

MISSION PRAYER

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Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.
Colossians 4:2

Dear Texas Mission Partners,

The greatest missional contribution you can make is to pray. Jesus tells us to ask the Lord of the harvest to send workers into the field. In this, we see the heart of God, the mission of Jesus, and the initial action of disciples in building the Kingdom: prayer. In a culture that insists we constantly keep moving and doing, it is all the more important to be still and ask God to take action. Will you answer His invitation to meet with you? Join us and prioritize prayer for the Kingdom.

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**Evangelist
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**Zion Lutheran
Church, Dallas**



New Building Community Through "Quilted with Love"

What began as a small step of faith has grown into a vibrant, multi-generational outreach at Zion Lutheran Church, Dallas. Evangelist Valerie Green, who was sent in June 2025, recently hosted her fourth "Quilted with Love" event—an outreach that continues to draw people together in meaningful and unexpected ways.

Held three times a year, "Quilted with Love" invites church members to bring disconnected friends and family to gather, sew, and build relationships while creating quilts for the Prestonwood Pregnancy Care Center in Richardson, Texas. These quilts are prayerfully made to bless mothers and babies in need.

This most recent gathering surpassed all previous events. Attendance increased significantly, including participants connected to Zion Lutheran School and individuals with no current faith community. The event created a welcoming space where people of all ages worked side by side, forming genuine connections.

One attendee, navigating grief and increasing isolation as close friends pass away, found the experience especially meaningful. Deeply moved by the sense of community, she generously donated thousands of dollars' worth of fabric and quilting equipment as she began downsizing her personal collection. She expressed joy in seeing young and old working together and was inspired by the atmosphere Valerie is cultivating.

Adding to the warmth of the event, Valerie's daughter and a friend served as baristas, offering espresso drinks and refreshments that made the gathering both inviting and fun. The growing attendance has even introduced "growth challenges"—a blessing that points to the need for continued expansion. While Valerie is mindful not to overwhelm volunteers, she is open to increasing the frequency of gatherings if interest continues to rise.

Each event includes a devotional element in which Valerie shares a poem that weaves faith into the experience. At this gathering, she shared:

Quilted with Love

*And sew it continues
The thread of life
Rooted in Christ*

*Working willing & diligently with our hands
Sewing seeds of love and hope
Here is what the good Lord wrote
Spread the Gospel, baptize new believers, make
disciples
Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one
another*

*May these quilts bring warmth and life
and the Lord to our brother
Today we bless this baby and his mother
With each stitch we pray
So the child is covered
Fearfully and wonderfully are His works*

*As we bring this day to completion
We remember the Lord's Great Commission (Matthew
28:18-20)*

Participants also prayed over the quilts, asking God to bless each recipient at Prestonwood Pregnancy Care Center. One Zion member shared that after years of inviting friends and family to church without success, a guest she brought to this event loved it so much she is eager to return. It is the prayer of the community that

these connections will lead to deeper relationships—with one another and with Jesus Christ.

Valerie's journey is also a testimony of perseverance. Her first event fell short of expectations. The second showed some improvement. The third was a clear success. Now, the fourth has exceeded all she had hoped and prayed for.

Her encouragement to fellow evangelists is simple but powerful: keep going.

"This was by far the most fun and rewarding," Valerie shared. "Stick with it. God is at work."

Through "Quilted with Love," Valerie Green is not only creating quilts—she is stitching together a community grounded in faith, fellowship, and love.

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