



Christian Family Consulting Center- HOPE

*Let each of you look out for not only for his own interests, but also the interests of others.
(Philippians 2:4)*

- LEADER:** We begin in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- ALL:** Amen
- LEADER:** Bless the work of HOPE Christian Family Counseling Center as it expands the sanctity of life ministries in St. Petersburg.
- ALL:** *Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children. (Acts 2:38,39a)*
- LEADER:** God has opened doors in Russia for Missouri Synod Lutherans to reach people with the Good News. HOPE Christian Family Counseling Center is meeting the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of Russian women, children and families.
- ALL:** *Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. (1 John 4:11-12)*
- LEADER:** HOPE offers training classes to provide computer skills and helps women find better jobs so they can support their children financially. They also study the fundamentals of the Christian faith.
- ALL:** *For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. (Mt. 25:35-36)*
- LEADER:** The LWML grant will allow HOPE to press forward in the name of Christ our Savior by addressing the vital needs of women, teenagers, children and families who are facing the harmful influence of premarital sex, substance abuse and sanctity of life issues.
- ALL:** *Little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these". (Matt. 19: 13a, 14)*

PRAYER ALL: Heavenly Father, in Jeremiah you said "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." (Jer. 1:5a) We thank you for the gift of life. We pray for the ministry of the HOPE Center in Russia. Enable the staff and volunteers to help women find alternatives to abortion, and help new mothers face the challenges of an unexpected pregnancy. Bless the work of the HOPE Center in meeting the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of Russian women, children and families. In Your Almighty Name, we pray. Amen.