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PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CITY MISSIONS PRAYER GUIDE

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Introduction

A word from **Sam Leopold,** *Senior Director of Missions*:

At Park Cities Presbyterian Church (PCPC), we believe that we are called to connect to Christ and one another and to abide in Christ. Our hope and prayer is that this would result in us extending ourselves in love to those around us as a natural response to what Christ has first done for us.

In John 15, Jesus calls us first to abide in Him, the True Vine, but we are not to remain as fruitless branches—He has appointed us also to "go and bear fruit" (v. 16). In this agricultural metaphor, we see that we have been first called into the Kingdom of God, and this calling should result in the Gospel naturally reproducing spiritual life among us. Part of the spiritual fruit that Jesus commands us to bear is love for our neighbors (John 15:17; Luke 10:27). Scripture shows us two ways we can love our neighbors (Jeremiah 29:7):

1. **By seeking the well-being of our neighbors**. This means to work toward the flourishing of Dallas neighborhoods in the name of Christ. This effort will involve building relationships with our neighbors, demonstrating Christ's love through our deeds, and proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel.

2. **By praying for our neighbors and interceding on their behalf**. This means to share in God's concern for our neighbors and members of our community and to trust and pray for His coming redemption of it all.

Our hope is that this Prayer Guide will better enable you to love your neighbors and extend yourself on behalf of our city. All of the ministries mentioned in this guide covet your prayers and your support. As you pray, ask the Lord to show you how you might best spend your time and talents toward the extension of His Kingdom in Dallas.

City Missions at PCPC

Our Mission

PCPC City Missions exists to extend the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in and through our congregation to the city of Dallas.

Our Philosophy

We work to encourage, equip, and engage PCPC members to serve their communities. Jeremiah 29:7 admonishes us to pursue and pray for the transforming presence of God in the city where He has sent us.

Spheres of Influence



NEIGHBORHOOD

We believe mission begins in our local communities where God has called us to love and serve our neighbors.



VOCATION

We believe our various vocations are integral to Gospel transformation and participation in the mission of extending Christ in this world.



CITY

We believe God has called us to seek the good of Dallas.



GLOBAL

We believe that we are part of a global body that is called to take the Gospel to every tribe, tongue, and nation.

Pray for Our City

How to Pray for Our Neighbors

Have you ever wondered how to pray for your neighbor? Use the following requests and Bible verses as a starting point:

- Pray that God would draw them to Himself (John 6:44)
- Pray that they would seek to know God (Acts 17:27)
- Pray that they would believe in the Scriptures (1 Thessalonians 2:13)
- Pray that Satan would be bound from blinding them to the Truth (Matthew 13:19; 2 Corinthians 4:4)
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would work in them (John 16:8-12)
- Pray that God would send someone to lead them to Christ (Matthew 9:37-38)
- Pray that they would believe in Christ as Savior (John 1:12, 5:24)
- Pray that they would turn from sin (Acts 17:30-31)
- Pray that they would confess Christ as Lord (Romans 10:9-10)
- Pray that they would yield all to follow Christ (2 Corinthians 5:15)
- Pray that they would take root and grow in Christ (Colossians 2:6-7)

How to Pray for a Neighborhood

In addition to praying for our neighbors, we also want to pray that the neighborhoods around our city would experience community transformation.

The following verses offer a general framework for thinking about issues of justice and oppression. They also give us insight into God's heart for the vulnerable and disadvantaged.

Look up each verse and write your observations next to the reference below:

- Deuteronomy 15:1-11
- Psalm 146
- Proverbs 14:31, 31:8-9
- Isaiah 1:16-17, 58:6-7, 12
- Jeremiah 22:3, 29:4-7
- Micah 6:8
- Zechariah 7:9-10, 8:1-8
- James 1:26-2:13

We suggest using the following nine categories as a guide as you pray for the neighborhoods around our city:

1. **Spiritual Life and the Church:** A strong neighborhood church is the most important component of community transformation. Pray that new churches would be planted and existing churches would become healthy.

2. **Public Safety**: Many in our city feel a constant threat to their sense of safety. Pray that God would provide the safety for which they long in their neighborhoods (Psalm 4:8, 12:5).

