



MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING®

WMU of Texas

September Prayer Calendar

WMU of Texas' principal focus encourages mentoring and discipleship. Mary Hill Davis' life depicts those qualities. During her tenure as president of then, Texas WMU, Mary created and developed organizations to teach women about mission work. This led to the establishment of Royal Ambassadors in 1908 and Girl's Auxiliary in 1913. These organizations continue to disciple young boys and girls through mission stories and Bible stories. Children are learning about missionaries all over the world and are encouraged to be missionaries in their own community.

Mary realized the mission field encompassed many challenges and opportunities. She saw the opportunity to alleviate some of those challenges by encouraging churches to pray for and give to missions. By advocating needs on the field, Mary provided financial stability for missionaries by supporting the work of missions worldwide.

Mary saw the need to promote and support missions internationally as well as in her own state of Texas. Because of her commitment, the state missions offering became her namesake in 1935. Today, her legacy lives on through the Mary Hill Davis Offering® for Texas Missions as the offering supports approximately 80 programs and ministries across the state.

During the month of September, pray daily for the ministries that request and receive allocated funds from the Mary Hill Davis Offering.

September 1

BOUNCE provides the opportunity for high school youth groups to be on mission helping communities bounce back after a disaster. The Mary Hill Davis Offering helps to financially support interns and provides scholarships for Hispanic and bilingual students serving on the Bounce Mission team. Pray for the spiritual preparation of the mission team. Pray for safety as students serve. (Ephesians 6:19).

September 2

Apologetic Evangelism for Cross-Cultural Emphasis is a ministry that equips the body of Christ in evangelism with an articulate presentation and defense of the gospel. Pray for this initiative to train the body of Christ as ambassadors to bring healing, build bridges, and become more united to preach the gospel to "every nation, tribe, tongue, and people." Pray for Eric Hernandez as he leads this endeavor. (Ephesians 3:14-20)

September 3

East Texas Baptist University's (ETBU) students have been assisting low-income families in the Marshall area with repairs to unsafe structures as well as building homes for people in need. During the pandemic, many more families were affected financially, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Pray for **Neighborhood Renewal** as these students continue to provide help to families. Pray for receptive hearts from the people of Marshall. Pray for the students to exercise discernment and show compassion as they minister. (Galatians 6:2)

September 4

The **South Texas Women's Build** is planning to lead two groups of volunteers to build the 11th house in Peñitas, Texas, October 17-26. Each year, over 30 women volunteers work together to build a home and share the love of Jesus Christ with a family in need of a new home. Pray for God to draw the family into a relationship with Christ as they receive their home. Pray for travel safety for the women who come to serve. Pray for protection from accidents and wisdom for each team member. (Hebrews 13:16).

September 5

Christian Women 's Job Corps® and **Christian's Men 's Job Corps®** (CWJC/ CMJC) trains participants with job skills, strategies for building and maintaining healthy relationships, life skills, and spiritual guidance. The mentorship programs help restore men and women to become positive contributors in their communities. Pray for those currently needing and seeking help. Pray that the participants find the assistance they need physically, mentally, and spiritually. Pray for spiritual guidance and discernment for mentors as they minister. (Matthew 5:42)

September 6

Thrive 2:7 is an initiative born out of a desire to reach at-risk teens. Thrive 2:7 provides training in basic life skills, guidance in developing healthy relationships, and learning about Jesus. Thrive 2:7 provides teen girls the opportunity to realize they were created for a specific purpose. Thank God for Becky Ellison whose vision and legacy challenge us to continue to serve faithfully in this ministry.

