

MISSION PRAYER

September 9, 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



Evangelist Training

Texas District
Area B
DFW, TX



A Breakfast Connection that Bridges Continents

Lead Evangelist in Area B, Laura Saunders, and Pastor Ilgan from the Philippines shared a delightful 2 ½ hour breakfast, steeped in conversation about his

work. Their discussion explored how the Texas District could support Pastor Ilgan's mission. While Pastor Ilgan spends time in prayer discerning the best next steps, one challenge that quickly emerged is the unreliable internet in the rural areas he serves, particularly in Luzon.

In response, Laura and her husband, Brad, suggested downloading the district's evangelist training material onto a flash drive. This would help Pastor Ilgan tremendously as he continues to share the Gospel, even when connectivity is sparse.

Pastor Ilgan, a dual citizen of the U.S. and the Philippines, hasn't been to the States since 2021, though his two daughters live in DFW and his son in Connecticut. His personal story is deeply connected to the LCMS—his parents were introduced to the faith through LCMS missionaries who arrived in the Philippines in 1946. Growing up in a Lutheran congregation that his father helped lead, Pastor Ilgan came to ministry later in life after a career in HR, including time at World Vision. Today, his ministry is as organized and purposeful as ever.

Each day, Pastor Ilgan texts devotions (which he translates into Tagalog) to 20 Lutheran pastors in the Philippines. Now, he is excited about the impact this evangelist training could have on his ministry and looks forward to how it will enrich the church's mission in the Philippines.

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Mission Prayers

- Pray for new freshmen coming into UT to connect with University Lutheran
- Pray for several Japanese and Chinese students who have been studying the Bible with us to believe and be baptized
- Pray that Christian students connected with University Lutheran would be bold in speaking to classmates about Jesus



University Lutheran
Austin
Rev. Richard Mittwede

Lutheran School

Tracy King, Principal
Trinity-Klein Lutheran School, Spring

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