

May 20, 2024

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

Colossians 4:2

Dear Texas Mission Partners,

Mission Prayer calls you to prayer. Jesus tells us to ask the Lord of the harvest to send workers into the harvest. In this, we see the heart of God, the mission of Jesus, and the initial action of disciples in the building of the Kingdom, namely prayer. This is counter to the cultural context that insists we take action and stop thinking. Will you assist in building the Kingdom? Sit down and make prayer for the mission a priority in your life of faith.

### **Mission Stories**



Church Planting Lab

Area D, TX



**Church Planting Lab Encourages Prospective Planters** 

In the heart of Texas, a transformative Church Planting Lab unfolded, orchestrated by the Texas District and its partnering churches from April 19-21. Seminarians from St. Louis and Ft. Wayne, alongside a prospective SMP student, gathered in Houston to delve into the art of nurturing congregations. Guided by seasoned planters, they absorbed insights into First Article methods, funding, and personal journeys, forging bonds of community and commitment. As the weekend concluded with shared worship and gratitude, participants departed, inspired to carry the torch of faith into the future, as the Texas District pledged to continue nurturing new pastors and planting seeds of faith.

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### Mission Prayers

- Pray that the Gospel would continually be preached to all people in the Spring Branch neighborhood, where the church is located.
- Pray that our members would experience deeper revival in their walk with God.
- Pray that God would utilize our upcoming annual Peru mission in Huaraz for Quechua people for His glory.



#### Hilltop Lutheran Church

Houston Rev. Seungwoong Ok

#### **Lutheran Schools**

Immanuel Early Childhood Center, Houston Cathy Swanstrom

Lutheran South Academy, Houston Steve Garrabrant

#### **Evangelists**

**Jess Delz** Shepherd of the Hills, San Antonio

> Lisa Gerlich Mt. Calvary, San Antonio

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