

THE ORISON

ôr'ĩ-sən -(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

SPARK TANK - DECEMBER 1ST - DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION

The Center for Church Development is excited to offer our first ever **Spark Tank** innovation funding event.

Do you have an idea for reaching new people, that is innovative, makes new disciples, and that you would like to get some funding for? Then submit your application for an opportunity to pitch your idea to a group of peers in the NTC for a chance to receive a grant. **Grant awards range from \$2500 - \$15,000!**

All ideas will be screened and the selected semi-finalists will present their ideas to a group of Sharks who will decide whether to award a grant and the amount. In addition to funding, Sharks will commit coaching time per project they fund.

For complete details go to ntcumc.org/ccd or contact Ministry Coordinator, Jessica Vargas at

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- **African-American Mission Field** - Pray for the the Black Church Initiative (BCI), which is applying recommendations of the 2021 Black Church Taskforce.
- **FIVE SHARKS** - Richie Butler, Gail Utter, Kenneth Wolverton, Danielle Kim, and Michael Baughman are each being given \$10,000 by the CCD for the first ever NTC Spark Tank. Grand prize of up to \$15,000, to encourage the creation of New Spaces. Pray for the discernment of sharks and their wisdom as they assist emerging ministries in the NTC.
- **The Unchurched** - Pray for the clergy and laity of the North Texas Conference who are developing and implementing ministries to reach those unchurched. As of 2020, less than half of the U.S. population claims membership in a Christian church.
- **The German-Speaking Mission Field** is not a large population in the NTC, but Rev. Kurt Maerschel is reaching this population through a New Space.
- **The Lonely** - Research shows that loneliness is increasing. Pray God uses NTC churches in this Advent season to sense and share our hopeful expectation in our future ministry and mission with Immanuel.
- **FUMC ANNA** - Since an early morning fire destroyed Anna UMC's building in December 2020, many prayers have been lifted for this congregation. This past October, the Anna Church Conference voted to sell their historic location and seek a new location to reach the growing mission field. Continue to pray for this congregation, the mission field, and their new pastor Dallen Morgan.
- **ONLINE CONGREGANTS** - Pray for those who still do not feel safe to return to in-person worship and for the new people NTC churches are reaching through online ministries. May this community as well as those who are returning to our buildings feel valued and heard.

ANSWERED PETITIONS

**As we approach the Advent Season,
we want to be thankful for your
ministry in praying for each one of
the petitions that we have elevated
through this Prayer Newsletter.
Prayers are powerful and we see the
power of your prayers manifesting
in each petition answered.**

God Bless You!