3. **Family Life**: As the primary venue where beliefs and behaviors are learned, the family is the most influential social component in life. Pray for marriages, families, single parents, and those involved in foster care.

4. **Education**: Access to education, or the lack thereof, has a direct impact on public safety and the economic growth of a community. Pray that the children in our city would enjoy the benefits that come from an education.

5. **Health**: Physical well-being is a vital component of community health and transformation. Pray that our neighbors around the city would have access to health care.

6. **Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization**: Stable and quality housing is a luxury that not all of our neighbors enjoy. Pray against landlords that force our neighbors into a transient lifestyle. Pray for community life and neighborhood revitalization.

7. **Economic Development**: Unemployment and underemployment create barriers to financial self-sufficiency. Pray that more jobs would come to Dallas and that people would receive the skills they need to be job ready.

8. **Community Involvement and Leadership Development**: Leaders in communities around our city need to be identified, encouraged, trained, and educated so that the next generation would be equipped and committed to the work of community transformation. Pray for these young leaders.

9. **Arts and Entertainment**: Exposure to the arts in distressed neighborhoods provides opportunity and hope. Pray that access to the arts would result in a flood of benefits for our neighbors.

Pray to the Prince of Peace

After reflecting on the needs of our city, let us reflect on the only Savior of our city. Jesus, the Prince of Shalom, is the only hope for redemption, restoration, and the rebuilding of our city.

Read the following verses and meditate on the person of Christ:

- Isaiah 9:6-7
- Isaiah 42:1-4
- Luke 4:16-19

My Neighborhood

When you think about your own neighborhood, create a list of five neighbors to regularly pray for and seek to share the Gospel with. List the five people below:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Invest in your relationship with your neighbors by:

- Knowing them by name
- Inviting them into your home
- Looking for ways to serve them

Invest in your neighbors' relationship with God by:

- Praying for them
- Sharing your testimony and the Gospel
- Inviting them to church

Using the grid below, sketch lines and squares to represent your street/block, apartment/dorm floor, etc. Then, mark the locations of neighbors with whom you want to build relationships:



Act.

Advocates for Community Transformation

www.actforjustice.org
214-951-9151

Advocates for Community Transformation (Act) exists to make neighborhood safety a normal reality for everyone. Act equips brave men and women in underserved communities to fight crime on their street using the justice system by connecting residents with one another and with volunteer attorneys who can hold the owners of crime ridden houses and abandoned properties accountable.

Get involved with Act:

Prayer advocates are individuals who support the Lord's work of justice through prayer and intercession. Prayer advocates will receive e-mail updates.

Professional advocates are lawyers, law-related professionals, bilingual interpreters, and other business individuals who support Act's mission.

Non-legal volunteers can assist with administrative tasks, neighborhood research, crime restriction service projects, safety canvassing, and prayer walks. They can also serve as leaders and members of Act's Advisory Board, Justice Leadership Council, and annual event committees.



APARTMENTLIFE™

Apartment Life

www.apartmentlife.org
817-685-2963

Apartment Life is a faith-based, non-profit organization that seeks to serve the apartment industry by fostering community among residents. Apartment Life's passion is to meet residents' need for community and relationships while transforming lives and providing clear business value for their clients.



Behind Every Door

Behind Every Door

www.behindeverydoor.org
972-331-4774

Behind Every Door exists to create Christ-centered pathways of hope. Behind Every Door operates the Cedar Crest Community Center. For the Cedar Crest Community, the community center serves as an access point for excellent programs and services, recreation, and meaningful connections. Behind Every Door believes that through this, they can meet the community's needs and create pathways of hope.

Get involved with Behind Every Door:

Behind Every Door has a variety of volunteer opportunities for both individuals and groups, from helping with community events to providing academic support for their after-school program.



Behind Every Door

Brother Bill's Helping Hands

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Get involved with Brother Bill's:

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CASA DEL LAGO

Casa Del Lago

www.casadelago.org
214-470-9658

Casa Del Lago's mission is to show the love of Jesus Christ to the Bachman Lake community through early childhood education, elementary school literacy, and adult education. Casa envisions and desires to see a vibrant Bachman Lake neighborhood filled with active and growing disciples of Christ who are equipped to face the educational, emotional, and material challenges of their lives and who are leading the transformation.

