

PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

PRAYER #1

Dear Lord God Heavenly Father, we acknowledge that You alone are the source of all that is good. We are also aware that because of sin our world experiences tragedy and disaster. We ask that You bless the Theological Education for Disaster Response Training Conference in Latin America where seminarians from Argentina and leaders from partner churches in the area will focus on a theological approach to pastoral care after times of tragedy and disaster. Bless the communion sets they will receive at the completion of this conference so that they will be used to bring spiritual care to their church members. And, dear Lord, may Your Spirit guide the spiritual care that these attendees will be offering to the un-churched that are affected by tragedy. In the name of Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #2

O most gracious God, We are grateful for the blessings we have received and the abundance of riches in our country. As our brothers in Latin America plan and host the Theological Education for Disaster Response Training Conference may Your Spirit guide them. When tragedy or disaster strikes, may they be prepared to offer spiritual care to Lutheran members as well as the un-churched in the area. Lead us to be faithful in our gifts to provide the communion kits to those pastors attending this conference, so that they will be able to offer the Lord's Supper to our Lutheran brothers in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #3

We are thankful to You, O gracious Lord, for the blessings of forgiveness of sins, salvation, and eternal life which was earned for us by Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. When tragedy and disaster strike, we ask that those affected may be made aware of, or reminded by, Your Holy Spirit of this saving grace as well. You have given us the opportunity to support our brothers and sisters in Latin America as seminarians and pastors train for these times by providing individual communion kits to them. Pastors will give spiritual care to the un-churched as well as share the Lord's Supper with fellow Lutherans in the affected areas. For this opportunity we give You all praise and glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER #4

Triune God, we praise and thank You for the many ways You allow us to serve You by serving others. When tragedy or disaster strikes in Latin America we know that the pastors and seminarians from the area who have attended the Theological Education for Disaster Response Training Conference will be prepared to bring comfort and spiritual care to those affected. Our support of them will come in the provision of individual communion kits to be used at such tragic times. Spiritual care will be given to the unchurched, and the Lutherans in the area will also be offered the Lord's Supper. In Your most holy name we pray. Amen.

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MISSION GRANT STORY

Conference Center and Theological Education for Disaster Response Training Conference in Latin America/Communion Kits \$100,000

The Dominican Republic is The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod hub of missions along with pastoral and deaconess formation in the Latin American region. The Dominican Republic is hit on average every 4.5 years with a major hurricane, and the island is regularly affected by some of the world's largest and most deadly earthquakes. The Disaster Response Center will be used for emergency housing for the Dominican Republic and the Latin American region. It also will be a training center for Mercy Ministry, Human Care and Deaconess training. Since the Dominican Republic is the hub of missions for Latin America, this facility could be used to train students and pastors from our partner churches in the Latin American region for years or even decades to come.

Grant money from LWML will be used to offer seminarians from Argentina as well as leadership from partner churches in Latin America the opportunity to participate in training that will focus specifically on a theological approach to pastoral care after times of tragedy and disaster. When the specialized education is completed, those attending will receive individual communion sets to be used during disasters.

Guests invited to attend the "Latin American Regional Mercy Conference" at a retreat center in Paraguay will include Central American pastors, South American pastors, missionaries, and seminarians from Concordia Seminary in Argentina.

Developing plans include the introduction of the new Spanish translation of the Disaster Response guides, Pastoral Care Companion in Spanish, and Pastoral visitation communion kits. All of the lectures will be covering congregational-based Disaster Response, how to use the Pastoral Care companion and communion kits for spiritual care of Lutheran members and how to offer spiritual care for the un-churched that are affected by tragedy.

While most Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod pastors in the United States have portable communion sets, it is rare for pastors in Latin America to have such a kit. There is a need for the quality of the kits to be such that they will last for years or decades.

