Take My Life
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The Lord gives us many blessings in life, including life itself. Take a deeper look at “Take My Life and Let It Be” (LSB 783) as you learn about the gifts God has given you to serve Him and His people.

Opening Prayer: Read together verses one and two of “Take My Life and Let It Be” as your prayer.

My Silver, Gold, and Intellect
Read or sing verse four of “Take My Life and Let It Be.” Everything we have is a gift from God, including our salvation. In response to His gifts, what do we offer to God to use in this verse? __________________________________________________________________________

Read Luke 21:1–4. As women of the LWML, we have seen how mite offerings can be used. Share one of your favorite mission grants (district or national) that has been used to serve God. __________________________________________________________________________

Read Romans 12:2. How can our minds be renewed to serve God? __________________________________________________________________________

My Will and Heart
Read or sing verse five of “Take My Life and Let It Be.” How are we called to serve God in this verse? __________________________________________________________________________

What do Philippians 2:13 and Hebrews 13:20–21 tell us about God’s will in our lives? __________________________________________________________________________

Read Galatians 2:20 and Colossians 3:23. What can we learn about Christ in our hearts and lives? __________________________________________________________________________

How can people work for “men,” as Colossians says? ________________________________
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How can we as Christians stay close to God and let our hearts be His dwelling place? __________________________________________________________________________

My Love and Myself
Read or sing verse six of “Take My Life and Let It Be.” What does this verse encourage us to do? __________________________________________________________________________

How does God encourage us to love in Luke 10:27? __________________________________________________________________________

How can God use our lives according to 2 Corinthians 5:15? ________________________________
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What does serving God look like to you? __________________________________________________________________________

Closing Prayer: Lord Jesus, we know that without Your Holy Spirit we can do nothing good. We thank You for the opportunities we have to serve You and that You make us aware of those opportunities. Guide us to always remember that You are the one who works in us to even ask for You to take our lives and use them for Your will. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Close by singing verse three of “Take My Life and Let it Be.”

Take My Life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold; Take my intellect, and use Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine. Take my heart; it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

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