Get involved with Casa Del Lago:

Casa volunteers can assist by teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) and typing classes to adults, by helping kids with reading in the After School Reading program, or with various other projects that arise.



central commons

Central Commons

www.centralcommons.org
469-753-9007

Central Commons exists to support and equip the next generation of churches and church leaders and to foster flourishing and shalom in their community.

Located in the historic Central Christian Church, they seek to honor its legacy by extending its amazing work of gathering people from around North Texas, working as partners to experience and offer transformation to all who would come.

This campus currently serves hundreds of people from all walks of life who long for a safe place of welcome. From creatives making art and music to multiple church communities gathering for worship, from schools serving people of all abilities to recovery groups seeking restoration, and from wellness practitioners to families enjoying the dog park, Central Commons provides a common place for the flourishing of the surrounding community.



Embrace Grace

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Embrace Grace is a Bible study and support group for single and pregnant young women that meets weekly at PCPC to provide practical, spiritual, and emotional support. If someone you know is experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, we would love to invite them to Embrace Grace.

Get involved with Embrace Grace:

We are looking for individuals to host baby showers for moms-to-be and to cover this ministry in prayer.



ESL PCPC
ENGLISH CLASSES

English as a Second Language

www.pcpc.org/esl

English as a Second Language (ESL) at PCPC seeks to reach our neighbors for Christ. We use English classes and free childcare as a way to build community and relationships with people in order to point them to Jesus.

Get involved with ESL:

Volunteers can teach English or help with childcare once per week, teach short English language Bible lessons, and commit to pray for the specific needs of ESL students and teachers.



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EXODUS
MINISTRIES

Exodus Ministries

www.exodusministries.org
214-827-3772

Exodus Ministries transforms the lives of formerly incarcerated mothers and their children by providing a safe place to live, tools needed for success, and Christ-centered spiritual support.

Get involved with Exodus:

Exodus volunteers can help with childcare, plan events, mentor moms and kids, teach Bible studies and other classes, help with organizing and administrative work, furnish apartments for residents, and more!



ESL PCPC
ENGLISH CLASSES

Konnect to the Konnection

www.???.org

Konnect to the Konnection (K2K)????.

Get involved with K2K:

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MEN OF NEHEMIAH
REBUILDING THE WALLS

Men of Nehemiah

www.menofnehemiah.org
214-421-6705

Men of Nehemiah is a Christian organization that exists to rebuild the lives of men who have been torn apart by the effects of drug and alcohol addiction. They serve each man as he is restored to the person God created him to be, reunited with his family and his community.

Get involved with Men of Nehemiah:

Volunteers can lead weekly Bible studies and serve as mentors for program participants. Additionally, volunteer groups can provide food for special events and holidays and get to know the program participants through activities such as playing board games together twice a month. Everyone is also welcome to join Men of Nehemiah for Tuesday night or Sunday morning worship.



Mercy Street

www.mercystreetdallas.org
214-905-1042

Mercy Street exists to cultivate mutually transforming relationships with inner-city youth through Christian mentorship. They empower the next generation of Christian leaders in West and South Dallas through sports, mentoring, and their Leadership Institute.

Get involved with Mercy Street:

Volunteers can coach a variety of sports (soccer, baseball, flag football, basketball, and lacrosse), mentor a child, teach high school Bible study, or provide food for Bible study.



OurCalling

www.ourcalling.org
214-444-8796

OurCalling helps people walk with Jesus and get off the streets. They utilize a unique strategy, technology, a highly skilled team of 50+ staff, 3,000+ annual volunteers, and many supporters and partner agencies to care with dignity, connect intentionally, and create healthy community. OurCalling serves the homeless in many ways, from operating a zero-barrier outreach center to street outreach to operating a tiny home community.

Get involved with OurCalling:

Volunteers can serve in a wide variety of ways by helping prepare or serve lunch, sorting clothing donations, laundering clothes, filling clothing and hygiene orders, cleaning the facility, participating in Bible study, working in the Women's Center, and helping with search and rescue. You can also purchase copies of OurCalling's *Directory of Homeless Services in Dallas* to give out to those in need.