September 7

Restoration, renewal, and reconciliation are offered to everyone through Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection (Ephesians 2:14-18). **Human Trafficking** affects our society touching women, men, and children. It occurs locally and internationally. As Christians, we are called to be advocates for those who fall victim to this horrendous crime. Pray for victims who are currently being trafficked and unable to seek help. Pray for victims who have been rescued and are working to rebuild their lives. Pray that the perpetrators will be brought to justice and have a willing heart to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

September 8

The Immigration Service and Aid Center Project (ISAAC) lives out the love of Jesus by helping start ESL, citizenship, or other literacy classes for immigrants. ISAAC helps people and organizations find immigration law training. Pray for the participants, that God provides time, focus, and opportunities for learning and comprehension of content taught. May the instructors emulate Jesus' love and compassion toward the people they help. Ask God to place people in their lives who will guide them both spiritually and legally. (Deuteronomy 10:18)

September 9

Camp Fusion seeks to connect 6th through 12th grade students from Texas Baptists Intercultural Churches. These students experience worship, fellowship, sound teaching, recreation, and spiritual growth through God's word in a culturally relevant setting. Pray for the staff as they provide in-person and virtual camps this summer. Pray for their spiritual preparedness as they teach the campers. Pray for the students to be reached, encouraged, and spiritually renewed as they prepare for the new school year. (Colossians 3:16)

September 10

Praise the Lord for David Miranda, who has been instrumental in providing programs for young adults who have a heart for missions. One such program, **Embrace**, pairs older women with younger women in a mentor relationship to guide the young women to discover God's call on their life. **Devoted** is a fellowship of young adult believers to share in a time of worship together. Pray for many young adults to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Pray for young adult believers to continue to grow spiritually and answer the call of living a mission lifestyle. (Titus 2:4-5)

September 11

Mentoring is a process that requires time and a committed relationship. **The Pastors Common** uses the mentoring model to build and equip the next generation of pastors. Pray for continued spiritual growth as pastors learn together. Pray for their encouragement and enthusiasm. Pray that they might have the wisdom of Solomon, the power to preach like Peter and an unshakeable faith. Praise the Lord for a new group of pastors answering God's call to serve. (2 Timothy 2:2)

September 12

Hebrews 10:25 tells us that fellowship with one another is vital for our faith. During the pandemic, people have experienced isolation and depression. The **Chaplain, Pastor and Staff Training Event** happening today provides training to help church staff identify the needs of people around them. Praise God for this in-person event. Pray for spiritual renewal and growth for those attending. Pray for insight and wisdom in developing strategies to approach the needs of people in crisis.

September 13

Camp Exalted promotes new friendships and spiritual growth, and follows the mandate to introduce people to Christ, disciple them, and teach them to make other disciples. Pray that the camp can resume and God will send willing, spirit-led workers. Pray for the rebuilding and planning of future camps. (Colossians 3:16)

September 14

"He said to them, 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.'" (Mark 16:15) **Baptist Student Ministry** and **Go Now Missions** provide a place for college students to grow spiritually while attending school. These ministries also provide opportunities for student participation in short-term mission trips around the world. Pray as these ministries seek to reach students on campus. Pray for courage, boldness, and compassion to reach the lost.

September 15

Border Work Compilation and **Border Crisis Ministry** are ministries providing health care, counseling, discipleship, food, clothing, hygiene products, and the love and hope of Jesus to people living along the border, in deportation and holding facilities, and refugee camps. Pray for the men, women, and children suffering physically and emotionally. Pray that their hearts will be receptive to the plan of salvation. Pray for the volunteers serving, that God will empower them with compassion and love of Jesus Christ. Pray for safety for refugees and Border Patrol. (Matthew 25: 35-40)

September 16

Pray for individuals who received the **Mary Hill Davis Minority Scholarships** as they achieve higher education in a Christian university. Pray for spiritual renewal and excellence in everything accomplished as they seek God's guidance in their lives. (Proverbs 22:29)

September 17

Micah 6:8 has been leading believers to see prisoners with the same love and mercy that Jesus models for us. This conference offers tools and training covering challenging issues to provide effective prison ministries. Pray for a move of the Holy Spirit at the conference. Pray for individuals who advocate for those whose past mistakes have ended in incarceration. Pray for transformed hearts of prisoners that they may experience new life in Jesus Christ.

