# MISSI N PRAYER

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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**



Evangelist Training

Stephen Deskin Shepherd of the Hill San Antonio, TX



### Guided by Faith: My Journey in Nursing Home Ministry

Every Tuesday and Thursday, I visit a nursing home where I spend time with the residents. My visits last

about two hours each day, offering companionship and spiritual support. Additionally, I have two gentlemen I see at another nursing home.

My journey into this ministry began with evangelist training, which gave me the courage and confidence to step out and connect with people. It was inspiring to read about others sharing their faith in unexpected places like bars and laundromats. This showed me that it's all about starting conversations and trusting that the Holy Spirit will provide the right words.

I constantly pray for guidance, asking God to lead me and help me remember that He prepared me for this work. Each visit is an opportunity to witness His guidance, and I believe He always gets the glory for what is accomplished

Being a part of this ministry has been a tremendous blessing in my life. The sense of purpose and the joy of connecting with others has been deeply fulfilling, and I am grateful for every moment spent in this service.

Read Stephen's Whole Story

# **Mission Prayers**

- Praise for the opportunity to serve both God and Country.
- Pray for God's gifts to be distributed without hindrance.
- Pray for soldiers' families back home to be surrounded with strong, faithful support networks (I am stationed in the Middle East).



Bd. of Mission Services St. Louis, MO Ch. Chad Potts

#### Lutheran Schools

Holy Cross Preschool, College Station Michelle Hafer

Faith Lutheran School, Georgetown Sabrina Skelton

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