



LWML South Dakota District Mite Devotion
Ongoing Mission Grant

“Today’s Light” Subscription to South Dakota Women’s Prison

Leader: When we share the message of the Gospel with prisoners, we follow a path marked out for us by Christ. For He ate with sinners and, as He hung on the cross, promised life to the thief dying at His side.

All: “ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me’” (Matthew 24:35-40).

Leader: The Department of Corrections (DOC) for the State of South Dakota maintains a women’s prison in Pierre, South Dakota. Currently there are approximately 377 women incarcerated at the Women’s Penitentiary. The DOC requires all visitors to any penitentiary to undergo a criminal background check and be approved to visit inmates.

All: **How then do we come to those in prison? As the Bible encourages us in Hebrews 12:3a, remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them ...**

Leader: The LWML South Dakota District has been approved to mail copies of the “Today’s Light” magazine to the women’s prison in Pierre. This subscription must be mailed directly from Concordia Publishing House to the prison. After inspection these magazines are placed in a common area for the women to use for their own personal Bible study. According to prison personnel these magazines are among the first selected after being placed in the common area for general use.

All: **Thank You, Lord, for this ability to provide Bible study material to our fellow South Dakotans.**

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Leader: Knowing how God wants us to minister to those in prison, the LWML South Dakota District adopted an ongoing Mission Grant to purchase the “Today’s Light” magazine for use at the women’s prison. Reading the Bible is easy with “Today’s Light.” This quarterly magazine takes readers through the entire Bible in two years, with just 15 minutes a day. Six daily readings a week include: Get the Big picture, a helpful overview of the text so you comprehend what you’ve read, Sharpen the Focus, a closer look at the passage to see its significance in your life, and Zoom In, which touches on the text’s highlights.

All: Dear Father in Heaven, we ask You to bless the reading of Your Word among those women incarcerated at the women’s prison. According to Your great power help them to see You as their Lord and Savior. May they take comfort in knowing that Your forgiveness sets the oppressed free from the bondage of sin. We ask Your blessing on those searching for the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.