

# 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

- **October - New Faces in New Spaces Cohort** - Come join us for this 16 week cohort where we'll delve deeper into what is considered a new space and how to identify and reach those new faces. We will be working through Rev. Luke Edwards' book "Becoming Church". Rev. Luke will join us for some sessions. **To be part of this cohort Register Here.**
- **October 26 from 1:30pm to 2:30pm - Mission InSite Training** - Come join us via Zoom for an introductory training on what Mission InSite has to offer. Learn how to use this tool to get to know your mission field, and to guide you to develop ministries, new spaces or worship services. To be part of this training **Register here**
- **Saturday, December 4. from 9:00am to 4:00pm - Launch!** - Join us as we learn practical steps from proven practitioners on how to start new worship services and how multiplication can bring vitalization to your church. After the presentation, we will break into groups for further discussions and practical approaches on launching worship services. To be part of this seminar **Register here.**

For more information on any of these learning opportunities, please contact Ministry Coordinator, Jessica Vargas at [Vargas@ntcumc.org](mailto:Vargas@ntcumc.org).

- **LAND DEVELOPMENT** - The region of North Texas continues to grow with new land developments beginning weekly. Pray for our mission field as new families move in that the United Methodist Churches of North Texas find ways to creatively and meaningfully connect with new neighbors.
- **RURAL CHURCHES** - People living in our rural communities have been facing some unique challenges during the pandemic. Pray for the needs and opportunity of our rural churches, that they are able to respond to the unique needs of the people living in their contexts.
- **ASIAN-INDIAN MISSION FIELD** - The Asian-Indian population continues to be one of the fastest growing demographics in North Texas. May God guide the congregations in the NTC to discover ways to connect and create disciples in this mission field.
- **ELMWOOD-EL BUEN SAMARITANO UMC** - The Elmwood El Buen Samaritano Community, located in Oak Cliff, serves a diverse community. Pray for God to provide them with additional resources to grow their ministries in this mission field.
- **GLEN OAKS UMC** - The community of Glen Oaks UMC is celebrating its 65th anniversary. May God continue to blessed them in their mission of creating a caring, challenging and supportive atmosphere for learning and spiritual growth that builds children and encourages adults to be lifelong learners with a mind to serve their community.
- **CHRIST UNITED NEIGHBORS** - Rev. Paige Christian from Christ UMC, Plano has recently launched Christ United Neighbors. This initiative identifies Christ UMC members/prospects to connect with their neighbors by zones in his/her neighborhoods. Each zone will host activities and events based on needs and interests. Pray God uses this initiative to reach new people and that the learnings from this initiative can assist other NTC congregations in reaching our NTC mission field.
- **CLERGY RENEWAL** - Clergy retreat takes place each October. The retreat this year is designed for renewal. North Texas needs healthy UMC clergy to not only serve our congregations, but to serve our mission field. Pray for our clergy and seek ways to support them.

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## ANSWERED PETITIONS

The Village UMC open its doors at a new location

"A New Thing" for the Village UMC

"O taste and see that the Lord is good!" It was July 4, 2021, after months of being delayed by Covid and the on-going work of completing its new church, that the Village UMC finally had its first worship service in its new building at 1121 E. Wintergreen Rd. in Desoto. There was a sense of 'freedom' and high energy as the congregation gathered together in worship and gave praises to God for its new worship space... and for the continued prayers of God's people in our congregation and throughout the North Texas Conference.



The spirit of the Lord is evident in worship with the Praise Team leading us into the presence of God, bold prayers lifted up to God and powerful preaching and teaching that not only engages us but equips and empowers us to be bold witnesses and change agents for our Lord. Faithful God continues 'stirring up our gifts' as we reach out to be a beacon of light in our community. Even before we opened the doors to worship, The Village reached out to our neighbors by hosting a blood drive and serving the food insecure this summer in a Grab and Go meal program. It's a joy to see people of all ages coming together in joy as we return to church and live our purpose with passion.

We continue praying for churches in this Conference and appreciate all of the petitions that have sustained us during challenging times. Hold on to hope, for as our pastor, Derek Jacobs, often reminds us "The Best is Yet to Come!"

--Team Village

