

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR TEXAS MISSIONS

I am the way, and the
truth, and the life.
– John 14:6 ESV



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2026 PRAYER GUIDE

Mary Hill Davis Offering® for Texas Missions

PRAY FOR TEXAS

Week of Prayer for Texas Missions:
September 13-20, 2026

*Through every prayer you pray and every gift you give to the Mary Hill Davis Offering®, you are boldly declaring, “**I am Texas Missions**”.*

For over a century, WMU of Texas and the Texas Missions Offering have united believers with a singular mission: to Speak Jesus to a hurting world. This mission is driven by the profound truth in Jesus’ words, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6 ESV). This is the driving force behind every kingdom-sized story you will read this week.

Through your prayers and generosity, you are sharing the hope of Christ in incredible ways. From rebuilding physical roofs and restoring spiritual lives in disaster zones to equipping chaplains to preach the Gospel “behind the fence” in correctional facilities, God is using your gifts to transform lives. Whether it is bridging the gap for newly arrived refugees or empowering college students to be living testimonies on their campuses, your support fuels this vital Gospel work.

Let’s pause and pray now, together, asking God to continue working through your prayers and gifts to change lives in Texas and beyond.



✦ Lake Charles, Louisiana

A NEW ROOF AND A NEW LIFE

BOUNCE STUDENT DISASTER RECOVERY COORDINATORS

“I have never seen love like I’ve seen in you people, and I want whatever you got.”

When a BOUNCE student disaster recovery team traveled to Lake Charles for a challenging roofing project, they met a young man named Tank. Tank worked the night shift, but instead of sleeping all day, he spent his afternoons climbing onto the hot roof to help the students, noting that if they were willing to sweat for his family, he should do the same. As the week progressed, the team relentlessly showed Tank the love of Christ. Soon, Tank began asking questions about faith.

Sitting on the back of a dumpster filled with old roofing materials, BOUNCE Coordinator Shawn Edwards explained that the love Tank was seeing was Jesus. That day, Tank surrendered his life to Christ, hugging Shawn and weeping. Today, Tank’s family not only has a dry home that no longer leaks in the rain, but Tank has a new life in Christ.

Lord, we thank You for the hard work of BOUNCE Ministry Teams and how a simple new roof can lead to a new life in Christ. We pray for travel safety for BOUNCE coordinators and students heading to serve communities in need. Please guide the construction coordinators as they select the right homes and homeowners, so that meaningful ministry and Gospel conversations can take place. AMEN.

Visit txb.org/bounce for ministry involvement.



+ Statewide

BEHIND THE FENCES IN TEXAS

CHAPLAINCY RELATIONS

Texas Baptist Chaplaincy Relations has built one of the top programs in the nation. Over the last 23 years, Texas Baptists have endorsed 1,216 chaplains across the country. Today, there are 570 active chaplains serving in 40 states and 6 foreign countries, with 67% serving in Texas.

Because of your generous funding, correctional facility chaplain candidates like Rachel Burton, an Army Reserve member studying at Truett Seminary, receive scholarships to attend training events and connect with veteran federal prison chaplains, enabling her to observe, preach, and lead services behind bars.

Your generosity makes it possible for chaplains to minister as missionaries “behind the fence,” sharing the Gospel from a pulpit few ever get to stand behind.

Lord, we thank You for the crucial work of Texas Baptists Chaplaincy Relations and the training they provide. We pray that the chaplains and pastors attending these events would be deeply encouraged and renewed in their callings. Please equip our chaplains with the courage to Speak Jesus from pulpits that few ever get to stand behind. AMEN.

Visit txb.org/chaplaincy for ministry involvement.



✦ Laredo, Texas

BRINGING HOPE TO THE BORDER

WMU OF TEXAS BORDER MINISTRIES

Whether she's distributing supplies and compassion bags, working on construction projects, hosting medical clinics and block parties, or providing spiritual support through gatherings and classes, WMU of Texas Border Ministries Missionary Vanessa Lerma is dedicated to showing God's love through action.

In 2025 alone, WMU of Texas Border Ministries served over 3,000 people and celebrated 27 professions of faith. Those numbers represent beautiful stories of new beginnings.

