



Mission Service Activity of the Month

October 2023:

FILL BACKPACKS FOR THE HOMELESS

Preparations for this activity:

Homelessness is increasing in our country. One of the most frequently requested ingathering donations is a backpack filled with needed supplies for people who are homeless. To assist in caring for this growing population, let's fill backpacks with needed supplies. To begin, research agencies in your area serving the homeless that accept backpacks. Print an LWML devotional to include, and purchase or have your group or congregation donate supplies for the activity. The supplies could include:

- Small Backpack
- 1 Liquid Hand Soap - 3.38 oz.
- 1 Pair of Men's Cotton Crew Socks
- 1 Pair of Adult Knitted Gloves
- 1 Adult Knitted Hat Beanie
- 1 oz. Hand Sanitizer
- 1 Disposable Rain Poncho
- 1 0.6 oz. Fluoride Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- 1 oz. Shampoo
- 1 oz. Body Wash
- Deodorant Soap
- 5 Inch Black Comb
- Single Blade Razor



Place all the supplies in the backpack, adding the devotion and your prayers for the recipient.

Take pictures of this activity in progress, if doing it as a group project. Get the individuals' permission to take and share pictures. Submit pictures to share on your district website or newsletter.

Gospel Focus: Serving the Saints

For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do (Hebrews 6:10).

Devotion as you plan: Share this Mustard Seed devotion as you pray for the homeless, by Alma Kern, "[Be All You Can Be](#)".

Prayer as You Plan and Prepare: Lord, You are the giver and sustainer of life. Please encircle all who are homeless in Your loving arms. Help us to meet their physical needs and to lovingly share Your comforting Word with them. Give them extra warmth, Your peace, and Your eternal direction. Give us a kind heart and compassion to help the homeless in their need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

