

# 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.

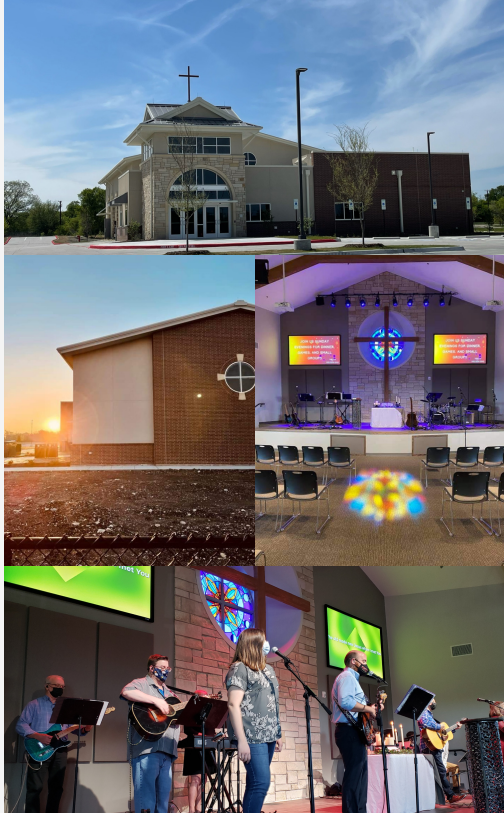
## A Call to Prayer for our Mission Field

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

- **June 13-15** at St. Andrew UMC **Annual Conference** - Open [HERE](#) for more information.
- **June 17-19** - **Newstart 101** - Open to anyone who wants to learn about starting something new or are just beginning to gather in person post-Covid. The CCD wants to provide you with tools to navigate this changing times- For more info contact Matt Temple at [Temple@ntcumc.org](mailto:Temple@ntcumc.org) or Register [HERE](#).
- **July 11** - **Genesis Cohort** - This is a 12-month church multiplication cohort design to equip leaders in innovation and to provide the space and direction for the development and execution of a church multiplication strategy. For more information contact Matt Temple at [Temple@ntcumc.org](mailto:Temple@ntcumc.org).
- **Anna UMC** - Anna's building burned down on December 11, 2020. Since then they have been operating in a closed school in Van Alstyne. Anna continues to discern next steps. We pray for this congregation, their day school, their future and the quickly growing Anna mission field.
- **Oak Park UMC - Paris** recently closed. The assets of Oak Park have been deeded to First UMC Paris. The City of Paris is managing the majority of the land as a city park, and CitySquare Paris is extending social services out of the facilities. We pray for the former Oak Park congregants and for the future of the UM witness in west Paris.
- **New Faces in New Spaces.** We pray for new spaces that help fulfill our mission of creating Disciples for Jesus Christ. We pray for those who feel the calling to create new spaces to have the courage to listen and follow their calling. We also pray for those who feel unchurched or dechurched and are in need of a fresh experience of a Christian community.
- **Pastoral Transitions:** Pray for the churches, pastors, and pastors' families who have and are receiving news of a move in this season.
- **Black Church Initiative:** The BCI Teams of St. Luke, Hamilton Park, St. Paul, Church of the Disciple, Warren, and The Village BCI Teams are working with their coaches to strengthen the mission and ministries of their churches. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide them.
- **First Korean UMC** has moved from Richardson to Fairview. Pray for the fruitfulness of this move and for their pastoral leadership.
- **Church Planters & Multipliers.** The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. Pray for the Lord of the Harvest to raise up persons starting new ministries to register for the Genesis training and cohort.

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## Answered Petitions



### Melissa UMC open its doors

In the midst of a very challenging year for our churches, Melissa UMC open its doors and welcome their community. "Our connection as United Methodists is something that has always been important to us, maybe more so during the past year of pandemic. Melissa United Methodist Church began and finished construction on our first church building during this period of time. The prayers of colleagues, friends and laity across the North Texas Conference has been and continues to be a great source of encouragement for us. God has answered your prayers in our first few weeks of worship as people have gathered and celebrated God's gift of community that now has a home. God has answered your prayers in the tears of some of our founding members who have waited a long time to sit in a space that is set apart for worship. God has answered your prayers in the hope of new families that have been walking through our doors to find grace, love and community. Thank you for your prayers for Melissa UMC and for First UMC McKinney. We are deeply grateful!" Pastor Stacey Piyakhun

### Jahweh Rafah became the 1st UMC church in Balch Springs in over a 100 years

Jahweh Rafah is a Hispanic ministry that has impacted the lives of hundreds of people around the cities of Rowlett, Garland, Rockwall, Irving, Forney, Arlington, Kaufman, Cedar Hill, and Dallas. The Hispanic congregation was originally placed in First Rowlett UMC on November 3, 2013.

The congregation has been defined as a cultural dynamic and language diversity church. Jahweh Rafah is moved to Balch Spring in a mostly Spanish speaking community where up to 55.1% of the population are Hispanics. As pastor Georginnette Haddock expressed: "We have never doubted that the Holy Spirit has been guiding our calling as a church and ministry leading us to the perfect place to spread the gospel of Grace. At our opening, people from the community have constantly approached the church confirming the hunger for God they experience. We pray to God to allow us to be the ministry of Jesus visible in the community that in 100 years of history had not had a Church of Wesleyan theology in its surroundings."