One of those moments happened at a local park in Laredo, where a volunteer named Rita sat down with a 12-year-old girl named Elizabeth to share a Bible story. Afterward, Elizabeth eagerly asked to accept Jesus into her heart, leaving the park excited to tell her father about her decision to follow God.

The ministry also fosters deep, long-term discipleship, touching lives like Miriam's. After taking a discipleship class, Miriam realized her childhood baptism had simply been a decision for her mother rather than herself. Deeply convicted to make her own choice, she was baptized again with "a true understanding of her faith." Today, Miriam continues to attend church faithfully and serves on the welcoming team.

Lord, we thank You for the incredible impact of WMU Border Ministries and the new beginnings for individuals like Elizabeth and Miriam. We pray for missionary Vanessa Lerma and her family, asking for health, strength, and discernment as they faithfully serve and Speak Jesus. Please meet the immediate physical and spiritual needs of those along the border so they may know You, and bless the volunteers undergoing training so they can faithfully fulfill Your calling. AMEN.

Visit wmutx.org/border for ministry involvement.



+ Dallas, Texas

FAITH IN ACTION

CAMPAMENTO

Campamento is an intense week-long event designed to inspire and empower Hispanic youth, ages 13-18, to place God at the center of their lives. While the week is filled with worship, fellowship, and impactful teaching, the attendees also dedicate one full day to hands-on mission work.

Partnering with Mission Cedar Hill, approximately 400 students and youth workers tackle 20 to 25 mission projects throughout the city in a single day, pouring their energy into painting, repairing fences, and cleaning parks. This combination of dedicated service and teaching creates life-changing moments for students like twelve-year-old Heaven.

Experiencing her first camp alongside the group from the High Pointe soccer ministry, Heaven made a decision during Campamento to profess her faith in Christ and was baptized that very same evening. Since then, she has continued to grow in her walk with the Lord, using her love of sports, especially soccer, to strengthen her faith and share God's joy with others.

Students like Heaven are the proof: Campamento is raising missional leaders who will transform their congregations into missional churches.

Lord, we thank You for the incredible impact of Campamento and the students putting their faith into action. We pray for the student ministries in our Hispanic churches, that they would grow and thrive. Please touch the hearts of the youth during Campamento week, and we ask that many will receive a lifelong calling to ministry. We also lift up the dedicated youth workers, asking You to bless them as they faithfully invest in the lives of these students. AMEN.

Visit txb.org/campamento for ministry involvement.



✦ Houston, Texas

BEING A LIGHT IN TEXAS & BEYOND

AFRICAN AMERICAN MINISTRIES - GO NOW MISSIONS

"I am now able to be a living, walking testimony to my family and my peers".

When Alexis Harper joined the Baptist Student Ministry (BSM), she had no idea how radically it would alter the trajectory of her life. Through the BSM, God surrounded the Texas Southern University student with like-minded believers and provided her with a vital church home. This deep sense of community has completely transformed her walk with Christ, shaping how she lives and honors God every day.

Now a recent graduate and former BSM President, Alexis is turning her personal transformation into missional action.

- She is partnering with Holman Street Baptist Church to lead a team of high school students on a mission trip to Puerto Rico, teaching them to see God's hand at work and to learn the importance of serving others.
- Back in Houston, as she continues her studies at the post-graduate level, Alexis remains committed to being a relentless light at TSU. She actively engages the campus community by hosting weekly Bible studies and Gospel-centered discussions with students and staff.

Lord, we thank You for students like Alexis who are actively serving as living testimonies to their peers. We pray that African American college students will receive the financial means necessary to participate in missions abroad. Please minister to the people they serve, and meet the spiritual needs of the students who serve them. AMEN.

Visit txb.org/aam for ministry involvement.



✦ Edinburg, Texas

SANDWICHES TO SALVATION

FROM THE HARVEST FOR THE HARVEST (GO NOW MISSIONS)

She realized she “was beginning to know Christ for the first time in her life”.

At the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, a freshman was drawn to the Baptist Student Ministry (BSM) and the Global Blends Deli after hearing about them on social media. This led her to volunteer at the deli and join a weekly Bible study group.

