## **SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!**



## How, Lord ... can I recognize my worth?

God who gave us life created us for a purpose. He has a job for each of us to do and in His eyes, we are perfect for the position. Each of us has been gifted with a talent that God wants us to use to His glory.

Our Creator didn't tell us we have to be the most articulate Gospel proclaimer or the one who always has the best ideas. We don't have to be the best at anything; we only have to make the best use of the talent God gave to us. How beautiful it will be to one day hear the voice of our Savior Jesus saying "... Well done, good and faithful servant (Matthew 25:21a)!"

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"I love serving with my local LWML group, within our zone, and now in the Louisiana-Mississippi District." Have you spoken these words, or do you desire to speak them? I encourage you to do so.

As Christian leaders, we thank God for the privilege of praying for and mentoring future servant leaders! Actively seek out and mentor those with whom you serve. Consider their unique gifts, talents, and leadership qualities, and recognize how they can best be utilized. Examples of leadership qualities are honesty, decisiveness, ability to delegate, good communication, confidence, commitment, positive attitude, creative, ability to inspire, empathy, accountability, enthusiastic, focus, drive, responsible, vision, passion, integrity, humility, good spiritual life, courageous, etc. Encourage them to cultivate any of these qualities they possess in service to our Lord.

Act now; you have an opportunity to nominate these individuals for service as officers in our LWML Louisiana-Mississippi District or if you yourself desire to serve in one of the offices, click here: <a href="News | District LWML (lwml-lams.org">News | District LWML (lwml-lams.org</a>).

Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand (Isaiah 41:10 NKJV).

Successful or not, a leader's trust and delight should always be in God. As an LWML leader, keep your focus on trusting God's promises and assurances. Be reminded that God is faithful and any success you experience is a blessing from Him! Our Lord will provide you with mentors and Pastoral Counselors to assist and encourage you, as well as committee members to help you.

The online *Personnel Resource Form* for service opportunities on a national LWML committee, <u>Get Involved - Lutheran Women's Missionary League (360unite.com)</u>, includes this prayer-

Dear Lord,

As I search out Your will for my life, please send Your Holy Spirit to guide me to the areas that you have called me. Open my eyes to the Spiritual gifts You have given me. Help me realistically focus on the sacrificial time and dedication needed for each position. Thank you for this opportunity to place myself in your service. In Jesus' name.

Amen

May God bless you as you serve Him in whatever capacity He leads you to serve!

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