darkness.

Recently, many immigrants and refugees from the Middle East have settled in Germany. Our missionaries are meeting the added challenge of reaching out to those of the Muslim faith with the message of our Triune God. German and Czech citizens of all ages need to hear the Gospel and may come to faith through the ministry of our missionaries.

God, in His perfect timing, has allowed many of the repressive governments of Eastern Europe to crumble. Now the people of the Czech Republic and Germany are able to worship freely in the Christian faith. Several generations were deprived of the knowledge of our Savior. This is the time to support the returning of the light of Christ to Eastern Europe. This grant will assist in the support of eight missionaries in Germany and the Czech Republic.

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