

# MISSION PRAYER

April 14, 2025

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

Zion Lutheran Church, Dallas



## Stitches of Faith: A Crafting Workshop of Fellowship and Purpose

Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., the fellowship hall at Zion in Dallas was alive with creativity and connection as 22 ladies gathered for a come-and-go

crafting workshop hosted by Valerie, a current participant in Zion's evangelist training cohort. With her passion for sewing and her role in the Altar Guild, Valerie is using her gifts to create a unique kind of faith community—one that brings people together through shared purpose and fellowship.

The workshop was designed with all skill levels in mind. Together, participants cut 16 yards of fabric for new acolyte surplices, pressed 25 baptismal towels in preparation for embroidery, and trimmed dozens of quilt squares for the Zion quilting group. Every task had a purpose, and every hand made a difference. Though this first event was attended primarily by Zion church and school members, Valerie's vision goes beyond the walls of the church. She encouraged everyone to invite an unchurched friend or neighbor to the next workshop—a small step toward building relationships and sharing the love of Christ through community and creativity.

It was more than just a workday—it was a beautiful expression of how faith, fellowship, and a little fabric can stitch people together in love and mission.

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## Mission Prayers

- Pray that our new coffee trailer serves as another tool for being the touch of Jesus in our city
- Pray for our coffeehouse staff as they continue being disciplined by coffeehouse manager Joel Hardy
- Praise for the successful campaign to refurbish the stained glass in the original Good Shepherd Sanctuary



### The Edge

Azle  
Rev. Steve Sandfort

### Lutheran Schools

St. Paul Lutheran School  
*San Antonio*

Faith Lutheran High School  
*Warda*

### Evangelists

Peter Haugh  
*First, Texarkana*

Mark Oestmann  
*First, Texarkana*

Rev. Scott Sundbye  
*First, Texarkana*

Eddie Wood  
*First, Texarkana*

# Next Steps For Partners



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