

# THE ORISON

*ôr'ĩ-san -(n.) prayer, petition, to speak to God*

## Prayer petitions from the NTC Center for Church Development

The Center for Church Development invites you to pray for the following seven petitions this month. You may pray for one each day of the week, or all seven each day. Please print off this page and/or keep The Orison at hand where you pray.

## A Call to Prayer for our Mission Field

PRAY FOR THE CCD'S  
UPCOMING EVENTS. MAY  
GOD USE THESE  
TRAININGS TO EQUIP THE  
SAINTS FOR MINISTRY -  
EPH. 4:12

The Center for Church  
Development is honored to  
host the 2022 Planters'  
Gathering.

This event will gather planters  
from all over the United States.

This gathering will take place  
on April 26-27, 2022 at Lovers'  
Lane UMC.

For more information on this  
event go to  
[ntcumc.org/planters-gathering](http://ntcumc.org/planters-gathering)



For complete details go to  
[ntcumc.org/ccd](http://ntcumc.org/ccd) or contact  
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- **Spark Tank Finalist - Vida en Plenitud (Life in Abundance)** - Pray for the Christ's Foundry community that this holistic approach to health will celebrate, connect, grow, and contribute in the abundant life of Christ through this new space and experience the abundant life Jesus desires for us all.
- **Spark Tank Finalist - Eat.Drink.Argue.** - Pray for the young adults being reached by St. Paul UMC Dallas through this new space of open and honest dialogue to discuss love, relationships, and dating; to offer information / support / encouragement / nurture for healthy / godly relationships for young adults longing for a safe space to have an open and authentic dialogue about the challenges they face and the role of God in their relationships.
- **Spark Tank Finalist - Ikana** - Ikana is the Native American Choctaw meaning: Friend or to be nice, kind, supportive, friendly to someone. Shady Grove UMC created this space for those who feel left out, marginalized, and the forgotten unchurched community to have a safe place to hear the word of God spoken in a non-threatening environment, to feel free to play a sport without judgment, to be a place an outcast can feel safe and included. Pray that those who feel left out to see value in themselves through the eyes of a loving community.
- **Spark Tank Finalist - Leadership Cohort** - First UMC Dallas has seen the need to provide guidance to those who graduate high school and need a gap year to provide young people an intentional time for learning, leading and growing in faith. Pray that the Leadership Cohort is able to reach those young minds that need guidance and for the partnerships that this could create with more churches through the North Texas Conference.
- **Spark Tank Finalist - Neighbors** - These past few years have been really challenging to our communities, leaving many disconnected from a church and searching for answers. In response to this need Christ United and First Allen partnered to create this space with the intention to connect people, create community, and foster spiritual growth among the churches' neighbors so that all are transformed and living in community, loving God, and loving each other. Pray for these communities that so need to know the love of God, and for these churches and their volunteers so that they can continue to connect with their neighbors. Pray also for this initiative to extend all throughout the North Texas Conference.
- **Spark Tank Finalist - Waste Not-Want Not!** - Glen Oaks UMC discovered that often times, people receive food boxes and some of these items were wasted because they didn't know how to prepare them. Glen Oaks UMC created a space so individuals are able to learn about these types of food and how to cook them with a vision to decrease hunger and food waste and to build discipling relationships between the members of their congregation and those who receive food from their church. Pray that through this initiative Glen Oaks continue to teach their community nourishment for their bodies and their soul.
- **Church Planters** - The harvest is great but the workers few. Pray for church planters, those who have received the calling and those who are still deciphering this call, not just through the North Texas Conference but also throughout our country. Pray also for the NTC Center for Church Development so that God grants us the wisdom to provide them the tools that they need through the 2022 Planters' Gathering the NTC is hosting. May the learnings that they receive through this gathering help empower them to respond to their calling.

# CCD NEW SPACES SPARK TANK



The CCD was thrilled to receive 30 applications for The Spark Tank, that is over 10% of our congregations. We received applications from all 4 districts and representing the diversity of our conference.



The CCD Staff did the initial hard work of narrowing the applications down to 12 that were invited to pitch on December 11th.



Spark Tank was an inspiring experience. The words that were most commonly spoken by those who presented were "Do not be afraid to dream", "If you feel a tug a nudge, don't ignore it, follow it, is the Holy Spirit calling for you to take action." and "If God is calling you to do it, God will help you find a way."



We are thankful for all your prayers, words of encouragement for this project. We have faith that these newly created spaces will serve their purpose in reaching those unchurched and those needing a word from God.

