



## *The Cross-stitch Corner*

**“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”**

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*The Lenten Season in the Lutheran Mission of Salvation- India*



The season of Lent is observed in a very special way in India. All the families of their churches hold a Lenten prayer meeting in their homes. The pastors prepare a program for all the days from Ash Wednesday through Easter for families to use as the basis of their devotions. Each family prepares a dinner for the people they have invited, such as their neighbors and friends. This is one way that they preach the Gospel to non-Christians and others. They all attend the church services. The family introduces their neighbors and friends to the pastor. They continue this through the season of Lent in the hopes that some will keep coming to church after the Lenten season and become members. This is one way that LMSI (Lutheran Mission of Salvation – India) uses as outreach.

*Jesus, I will ponder now on Thy holy passion,  
With Thy Spirit me endow for such meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith may the image cherish  
Of Thy suffering, pain, and death that I may not perish.*



For all new adult converts, there are both baptism and confirmation classes. New members are confirmed on Palm Sunday and take their first communion on Maundy Thursday.

The pastors of India prepare four or five Sunday sermons in advance to present at the Gospel Workers' workshops and also for the one-week seminary classes that they teach. Think of the time it takes to prepare for teaching all these classes. Besides, for some, there are three services every day during the Lenten season.



*Grant that I may willingly bear with Thee my crosses,  
Learning humbleness of Thee, peace mid pain and losses.  
May I give Thee love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,  
That I may in heaven above, sing Thy praise forever.*  
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As **we** ponder the Lord's sacrifice made for us this Lenten season, may we think - how can we help our fellow believers in the Lutheran Mission of Salvation-India (LMSI)? Think how wonderful it will be when we all "sing God's praises in heaven above." We have so many blessings here in America. Can we also have the same compassion as our God did when He sent His Son to die in our place?

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