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PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

PRAYER #1

My dear heavenly Father, as I think of this first day of school for all children, I ask that You help me remember that You always know and understand what is going on in our lives and You have a plan for the children in Your kingdom. You allowed Your Son to leave heaven, to come to earth, knowing all of the things He would face, including dying on the cross, as part of Your plan for our salvation. Grant these children a good adjustment to school, loving teachers, and new friends. Be with all of us as we make this tremendous change in our lives, knowing that You are watching over us. Amen.

PRAYER #2

Good and generous Lord, You have once more brought the year full circle, through planting and growing and ripening, to harvest time and autumn. We marvel at Your wonderful ways of bringing food from the earth for man's good. As we share these bountiful gifts with our neighbor, may we see the merciful, generous hand of Your creation. Strengthen our voices so that we can rejoice in our Lord and praise our King so that all may know of Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER #3

God of all creation, You give us the gift of seasons to mark our journey through time. The season of autumn, with its change of colors and falling leaves, reminds us that sometimes things must die and fall away for new life to arise. Such is the message of the cross - that through death of our sinful nature, we find newness of life through Jesus Christ who paid the price for our sins once and for all. In those moments when we experience setbacks or failures, help us to remember that You are always with us and that there is no failure or sin Your love cannot heal. Amen.

PRAYER #4

O most gracious God, as we go down new paths this fall, whether it be new schools, new teachers, or moving to a new home in a new community, help us through the unfamiliarity by being at our side giving us reassurance. Help us to know that Your love sustains us in all that we do. Give us courage to live and speak as Your child of the forgiveness of sins that Jesus won for us on the cross, which was confirmed by His resurrection from the dead. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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MISSION GRANT STORY

BACK TO SCHOOL - MISSION GRANT STORY

For many people, the season of autumn is their favorite. Fall reminds us of the beautiful sight of leaves changing colors and falling off the trees, harvest time of crops, apple cider, and enjoying being outside with nature in the mild and delightful temperatures.

The calendar may designate January 1 as the beginning of the New Year. For many of us, however, fall seems like the real start of a new year. There is a certain excitement following the summer and vacation time. Many of us are dictated by school schedules when it's a time to start fresh and embrace new changes.

Those changes can mean new schools, new teachers, perhaps making new friends due to a move, and new school clothes. Many of our societies are gearing up for their fall programming, zones are planning their fall rallies and events, retreats are being scheduled, and districts are busy planning for their conventions in 2016.

Adapting to these new changes is easier for some than for others. But all of us can be challenged to make one important resolution: to spend time in God's Word on a daily basis. In His Word our Lord reveals Himself and His will for our lives. His revelation informs our hearts, heads, and hands and transforms our lives and lifestyles.

Please continue to pray for your LWML, its members and leaders. Let us also pray for the 2015-2017 mission grants that were voted on just a short time ago at Des Moines. In Lamentations, we are reminded that God's compassions never fail; they are new every morning; great is [His] faithfulness! (Lamentations 3:21-23) Because of His new mercies and grace each day, we can be confident in facing any "new" beginnings in September.

