

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

- **May 2nd - Telling the Old Story in a New Way with Jason Moore** - An in-depth look at online worship. For more info and to register open [HERE](#).
- **May 24 & 25 - Passing the Baton** - Training for newly appointed pastors and laity.
 - May 24 - Open for Pastors - [REGISTER HERE](#)
 - May 25 - Open for pastors and laity - [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **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@ntcu.org or Register [HERE](#).
- **Melissa UMC**, Rev. Stacey Piyakhun, pastor, has now opened the doors of its new facilities. Through the CCD's Accelerated Church Expansion that leverages funds of closed churches, Melissa was able to build a church building in the midst of this fast growing community.
- **The Village UMC** is just now moving into its building that was opened during the pandemic. The Village is the first Black NTC church to be built in decades. Pray God uses this facility in a mighty way.
- **Immanuel Korean United Methodist Mission.** Constituted on March 21, 2021, IKUMC will be taking over the facilities of the recently closed Webb Chapel UMC. There are many challenges and opportunities ahead for IKUMC and their pastor, Rev. Sungchol Kwon.
- **Jahweh Rafah United Methodist Mission.** Constituted on March 28, 2021, JR has rented a facility in Balch Springs, Texas. This is the first UMC presence in this community of 25,000 people. Pray for JR's presence and to reach this new mission field.
- **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.
- **Churches Gathering In-Person and Online.** Many are just now gathering in-person and inside. Many will gather without loved ones who were lost to the pandemic. Pray for the safety and for the mission of our churches as we do both in-person and online ministries.
- **Pastoral Transitions:** Pray for the churches, pastors, and pastors' families who have and are receiving news of a move in this season.



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In the corner of my dining room, right behind my Covid-19 workstation, we have a beautiful Madagascar Dragon Tree. We call it our Doctor Seuss tree because it looks like something that came out of the Lorax. As spring has come the tree really took to growing so we had to prune it back some and we discovered that we could repot the trimmed parts and start a new tree using the established tree. When I was repotting the old limbs in a new pot to make the start of a new tree I couldn't help but think about the season we are living in right now as Pastor's and leaders in the Church. No matter what your leadership style is and no matter how old or established your congregation is the pandemic has made church planters out of us all. Every one of us had to trim back during this past season and re-plant in a new pot as we sought to adapt to the challenges of a world in the throes of social distancing. Now, as we begin what is sure to be a slow process of gathering together again we find ourselves with the unique opportunity to treat our return to worship much like a new start.

The world we are going back to is not the same as the world we left behind at the beginning of the pandemic. Some things will return to the way they were and our nostalgia will infuse those things with fresh meaning and significance. Other things however will not return. We don't know yet the full ramifications of this or what the new normal will look like. This means in our return we must be prepared to innovate and adapt in order to meet our new reality in a meaningful way. Courage, adaptation, innovation - these are all staples of a successful start up. So as I said before - we are all church planters now!

In response to this the NTC Center for Church Development has taken all our learnings and best practices for a successful start-up and created a two-day **New Start 101 Seminar**. Think of it as a crash course on starting new things. On June 17th and 18th we are excited to welcome Rachel Gilmore who will be joining Matt Temple and Owen Ross in leading a 2-day start-up/planting seminar. The seminar will start at 9 AM both days and we will finish by 3 PM. Lunch will be provided. Whether you are considering starting something new or are just beginning to gather in person post-Covid we believe there are tools from the world of church planting that can enhance your ministry and help you adapt and innovate to the changing times we live in.

To be part of this unique experience, fill out this **[REGISTRATION FORM](#)**.

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