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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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