

For refugees and asylees who have known such turmoil in their homeland, now needing rest, needing a home, needing loving neighbors and the routine of a meaningful life,
We pray to you, O Lord.

For victims of storms and disasters needing all the basics of life, needing food, needing shelter, needing safe water and rebuilt lives,
We pray to you, O Lord.

For all those in need, we pray, O Lord, and for so many more who are known to you. And we ask that you would bless those who minister in your name to bring healing, hope and help to those in need, especially the ministry of Lutheran Services Florida.

Bless those who minister to the needy, O Lord.

Empower us to make loving response wherever we see the needy among us and to be faithful partners in support of those who minister.

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Other petitions may be added here.

To you, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all those in need, placing our faith in your loving will, in the name of the one who brought healing, hope and help to us all, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



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Meet Max

13 year old Max has had a truancy problem since he was in kindergarten.

He was the youngest child ever in Truancy Court in his county.

"He is really a very intelligent young man," says his counselor, "but he has never had the encouragement to attend school and take it seriously."

In January, Max was assigned to **Lutheran Service Florida's** program for Children in Need of Services by the Florida



Department of Juvenile Justice. In April, Max spent some time at LSF Oasis Youth Shelter in Ft. Myers "to get him adjusted to structure," said his LSF Counselor Larry Barnhill. "After that I began to see a difference. Max started attending school on a regular basis, his grades starting improving, and he became receptive to working on his personal issues with me."

Since that time, Max has been living with his mother and attending counseling sessions weekly at LSF and displays a "positive attitude," according to his counselor. He will be in LSF's CINS/FINS program until he is 18.



In the picture, Max is holding a Third Place award for art that he drew while at LSF's Oasis Youth Shelter and submitted in a contest held by Florida Network of Youth and Family Services. You can read more about Max at www.lsfnet.org.

This is just one story of changing lives that occurs daily at **Lutheran Services Florida**. Some of the lives we are changing include:

- *Children needing food*
- *The homeless needing shelter*
- *People with AIDS needing care*
- *The frail elderly needing guardianship*
- *Foster children needing a home*
- *Troubled youth needing direction*
- *Refugees needing a new life*
- *Disaster victims needing assistance*

Through more than 60 programs across the whole state of Florida, **Lutheran Services Florida** is bringing healing, hope and help to those in need in the name of Jesus Christ.

Won't you help us to help others?

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Litany for the Needy

Loving God, you are the source of every blessing. You are the hope of the hopeless, the help for those in need. We lift our voices in prayer for those who need your love and blessing.

O Lord, hear the cries of those in need.

For children of poverty and neglect needing food, needing clothing, needing safe and loving families,
We pray to you, O Lord.

For the homeless and distressed needing shelter, needing jobs, needing a helping and caring hand,
We pray to you, O Lord.

For troubled and runaway youth needing guidance, needing direction, needing safety, love and reconciliation with their families,
We pray to you, O Lord.

For the handicapped and elderly without families to help them, needing care, needing advocates, needing a constant and loving voice in their lives,
We pray to you, O Lord.

For people with HIV/AIDS needing services without discrimination, needing support, needing quality of life and health care,
We pray to you, O Lord.

