

Mission Prayer – CLMS Sunday, May 24, 2009

Introductory paragraph which could be printed or read to provide a context for the prayer:

To highlight the importance of various agencies in supporting the mission of Lutheran Church-Canada, Synod's Board of Directors has designated certain Sundays on which members are encouraged to be made aware of and pray for these organizations. This Sunday has been designated by our Synod as Concordia Lutheran Mission Society Sunday. CLMS supports various mission activities of the Synod, with its current focus on the work being done in Central America, Ukraine, and South East Asia.

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, the creator of all that is, you have always had a special place in your heart for every member of the human race, even though we continue to turn our backs on you and choose to go our own way. But, in your mercy, you gave your Son to atone for our disobedience, and to redeem us from our sins, so that we might be rescued from the control of Satan, and from the eternal punishment we have deserved. Send now your Holy Spirit to instill faith in all who hear the Good News of your salvation, and enable them to turn from their sin and idolatry, and confess the truth revealed through our Saviour.

So that the good news of salvation may embrace ever more people, bless the efforts of all who share your word with the lost, especially those who preach and teach. Grant faithfulness and courage to the new believers who have learned to call upon your name, and bless their witness wherever you have called them to be. Bless all the mission agencies of our synod, and encourage your people to bring grateful offerings for the sake of the Gospel. We thank you for the generosity your people have shown in supporting the Concordia Lutheran Mission Society, and pray that you would bless their gifts in the service of Christ. In His Name we pray. Amen.