

## Petitions for use on Mission Prayer Sunday

Lord God, heavenly Father, this day we bring to You the Mission in the Texas District. As Jesus told His disciples to pray for workers because the harvest is ready and as St. Paul asked for support for his mission work, we pray for all who give witness to Your strong name. Encourage your congregation and each member to enter into Great-Commission work. Give to us the courage to search for people who will embrace You by faith through our witness. Where there is danger, grant protection. Where there is apathy, stir up hearts. Where there is temptation to dishonor You, bring strength to resist. We pray that You would give us eyes to see the opportunities to speak of You that Your name would be lifted up and that Your kingdom would be extended to Your honor and glory. Lord, in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

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Lord God, we confess to You that, even as we acknowledge You to be our Lord and Savior, we find ourselves struggling to freely express Your Gospel to people who do not know you. If we are not embracing the task of the Great Commission as You would have us do, then, by Your Holy Spirit, convict us of our apathy toward the eternal damnation of all who do not trust You for eternal life. Therefore, Lord, we ask that You give us courage to be witnesses of Your Gospel to others in our homes, in our work places, in our leisure and in our schools. We pray that you would so use our words, our actions, our gentleness and our patience to share Your kindness and boundless love. Grant to us the heart and the vision to pray, to give, and to labor for the salvation of all mankind, for You live and reign for all eternity. Lord, in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

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We thank You, gracious heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, for the church. While we know that a day will come when all the saints will be called to glory, for the moment, we have been called to spiritual battle on earth. Keep us mindful of Your call to pray for the strengthening of workers in the harvest. Give courage and strength to those who bring light to the edge of darkness. Grant to all who enter into the mission in Texas, whether by planning, speaking, writing, funding, or praying, Your presence and joy for the sake of Him who is, who was, and who is to come. Lord, in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

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Gracious Father, in your Son You have sent us to bring Your salvation to all people. Protect those who bring Your word of forgiveness to people we will never meet. Protect them from spiritual and physical harm. (*especially we name before You \_\_\_\_\_ and the mission of \_\_\_\_\_*.) Strengthen their families and bring joy to them that they would reflect Your love to all they meet. Open the doors of opportunity for them and give them the wisdom to move in their communities. Lord, in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.