## Mission Service Project to aid Forged By Fire Ministries (LWML 2025-2027 National Mission Grant #3)

Forged by Fire Ministries is seeking help from the LWML to create Courageous Crosses and an accompanying small card with a message of hope. The crosses which symbolize the confidence we have in our loving Savior, Jesus Christ, provide hope and comfort to individuals recovering from disasters and those facing food insecurity. At any one deployment, Forged by Fire Ministries serves 300 to 500 people meals. The ministry would like to place a cross into the hands of those they serve. Your LWML society can help share the love of Christ by making these crosses, packaging them in zip-lock bags of 25 to a bag, and sending them to Forged by Fire Ministries for distribution.

From their website <u>Crosses for Benny - Forged By Fire Ministries</u> (<u>https://fbf501c3.com/crosses-forbenny-2/</u>)

## **Courageous Crosses**



# How to make the Crosses and where to buy the supplies

**HOW TO MAKE** We have purchased our supplies on http://www.amazon.com but that is up to you.

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B09XV7VM1J?ref=ppx yo2ov dt b fed asin title

Tenn Well 1mm Satin Cord, 328 Feet Silky Nylon Rattail Cord for Macramé Bracelets Typical price: \$7.99 [\$0.07 each necklace]

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0B4S9RYD4?ref=ppx\_yo2ov\_dt\_b\_fed\_asin\_title
Inbagi 100 Pcs Natural Crystal Charms Bulk Assorted Stone Pendant Gemstone \$39.99 [\$0.40 each necklace]

A few of our volunteers took it upon themselves to place the cross necklaces in 3" x 5" plastic bags. WOW! What a difference it has made in distributing them to people. I ordered mine from <a href="Mailton-Long-Englastic Bags">Amazon.com</a>: <a href="Aubeco Plastic Bags">Aubeco Plastic Bags</a> – 200pcs Clear Zip Bags, 4 x 6 inch, 2 mil Thick for Small Business, Jewelry, Candy: <a href="Industrial">Industrial</a> & Scientific 200pcs 3 x 5 inch Plastic Bags, 2 mil Jewelry Bags, Clear Small Zip Bag, Resealable Zip Bag for Small Business, Storage, Candy Bags

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

### **CROSS NECKLACES:**

- 1. Cut the cord in to 36" lengths.
- 2. Slide the cross pendant to the center of a 36" piece of cord.
- 3. Make a sliding knot to close the necklace.

Here is a video on just how to do that. <a href="https://youtu.be/dnurFwWbJMA">https://youtu.be/dnurFwWbJMA</a>

Once completed, the cross needs to be wrapped around a card. Below is a link to the card. You can customize the card, we have left a blank space on the back of the card. Please do not put any personal information on them. It helps to use cardstock when printing. PLEASE leave the information about "Crosses for Benny" and "Forged by Fire" on the card.

Here are 2 links for you to be able to print the cards on card stock:

https://fbf501c3.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/C4B-Card.1.jpg

and https://fbf501c3.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/C4B-Card.2.jpg

Once printed, I cut the sheet in half making the cards 5 1/2" (this leaves space for the hole punch to put the cross onto the card. Each card should have one cross necklace wrapped around it. Place 25 of them in a ziplock bag.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact our Administrator, Rochell Kurucar via email at rkurucarforgedbyfire@gmail.com.

### Where to send the crosses

You can send them to us at Forged by Fire Ministries, 125 Camelot Drive, Slidell, LA 70460