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PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

Lutheran Youth Corps

PRAYER #1

Heavenly Father, You have led the church in providing means and resources to assist parents in raising their children to know You as the one true God. Please bless this initiative aimed at providing young adults the opportunity to serve You in needed areas and communities. May those chosen to participate come to know and understand their vocational callings and how this vocation will allow them to continue to share Your love through the many facets of the lifetime You have prepared for them here on earth. These things we boldly ask in our Savior's name. Amen.

PRAYER #2

Lord, You have called us all to be Your witnesses. Many of our young adults desire to serve through our synod. Thank You for the foresight of those who began this initiative to provide this opportunity for them. We ask Your continued guidance for the staff and participants and may they remain steadfast in proclaiming Your goodness and favor. In all things, Lord, keep them mindful that all is possible through You, and all is to Your glory and honor alone. Amen.

PRAYER #3

Dear Lord, What blessed opportunities the Lutheran Youth Mercy Corp will provide young adults who may still be seeking their place in the professional world by enabling them to focus on their own spiritual growth as they serve others through acts of mercy. We have been blessed with a generation of young people who have come to understand and know the joy of serving others and the impact this service will have on those less fortunate. More importantly, they are willing and ready to share the good news of salvation with those with whom they come into contact. Thank You for giving us these willing and able workers, and we ask Your blessings on their service. Amen.

PRAYER #4

Lord God, We ask Your blessings on the young adults who are so willingly giving of their time and talents to serve others. We also ask for Your protection as they commit to serve in areas that may hold unknown dangers. Keep their bodies strong, their minds clear and their hearts ready for what is in store. It will not be easy Lord, for there are many unknowns in front of them, but with Your full armor, the adversaries will not prevail. Your glory and honor will indeed be declared. These things we ask in the name of Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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MISSION GRANT STORY

Lutheran Youth Corps \$25,000

"There is an ever-growing number of LCMS college students and young adults joining the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps. They say 'We would do it with the church, but there is nothing for us to do.'" This quote comes from the executive director's office of LCMS Office of National Mission. Hearing the desire of Lutheran youth wishing to serve with LCMS guidance, the Lutheran Mercy Youth Corp initiative was born.

Youth attending the National Youth Gathering of the LCMS have voiced a desire to be of service to the church in a deeper level. Many young adults wish to utilize the time between high school and college or college and the start of full time employment serving in their communities. Lutheran Mercy Youth Corp will provide these students with the opportunity to live and serve in urban or underserved communities. This experience will engage the youth and connect them to ongoing opportunities to be Christ's witnesses in acts of mercy for the world. The program will also expand the young people's understanding of life's vocation and the important part service to others and sharing the Gospel plays in fulfilling their vocational call. For the young adults who have yet to settle on a vocation, this provides time for life experiences and possible connections with various employment opportunities.

The time frame for their service will range from three months to one year. Prior to departure, students will receive training which will include theological foundation, relational training and other areas specific to the work they will be asked to perform. Once ready for service and assigned, the students will reside in an intentional community of their peers with a professional church worker serving as a proctor. They will be connected to a local congregation for Word and Sacrament and daily devotions to enable them in remaining faithful to the commitment. More information is available at: www.lcms.org/young-adult-corps.

