

THE ORISON

ôr'ī-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

- **Thursday, Sept. 9 9:30am to 11:00am - Income Generating Ministries Webinar** - Come join us to learn about creating and launching social enterprises and how to leverage them to maximize ministry impact in your community and generate income. To participate in this webinar [Register here.](#)
 - **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.](#)
 - **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. [Register here.](#)
- For more information on any of these learning opportunities, please contact Ministry Coordinator, Jessica Vargas at Vargas@ntcumc.org.
- **Finances of our churches** - Many of our NTC churches are in an extraordinary season of financial challenges. Pray for the Spirit to move in our congregations to not get discouraged, to creatively reach the mission field with limited resources, to experiment with income-generating ministries, to receive a spirit of abundance, and to experience a renewed joy in generosity.
 - **Melissa UMC's New Coffee Shop Connections Coffee** - Pray for Melissa UMC's new community coffee shop to connect with people in the community, to introduce the church to their neighbors, and to expand the financial capacity of the congregation.
 - **Development of Income Generating Ministries** - A number of churches have experienced success through ministries that further the mission of the church with income-generating components. Pray that God may use more of these ministries to increase outreach, ministries, and income for NTC churches to serve our mission field.
 - **Ministry Amidst COVID-19** - From loss within our congregations, to the conflicts of the world around COVID protocols that have found their way into the Church, to families, teachers, students, and administrators struggling with starting school, may God grant healing to our world and wisdom to authorities making difficult decisions.
 - **Vecinos UMC In Sherman TX** - Vecinos Ministries is called to respond to the needs of the most marginalized in the community, including the immigrant community, to help them during their transition. They have also created Vecinos Community Center where they offer many holistic programs for children and adults.
 - **People and churches impacted by hurricane season** - While we in the NTC are not generally directly impacted by such storms, let us pray for our sisters and brothers who are.
 - **Black Church Initiative (BCI)** - BCI continues its work to strengthen local churches and is entering into a new season based on the work of the Black Church Task Force. Pray for the BCI and for the Black Churches of the North Texas Conference.

ANSWERED PETITIONS

Genesis Cohort

The Genesis Cohort brings together those who are interested in church planting and multiplication. We prayed for this cohort as the harvest is great, but the number of church planters in the NTC are few. We are thankful that our prayers were heard and that we have 19 participants. These participants have been working over the past 10 weeks to listen to their community in order to better understand their context and start new ministries to reach new people. Join us in praying for our participants:

Rosedanny Ortiz
Stephanie Cavazos
JD Allen
Stephen Lashley
Andrew Fiser
Tom Hudspeth
Eliana Rios
David Brower
Juan Rios
Gabe Rangel (FUMC Decatur)

Rebecca Grogan
Cesar Bonilla
Estefani Bonilla
Dallen Morgan
Davidson Sutherland
David Kim
Collin Echols-Richter
Lesta Anderson
Julie Henson (Richter)