



*We pray for the Texas District to...  
STRENGTHEN CONGREGATIONS to reach the lost,  
disciple the saved,  
and care for people - locally and globally.*

## Texas District Mission Prayers

May 9, 2022

### **Ms. Julie 'Aftab' Samuel, POBLO, Houston**

- Please pray for POBLO outreach ministries as our Lord Jesus Christ is changing many lives in the Greater Houston area through His people.
- Ask for God's continued presence and leading at our International Friendship centers (IFC) pictured. Praise to Him as He uses many churches in the Greater Houston Area as well as additional congregations in Texas to reach out to those who are not believers.
- Praise and thank God for the 11 people who have been baptized since 2017! I know what it means for one to be baptized. I am the sixth generation of one people who converted from Islam to Christianity.
- Pray that God open other churches' doors for growing diverse communities.
- Pray that Julie connect with more churches and brings people to see what the love of Jesus Christ feels like as she shares her testimony with many others of forgiving others the way we are forgiven.



### **Mr. Paul Korabandi, Harvest Partnership North Houston Telugu, Houston**

*Let me thank you at the outset for your initiative to partner in prayer for the ministry.  
Please join Paul and Rose in offering God thanks and praise for:*

- Enabling Paul to successfully finish the required colloquy coursework at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis this past fall.

- Upon their return to Houston in January, through the guidance from Harvest Partnership, Paul and Rose were able to see God moving mightily in reaching out to Asian Indian families, and facilitated a vision casting meeting early in March to unite the leadership families on a single vision/mission focus.
- God's reviving the commitment to our fellowship during Lent, and preparing the group to reach out in the Houston area as we met at different homes every Friday and Him drawing in many new families.
- The birth of Kayden Paul Korabandi to Paul and Rose on January 22, and the celebration of his baptism by Paul's mentor, Pastor Steve Sohns on Palm Sunday with over 150 Asian Indian people celebrating.
- The many young families participating in our Good Friday meditation on the seven words of cross.
- The great experience for us to worship outdoors in a beautiful park on Easter day, with Pastor Vijay Gurrala for a united Easter Day Service..
- The food and fellowship after every meeting, wherein families brought delicious Indian food to share which enriches our fellowship after the bible studies even more.
- The prayer chain led Rose every Tuesday during Lent where 7 people prayed for an hour on different prayer points and petitions from their homes or workplaces.

*We request continued prayers:*

- As we meet every Friday in person to grow spiritually by exalting our triune God, edifying the believers and evangelizing the lost.
- As we prepare to become a Sunday worshipping community, God willing, this fall. Please pray that as we reach out, that God would prepare and draw people to Him.
- Pray for generous financial giving of the group, using their gifts for His glory.




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**Rev. Vijay Gurrala, Telugu Mission, Houston**  
**Rev. Sagar Pilli, Telugu (Memorial), Houston**

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**CMC Vicar Kanagasabai UmaShanker, Concordia High School, Tomball**

*May the grace, peace and mercy of our Lord be with you. I am truly honored and grateful for your prayers. The last four weeks has been very challenging.*

- Please pray for my best friend and his wife how are walking through very difficult marriage challenges and are currently separating.
- Prayer for God's comfort for my family, as my older brother, Sri Kumar, died (4/11) due to Medical Negligence after going for a routine procedure in Sri Lanka. Both his wife (*traveling from Liberia*) and youngest daughter (*traveling from Australia*) did not make it in time to see him before dying (*they are also Hindu*), while his oldest daughter watched him pass.
- Prayer for God's comfort for the wife (*Puerto Rico*) and adult children (*who all*

three live in the States) of Dr. Gwenigale who died (4/17) on the operating table due to surgery that went awry. He was my dad's boss as a medical director/Minister of Health for 40 years in Liberia. Dr. G is a huge hero and mentor in my life and words cannot adequately express my deep sorrow for his loss.

- Please pray for strength and stamina for me to do well in my Greek II and Theology of Missions class finals.
- Please offer prayers of thanksgiving for my beautiful bride and our three boys who are doing well.

*Pictured below are my Christain Social Action (Junior Theology Students) experiencing authentic food from other cultures...Russian and Argentinian.*



*You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf  
for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.  
2 Cor. 1:11*

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