



JANUARY 2010 DEVOTION

Psalm 69:14 Project

Emergency Disaster Aid in Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana ~ \$50,000

Sing or Pray:

*“What a friend we have In Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev’rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear --
All because we do not carry ev’rything to God in prayer!”*

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Leader: God has called us to be friends to those who are experiencing “trials and temptations”. He has assured us that in these times of “trouble” He will rescue us.

Reader 1: “Rescue me from the mire, do not let me sink; deliver me from those who hate me, from the deep waters. Do not let the floodwaters engulf me or the depths swallow me up or the pit close its mouth over me. Answer me, O LORD, out of the goodness of your love; in your great mercy turn to me. Do not hide your face from your servant; answer me quickly, for I am in trouble.” (Psalm 69:14-17)

Reader 2: Hurricanes batter the shore, tornadoes sweep across the cities, and floods ravage the land of our southern United States. The names of Dolly, Gustav, and Ike are familiar to us, and so is the knowledge that Lutheran Social Services of the South (LSSS) will respond with needed shelter, medicine, and other critical help.

Reader 3: The resources of LSSS have been depleted by the natural disasters of the last years, especially in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. The 2009 LWML convention adopted a worthy project that will use mites to fund a \$50,000 grant to help with those “little, but extremely important” things like utilities, prescriptions, and wheelchairs. This grant will enable LSSS to give \$300 gifts for those in immediate need and will combine with other gifts to spread God’s grace and friendship to the hurting.

Leader: Dear Jesus, our friend . . .

All: Bless those who work and volunteer at Lutheran Social Services of the South, as they respond to the needs of the people, using mite monies for one-time hardship grants to help with the immediate necessities of those struck by disasters.

Leader: Dear Jesus, our friend . . .

All: Use these mites to Your glory to help those in trouble and to share Your love.

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.