



June 2009 Devotion

Serve the Lord with Gladness! Psalm 100:2

Leader: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of your baptism

Leader: As we prepare for the 33rd biennial LWML Convention, we bring these petitions before the Lord.

All: There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. (1Cor. 12:4-6)

Leader: Lord, we pray for the people who desire to service you with gladness as elected members of the LWML Executive Board: Pat Funk, Patti Ross, Linda Arnold, Carolyn Blum, Marilyn McClure, Anita Beyersdorf, Judy Carlson, Peggy Wunschel, Rev. Kristopher Whitby, Rev. Earl Steffens and the candidates for the nominating committee.

All: It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. (Eph. 4:11-12)

Leader: Lord, we pray for those who will receive the 2009 Convention offerings that they may use them to your glory and your good: the LWML 2009-2011 Mission Goal, The Lutheran Hispanic Lay Training program, Alaska Mission for Christ, and the LWML Endowment Fund.

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. (Matt. 25:35-36)

Leader: Lord, we pray that your will is done by the convention delegates in selecting grants from the 28 proposed mission grants placed before them.

- Reader 1: Humanitarian aid in North Korean, earthquake relief aid in Peru, local Christians trained in Asia, human care in Latvia and Lithuania, deaconess training in Latin America, Kyrgyzstan's trained for evangelism, 10 chapels in Tanzania, humanitarian aid in Vietnam, human care outreach in Kazakhstan, Hope Center for refugees in Ohio,
- Reader 2: Director for LINC Baltimore, ethnic ministry support in the Northeast U.S., Carpenters Hand, LWR shipping cost for quilts, spiritual retreats in Cambodia, Chinese Lutheran Mission, Lutheran Braille Workers, Lutheran Latino Ministry, Specialized Ministry Pastors program at Concordia Theological Seminary Ft. Wayne, Food Bank at Concordia Seminary St. Louis,
- Reader 3: International Student Ministry, Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology, support to disabled children in the Dominican Republic, prison ministry devotional material, care for children in India, Lutheran Blind Mission's outreach, Hispanic outreach in North Carolina and emergency disaster aid in the south.
- All: The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me.' (Matt. 25:40)**
- Leader: Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.