September 18

Parenting in Prison/Women and Children Together is a new project that partners with the Garland School of Social Work at Baylor University. The program develops and expands ministry to incarcerated mothers and their children. Pray for staff as they develop a curriculum to educate the incarcerated mothers. Pray that the mothers will have receptive hearts as they hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for the spiritual growth of both the mothers and children. (Isaiah 41:10)

September 19

The Seasoned Saints & Family Conference helps senior adults and their families by providing information on Medicare/Medicaid, VA benefits, grief and loss, technology, security, and other important, relevant information. Pray for the leaders and staff to effectively plan future conferences. Pray for the seniors to trust God with anxiety they may experience regarding health, finances, and family issues. (Philippians 4:6)

September 20

In Luke 14:23 we read, "Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.'" Praise the Lord that we now have people from around the world in our own communities. **GC2 Press** (previously **BaptistWay Press**) translates Bible studies into languages such as Cambodian, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, and Laotian for our brothers and sisters seeking to grow spiritually. Pray for translators to experience God's insight and knowledge of the material. Pray for the people groups to learn and understand the goodness of Jesus Christ.

September 21

Pray for the pastors who are equipped and encouraged to plant churches through the **Starting Church Initiative** and replant through the **Church Replanting Initiative**. Pray for pastors as they face the challenges of church planting and church replanting. Pray for hurting and dying churches and the pastors who lead these congregations. Pray for increased faith as they lean on God and trust His word. (1 Corinthians 3:6)

September 22

The Christian Latina Leadership Institute provides training for women seeking to grow spiritually as leaders in their church and society. Pray for the women who attend to grow in faith and gain knowledge in Christian education. Pray that the women will model Christian disciplines. (Daniel 1:17)

September 23

Entrena-T Leadership has assisted more than 200 Hispanic leaders since 2009. This training provides resources to equip church members to become leaders in their own church. Pray for a revived and refreshed spirit among the leaders and that they will model leadership qualities of Jesus Christ. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

September 24

Pray for Cowboy Churches as they desire to do more **Arena Outreach** events in their communities. Ask God to broaden opportunities for rapid growth. Pray for pastors and church leaders as they plan events to be encouraged in their endeavors. Pray that they will be good shepherds to one another. Pray as they share Christ with unbelievers. (Hebrews 6:10)

September 25

2 Timothy 2:15 states “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.” Pray for the five **African American Ministries Ambassadors** who will reach out to more than 900 churches to encourage and provide information about Texas Baptists. Pray for God’s guidance and wisdom as they serve these churches. Pray that the churches receive assistance and advice with responsive and willing hearts.

September 26

Hispanic Preaching Conference prepares ministers to deliver impactful biblical messages that challenge their congregations to be on mission in their personal lives and ministries. Pray for the successful planning and implementation of the conference. During the conference, pray for the Holy Spirit to challenge attendees to minister to their congregations as Jesus modeled. (Romans 1:16)

September 27

1 Timothy 1:1-2; 12-17 describes a mentoring relationship between Paul and his spiritual son, Timothy. Gratefully, God’s word provides examples of older believers guiding younger believers on the journey of faith. Pray for the new **Paul to Timothy Training Mentorship** project designed to teach Hispanic pastors new approaches to serve their community. Pray that the pastors will discover innovative ways to build relationships within their neighborhoods. Pray that the pastors will find encouragement as they minister.

September 28

Praise the Lord for the in-person **National African American Preaching Conference** happening today. The Conference is designed to train African American pastors in the art of preaching. Pray for the successful planning and implementation of the conference. Pray that the speakers be filled and controlled by the Holy Spirit. Pray that the pastors and ministers will hear and receive the teaching, witness, and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 1:16)

September 29

ReCharge, the African American Evangelism Virtual Conference is designed to assist churches as they learn strategies for more effective community engagement. The conference is open to both church leaders and laity. Pray that participants will be enriched, encouraged, and revived as they evangelize using a variety of platforms. Pray that God will strengthen their faith and provide His assurance that all things are possible.

September 30

Pray with gratitude for those who help with technology in churches and associations. Pray for pastors who have altered their methods of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for those reached through live and virtual sermons, zoom meetings, drive-in church, and in-person church services. Pray for people who feel isolated. Pray for leaders who may feel intimidated by technology and virtual platforms. Pray for courage as they learn technology. Pray for home churches that have arisen and for the facilitators of these home churches to combat the attacks of the enemy. Pray that the Word of God permeates the house churches as they continue to grow and flourish.

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