While helping make sandwiches, take orders, and clean the building, she also attended BSM’s Rejoice Worship Services. Through this process, she realized her life was transforming. As she began to truly follow Him, she experienced remarkable improvements, particularly in managing her anxiety.

Recently, she accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized alongside two other students who had also connected through Global Blends. As Rene, a Go Now Missions student serving there, beautifully summarized: “God is using the deli shop to bring others to know Him.”

Lord, we praise You for using simple places like a college deli to bring students to salvation. We pray Luke 10:2 over these campuses, asking that students will boldly answer the call to be “harvest workers.” Please grant these students the boldness to speak Jesus verbally and to show Your love through their service. AMEN.

Visit gonowmissions.com for ministry involvement.



✦ Dallas, Texas

BRIDGING THE GAP

PROJECT: START REFUGEE RESOURCE CENTER

“You are allowing me to do what God has called me to do.”

When refugees flee persecution to find safety in America, many assume life will be better. However, due to language barriers, new cultures, and unfamiliar systems, daily survival can become incredibly difficult. Helen Cingpi, director of Project: Start, steps into that gap, helping families navigate appointments, careers, and home life in Northeast Dallas.

By providing crucial financial, personal, and professional guidance or by referring families to local churches and agencies for further assistance, Helen actively meets their overwhelming physical needs. This support builds a deep trust that opens doors for spiritual conversations, with many families asking her to return and share the Bible with them.

Through your generosity, Project: Start is not only meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the 50,000 refugees living in Northeast Dallas, but it is also empowering Helen to fulfill her God-given calling.

Lord, we thank You for the compassion of Project: Start in bridging the gap for newly arrived families. We pray for Helen as she faithfully fulfills Your call to serve refugee families. Please meet the overwhelming physical and spiritual needs of refugees settling in Northeast Dallas. We also ask for Your wisdom and guidance for the Project: Start team as they identify and connect each refugee population to a Gospel movement in their own language and culture. AMEN.

Visit txb.org/start for ministry involvement.



+ Waco, Texas

EMPOWERING DREAMS

MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING ETHNIC AND MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP

Karis Moon, a sophomore at Baylor University on the Pre-Physician Assistant track, knows the genuine impact of generosity.

As a recipient of the Mary Hill Davis Ethnic/Minority Scholarship, the financial burden of her education has been significantly lifted. This support allows Karis to focus on her studies, gain valuable experience, and prepare for a career dedicated to helping others.

Karis shared, "I am deeply appreciative of the Mary Hill Davis Offering® for Texas Missions and Texas Baptists for giving me this opportunity. The generosity of the program has had a profound impact on my education and aspirations, and it inspires me to give back to my community just as you have done for me."

Lord, we thank You for the generosity that empowers students like Karis to reach their dreams. We pray that ethnic and minority students receiving this scholarship will be deeply encouraged, equipped, and experience profound spiritual and academic growth. We also lift up the churches sending these students, asking that they would actively disciple and mentor them to be salt and light on their university campuses. AMEN.

Visit wmutx.org/scholarships for ministry involvement.



Mary Hill Davis, president of WMU of Texas from 1906 to 1931, believed Texas was a vast mission field, and that immigrants needed to know Jesus just as much as citizens.

Mary's heart for missions and people was evident in everything she did. Not only did she stir women to give and pray for missions through a week of prayer campaign, but she also encouraged leaders to take care of orphans, schools in Texas, as well as China, and retired pastors living in poverty. During her leadership as president, statewide giving increased by \$1.2 million dollars.

Mary Hill Davis passed away on November 24, 1934, and during a memorial service held at the WMU Convention of Houston in 1935, the State Missions Offering was re-named the Mary Hill Davis Offering® for Texas Missions.

Today, Mary's remarkable leadership continues to inspire Texas Baptists to give, pray and serve. Thank you for supporting Texas Missions.

LEARN MORE ABOUT MARY
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Understanding that missions is what believers do to reach beyond the needs of their congregations to witness and minister for the purpose of fulfilling the Great Commission, WMU of Texas designed the Mary Hill Davis Offering® to advance Texas Baptists missions in leading people to know Christ and developing a missional lifestyle.

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