

January 2010

PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANT

1. Thank God for blessings in 2009. – Freewill Gift
2. Thinking about taking decorations down? – 50¢
3. Lutheran Social Services of the South targets Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma
4. Pray for good weather blessings. – 50¢
5. For every e-mail you read today – 10¢
6. The Epiphany of our Lord – Freewill Gift
7. Pray for the estimated two million people displaced by Hurricane Katrina.
8. If you made a resolution to lose weight this year – \$1
9. Save small bottles of shampoo, etc., from hotels, and donate to a shelter.
10. For each spam e-mail received today – 20¢
11. Pray at noon with your LWML sisters in Christ.
12. Call an old or new friend, and invite her for coffee. – 25¢
13. LSSS has over 40,000 volunteers – GIVE GOD THE GLORY!
14. You shoveled snow – 25¢; your husband shoveled – 50¢; no snow? – \$1
15. Thank God that this grant will replenish critical emergency funds for future disasters.
16. Visit or donate to a local adult day care program – Freewill Gift
17. Thank God for freedom to worship – Freewill Gift
18. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Praise God.
19. Pray for President Obama & our leaders – 50¢
20. Smell the brisk, clean winter air. – 25¢
21. LSSS is a 125-year-old social ministry. – 1¢ for every year
22. LSSS provides help, healing, and hope in the name of Jesus Christ.
23. If you saw snow today – 10¢; if you didn't. – 25¢
24. LSSS serves over 35,000 people annually – 50¢
25. Pray for safety in blizzards – 50¢
26. Pray for sick and needy people. – 25¢
27. Praise God for rescues in your life – 25¢
28. Pray for God's deliverance from natural disasters – Freewill Gift
29. LSSS and LCMS World Relief work together to aid people in need. – 25¢
30. Looking forward to SPRING – 50¢
31. Thank you, God, for blessing us with LSSS. – Freewill Gift

** Please be Together in Prayer at Noon every Monday with LWML sisters.*

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MISSION GRANT STORY

PSALMS 69:14 PROJECT

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

"Rescue me from the mire, do not let me sink; deliver me from those who hate me, from the deep waters." Psalm 69:14

Lutheran Social Services South (LSSS) and its affiliate Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response (LSSDR) offer people affected by natural disasters hope, comfort, and aid. LSSS, a 125-year-old Lutheran Social Ministry Association, provides help, healing, and hope in the name of Jesus Christ to an area that includes Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma. It partners with Lutheran churches to provide immediate disaster response, recovery support, and long-term rebuilding. Using nearly 40,000 volunteers, LSSS rebuilt and repaired more than 12,000 homes and provided case management to nearly 10,000 households following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

A recent update on this project from Cecilia Blanford, grant director of LSSS, states that many are still repairing damages from Katrina. She writes that in one family, the father who is a construction worker had already fixed their damaged roof and one wall before he became a LSSDR client. He needed financial resources for materials so that he could continue repairing his family's home. LSSSDR aided him in securing funds to purchase critically needed materials including Sheetrock, flooring, insulation and sporicide to kill mold from the water damage.

Many families cannot afford insurance on their homes or belongings and have little or no personal resources with which to finance their recovery. LSSSDR gave hardship grants in the amount of \$300 each to help with temporary housing, medicines, and food. Due to the disasters that have affected this part of our nation, the resources of LSSS have been greatly depleted.

By God's grace, this LWML grant will provide funds to support future emergency aid in the form of one-time hardship grants, averaging \$300, for shelter, medicine, and other critical needs.