THRIVE
WOMEN'S CLINIC

Thrive Women's Clinic

thrivewomensclinic.com
www.vinekeepers.org

Thrive Women's Clinic's mission is to extend Christ-like love in a compassionate and responsive manner that values the family and empowers women and their partners to choose life. They seek to create a safe environment for women considering abortion to come for trusted, confidential care so they may choose life for their unborn children. Thrive also works to equip families who choose life, offering mentorship, education, discipleship, and material resources.

Get involved with Thrive:

Thrive needs both men and women to volunteer for a variety of jobs: lay counselors and mentors for their clients; RNs, sonographers, and doctors to help with pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and client care; office assistants, party planners, and committee members; prayer warriors; and activists.



Union Gospel Mission

www.ugmdallas.org
214-637-6117

Union Gospel Mission (UGM) seeks to transform lives and end homelessness for men, women, and children in Dallas County by encouraging them in their Christian faith and teaching them needed life skills. In addition to food, shelter, medical care, spiritual help, and education, UGM offers a long-term rehabilitation program that transitions individuals off the streets.

Get involved with UGM:

UGM offers a variety of opportunities for volunteers, both individually and in groups. Volunteers can help with food service, Bible studies, chapel, mentoring, childcare, tutoring, and much more.



VICKERY TRADING COMPANY

Vickery Trading Company

www.vickerytrading.org

Vickery Trading Company is a nonprofit social enterprise that equips refugee women for long-term success through vocational training, personal development, and fair wages.

Get involved with Vickery Trading Company:

You can volunteer with Vickery and build relationships with refugee women by helping them practice English, serve as a sewing buddy, or help with transportation to medical and social service appointments. Volunteers are also needed to help with events and administrative tasks.



Voice of Hope

www.voiceofhope.org
214-631-7027

Voice of Hope exists to provide faith-based programs that support academic growth, spiritual development, and family stability within the West Dallas community. They believe that lasting change happens through consistent relationships, intentional structure, and Christ-centered guidance.

Get involved with Voice of Hope:

Volunteers can serve Voice of Hope through one-time projects such as Vacation Bible School, special camps and activities, campus beautification projects, and garden days, or on a regular basis as a tutor, classroom assistant, guest speaker, or special activity instructor.



West Dallas Community School

www.wdschool.org
214-634-1927

West Dallas Community School (WDCS) provides a private, classical, Christian education (pre-kindergarten through eighth grade) to the underserved community of West Dallas. They seek to imbue their students with a love and understanding for all that is good, true, and excellent, and to prepare their students to live purposefully and intelligently in the service of God and man.

Get involved with WDCS:

You can support WDCS's mission by tutoring or mentoring a student, becoming a prayer partner, volunteering at a weekend event, or participating in PCPC's annual WDCS Clean-Up Day.



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Young Life Capernaum

Young Life Capernaum exists to invite young people with disabilities to experience life as God designed it to be lived. Through Bible studies, clubs, and camp, young people find love and belonging.

Get involved with Young Life Capernaum:

Young Life Capernaum needs volunteers to serve as leaders and on their committee.

northtexascapernaum.younglife.org



Young Life West Dallas

214-755-9056

Young Life West Dallas is a Christ-centered, community-driven, holistic ministry that introduces adolescents to Christ through relationships and helps them grow in their faith. They seek to minister to young people from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds who live in inner-city communities, including those who have a history of being socially or economically disadvantaged.

Get involved with Young Life West Dallas:

Volunteers can get involved in a variety of ways: providing transportation, attending students' sports events, facilitating Bible study, fundraising, and much more.



Young Life Central Dallas

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972-481-0587

Young Life West Dallas is a Christ-centered ministry dedicated to introducing high school students to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith. Their mission is rooted in building authentic relationships with students — meeting them right where they are, in the hallways, at games, in the cafeteria, and in their everyday lives.

Get involved with Young Life Central Dallas:

Volunteers are needed to form relationships with students at North Dallas High School, serve as board members, provide meals and supplies for club, and much more.


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