

# October 2015

## PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

Prayers for: Disaster Response Trailers

### PRAYER #1

Dear Jesus, as we gather our mites to further Your Kingdom, we pray for those struggling with disaster in areas across the USA. We give thanks for those that volunteer time and talents to go into these areas with tools needed to clean-up and give comfort. Protect the workers and empower them with the Holy Spirit as they minister to Your children in time of need. We thank and praise You for the gifts of mercy, love, and life that You have given to each one of us. In Your Holy Name, we pray, Amen!

### PRAYER #2

Dear Lord, we often fail to remember the many people that scan the weather situations and notify Your children of dangerous tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, and other disasters that may be headed their way. The gift of technology has saved many lives as they seek shelter from danger. We ask Your blessing on the The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod districts that will be using these equipment trailers to bring comfort to Your children as they recover from disaster. Praise be to You, the one who brings peace. Amen!

### PRAYER #3

Dear Father, as the Disaster Response teams reach an area of destruction, empower them to give Gospel-centered care for body and soul, providing an opportunity for the church to be visibly active in reaching out in mercy to serve the hurting and homeless with physical and spiritual care. We have seen Your power over the years with the mites that are gathered by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, keep us mindful that all is to the glory of God to further His Kingdom. Amen!

### PRAYER #4

Dear Lord, as we place our mites into the Mite Box may we be forever reminded of the power of these small coins. As the Lutheran Women's Missionary League met in convention, we asked Your guidance in the selection of grants for this biennium. These projects are before us to remember in prayer, support financially, and share the results of Your labor. Many grants require workers to carry out a project, we remember them and place them into Your caring hands. Use our hands, feet, voices, and gold to further Your Kingdom. Amen!

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# MISSION GRANT STORY

## DISASTER RESPONSE TRAILERS

**\$80,000**

The last decade saw an unprecedented number of disasters. God calls us to be His hands reaching out to bring peace and hope, relief, and assistance to those who suffer the devastating effects of natural and man-made disasters. These equipment trailers will allow groups to quickly provide volunteers for debris clean-up after hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and other disasters. In this way, they aren't a burden on those affected, but rather are able to bring relief and comfort. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Disaster Response trailers provides a ministry of presence before, during, and after a disaster.

Currently, there are over 12,000 individuals from across the LCMS who have received training as Lutheran Early Response Team volunteers and the number grows every month. The goal is to equip twenty trailers to be used in twenty LCMS districts. Trained teams will be tasked with utilizing and maintaining these equipment trailers. Volunteers will be better prepared to quickly respond in time of disaster with the proper cleaning supplies and tools. Disasters, while terrible, are a time when the church can take a moment to truly care for the greatest treasures of this world—people. Through LCMS Disaster Response, the church is able to provide Gospel-centered care for both body and soul in times of tragedy.

This Lutheran Women's Missionary League mission grant will pay for one third of the costs per trailer for each congregation in various districts requesting a trailer. The congregation/district will also be asked for one third of the cost and the LCMS Disaster Response will pay the remaining third. Disaster Response volunteers throughout a district would be better prepared to quickly respond in time of disaster with the proper equipment available to the entire district. In turn, they will be in a better position to speak the comforting truths of the Gospel to the individuals and families affected.

