

SET APART TO SERVE

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Preparing Generations to Serve as Church Workers

PRAYER #1

Heavenly Father, You call us to serve in many vocations as church workers or other occupations to further Your Kingdom. As Christians, help us do our jobs in a God-pleasing way and take every opportunity to bear witness to our faith. Guide us, our congregations, pastor, teachers, and other church workers to use the resources that *Set Apart to Serve* gives us to reach and encourage the next generations to consider an occupation as a church worker to serve You in reaching the lost. In the name of Your almighty Son, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #2

Dear Jesus, You gave us the Great Commission to go and make disciples of all nations. The plan was given to the Church through the apostles. It is the plan for the whole Church, to raise up church workers to proclaim the Gospel to the next generations and provide them with opportunities to experience the rewards of church work. Let us continue to pray that our upcoming leaders of the next generation will have a deep passion for the Great Commission. We pray this in Your powerful name, Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

PRAYER #3

We thank You Lord that mite offerings are able to support the *Set Apart to Serve* initiative. Bless efforts to help identify and encourage future church workers in our Synod to treasure the gifts God has given them for service. We thank You for the resources that have been made available for us to use. May their work be not in vain but continue to be effective in recruiting church workers to deliver the Gospel both here and abroad. In Your precious name, Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER #4

Heavenly Father, we thank You for our families. May we be a trustworthy witness, encourager, and mentor to them. We ask You to guide us in shaping the next generation for Your sake. Help us to encourage and welcome them to become active members in the church. Through Your Word and Sacraments, You give us the power to make them disciples. Help us to go forward boldly to serve You. In Jesus name. Amen.

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37–38).