LWML Mid-South District Prayer Chain Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in being a Prayer Warrior! We have developed some simple guidelines for our prayer chain which are listed below. And here are a couple of reminders about the importance of prayer!

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working (James 5:16, ESV).

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, ESV).

Guidelines:

- This prayer chain is known as the LWML Mid-South District Prayer Chain.
- It will function as an email prayer chain, using the email address <u>prayerchain@midsouthlwml.org</u>.
- Only members of the LWML Mid-South District are eligible to join this prayer chain or make requests. However, requests can be on behalf of anyone in need of prayer.
- Emails will be sent out using *blind carbon copy (BCC)*, so the privacy of prayer chain members is maintained.
- Prayer requests will typically be forwarded to Prayer Warriors within 24 hours of the request.
- Prayer requests will be forwarded in the original form as much as possible. Changes will be made for grammar and clarity. Other changes will be at the discretion of the prayer chain coordinator.
- The prayer chain coordinator has the right to refuse any requests that are deemed inappropriate.

How to be a Prayer Warrior:

- Simply send your full name, home congregation with city (for example Concordia, Kingsport, TN) and your email address to prayerchain@midsouthlwml.org.
- Anyone without access to email who wishes to be a Prayer Warrior may arrange to receive requests from another Prayer Warrior who is willing to relay requests by text message or phone.
- Keep all information received through this prayer chain confidential.
- Check your email for prayer requests daily, if possible, but no less than once per week.
- Pray in full confidence that our Great God is listening!

How to Request Prayer:

- Send an email to prayerchain@midsouthlwml.org and include your:
 - o full name
 - o home congregation with city (for example, Concordia, Kingsport, TN)
 - o relationship to the name of the person to be prayed for

This information will not be forwarded but is for the benefit of the prayer chain coordinator.

- If prayers are requested for someone other than yourself, please ask the requestor for permission to share their request.
- If permission has not been obtained or the person being prayed for has asked for confidentiality, then please indicate that and no name will be used.
- If permission has been obtained, indicate the preferred reference to the person(s) being prayed for such as first name only, first and last initials, or no name. If no preference has been stated, first name only will be used.
- Give a summary of the request but please do include anything specifically being requested.
- NOTE: If any request sounds even remotely like someone's life may be at risk, immediately contact emergency services (call 911) and then attempt to contact a local pastor. If you do not have immediate access to a pastor's phone number, use the LCMS Locator https://locator.lcms.org/dashboard.