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## PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

Prayers for: Bringing the Gospel to the Lost Sheep of Israel

### PRAYER #1

Dear Lord, in his letter to the Romans, Paul said that "his heart's desire" was the salvation of Israel (10: 1). Today we ask You to use all the missionary efforts of Apple of His Eye Mission Society so that more and more people in Israel can listen to Your Word, and that this message of life can work faith in the hearts of the lost sheep of Israel. Touch their hearts with Your love and fill their lives with Your forgiveness. In Your holy name we pray, Amen.

### PRAYER #2

Lord, You sent Your church to go to all nations and preach Your holy name, and baptize all in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Your love and mercy, send all those working in Apple of His Eye Mission Society to continue to proclaim Your name in Israel, so that those who do not know You can be touched by the power of Your Gospel. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### PRAYER #3

We thank You, Lord, for all workers of Apple of His Eye Mission Society, and all missionary agencies. Despite the limitations and dangerous circumstances, they continue working in the land of Israel for the proclamation of Jesus Christ. Stay with them, Lord. Bless the effort that they are doing, and protect their lives. In the name of Jesus, Your beloved Son. Amen.

### PRAYER #4

In the book of the Prophet Hosea, the Lord has proclaimed: *How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender* (11: 8). We pray on this day that You have infinite mercy on those who live in the State of Israel, and all those who suffer the calamities of war and conflict. Use the work of Apple of His Eye Mission Society to bring the peace of Christ to the hearts of people in Israel, Palestine, Syria, the Middle East and the entire world. We pray these things in the name of Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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# MISSION GRANT STORY

## BRINGING THE GOSPEL TO THE LOST SHEEP OF ISRAEL \$ 100,000

The Apple of His Eye Mission Society was formed in 1996 following over 20 years of being a Synod-supported task force on Jewish evangelism. Their mission statement emphasizes the boldly declaring of Y'shua as Messiah, and the urgently equipping of the Church to do the same.

Knowing that one of the unreached people groups of the world of great concern to the people of the LCMS are the Jewish people, The Apple of His Eye Mission Society is doing an active work of sowing the seed so that God's Spirit can dwell in them by declaring Jesus as their Savior. However, the challenges are there. Outside missionaries are scrambling to stay in Israel, and many have had visas revoked or not renewed. Currently, there are over 6 million Jewish people living in the land of Israel, and 99% do not confess Jesus Christ as their Savior. The solution is to recruit and train Israeli citizens who confess Y'shua as Messiah to join in partnership with The Apple of His Eye for mission work there.

The Old Testament was written in the Hebrew language so the Jewish people need no translation. However, there is an urgent need of a loving and direct Gospel proclamation on a personal level leading to the formation of Lutheran-framed Messianic congregations for Word and Sacrament.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) funds will be used to bring people to the United States for training, provide housing while in training, and then provide a modest start-up package for the ministry. These include evangelism tools and materials for outreach, computers for working with database, and creative communications.

