



MARCH 2012 DEVOTION
LWML Mission Grant Devotion –
Outreach to At-Risk Children, Detroit Michigan

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

ALL: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: God has blessed us as His people. He has blessed His church with the promises of His Word and the blessings of His sacraments. He has blessed us, as well, with things of this life and this world. As He has gifted us, He reminds us with the words of Matthew 10:8, “Freely you have received, freely give.”

**ALL: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. (Common Doxology, public domain.)**

Leader: Our gracious Lord has blessed the work of the LWML over the years and we pray for His continued blessings on our labors for His Kingdom and our service to His church.

ALL: Thanks be to God Who has won the victory over sin and death and continues to sustain us, as the church continues to battle the old evil foe.

Leader: The Lord has set before us the opportunity to help at-risk children and teens in Detroit. For many years Detroit has been ravaged by unemployment, depopulation and social unrest. Sometimes in concentrating on the statistics regarding these trends we forget about the children who are impoverished and abused; troubled teens and discouraged parents struggle in hardship and despair. Let us be prepared to assist as God has commanded: Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days. Give a portion to seven or even to eight, for you know not what disaster may happen on earth (Eccl. 11:1-2).

ALL: Lord, bless our offerings on behalf of Lutheran City Ministries, Inc. Use our mites in meaningful and powerful ways in the After School Tutoring and Mentoring Ministries in Detroit. We ask that You bless the children and all who serve them, and that You would bring them into a closer relationship with You. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.