



SEPTEMBER PRAYER CALENDAR

Woman's Missionary Union's main focus has always been and still continues to be disciples who make disciples. Mary Hill Davis provided the model. As president of WMU of Texas, Mary created organizations to teach women about mission work which led to the organization of Royal Ambassadors in 1908 and Girl's Auxiliary in 1913. These organizations continue to disciple young boys and girls through missions stories and Bible stories. Children hear about missionaries all over the world and learn to be missionaries in their own community.

Mary realized the mission field had many challenges. She saw the opportunity to alleviate some of those challenges by encouraging churches to pray and give. By helping provide financial stability for missionaries on the field, she was supporting the work of missions worldwide. She also encouraged support for pastors and retired pastors both spiritually and financially by praying for them and giving to them.

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

This month, please take the time to pray daily the ministries that request and receive allocated funds from the Mary Hill Davis Offering.

September 1

BOUNCE missions teams serve multiple people. Students learn how to serve others. College students serving as BOUNCE interns minister to the student teams. The MHDO helps financially support the interns and also provides scholarships for Hispanic and bilingual students serving on a Bounce team. Pray as the teams plan for the year ahead. Pray for safety as students serve.

September 2

Students at East Texas Baptist University (ETBU), have been helping low-income families in the Marshall area with repairs on unsafe housing and building homes for people in need. During this pandemic, more families have been affected financially and are in need of help. Pray for **Neighborhood Renewal** as these students continue to help these families. Pray that the hearts of the people are receptive to hear the gospel as students meet the physical needs.

September 3

Today's news reflects the desire of a generation of young people who stand up for what they believe. A generation not content to stand idly by when they see a need for change. Pray for the pastors and leaders to see the hearts of these young people as they share Jesus with them. Pray for patience, wisdom, discernment, and compassion. Pray for Eric Hernandez who leads **Evangelism for a Millennial Generation**. Pray for the pastors and youth leaders who have been called to share the gospel with the younger generation.

September 4

Pray for the new **Paul to Timothy Training Mentorship** project designed to teach Hispanic pastors new ways to serve their community. Pray they will not be discouraged during this pandemic as they discover new ways to build relationships within their neighborhoods.

September 5

In 2019, 291 students representing 18 churches attended **Camp Fusion**. Of those students, at least eight nationalities were represented: Vietnamese, Cambodian, Lao, Filipino, Chinese, Congolese, Nigerian, and Haitian. Praise God for the willing spirits of the staff for providing a virtual camp for students to attend this summer. Pray that the students who were reached were encouraged and have renewed spirits for the upcoming school year.

September 6

Pray for the summer and fall camps and, conferences impacted by COVID-19. Pray for continued financial provision for **encampments** hard-hit by camp cancellations. Pray they will be blessed for all of the work that they do to serve students around the state.

September 7

Pray for the pastors who are equipped and encouraged to plant churches through the **Church Starting Initiative**. Pray for pastors to be encouraged as they face the challenges of church planting. Pray for the hurting churches and the pastors who lead these congregations. Pray that they will turn to God and trust in His Word as they faithfully lead.

September 8

In Mark 16:15 Jesus tells us to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation". Praise God that we now have people from all over the world in our own backyards. **BaptistWay Press** translates Bible studies into other languages like Cambodian, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, and Laotian for our brothers and sisters that are seeking to grow in Christ. Pray for them as they continue to learn about the goodness of Jesus.

September 9

Pray for the **Pastors Common** where young pastors meet to grow together and discuss how to be the leaders that God has called them to be. Pray that they continue to learn from one another and encourage one another as they gather. Praise God for this new group of leaders who are answering God's call.

September 10

In Matthew 25:35-40, Jesus tells us to feed, welcome, clothe, and look after those who are in need. People along the border are a modern-day example of the people Jesus talked about. **Border Work Compilation** and **Border Crisis Ministry** are ministries that provide health care, counseling, discipleship, food, clothing, hygiene products, and most importantly the hope of Jesus to those that are living along the border, in deportation and holding facilities, and refugee camps. Pray for the men, women, and children suffering physically and emotionally by living in those conditions. Pray that their hearts will be open to the salvation that Jesus provides. Pray for the volunteers serving. Pray that God will fill them with the compassion and love that Jesus had. May they not become weary of well-doing and may they turn to God when they become overwhelmed. Pray for the Border Patrol agents working there. Pray for their safety and that they will show compassion.

September 11

Praise God that the virtual **ReCharge African American Evangelism Conference** is happening today. The conference is designed to help churches learn what tools they need to better engage with their congregations and communities. The conference is open to both church leaders and congregants. Pray for distractions to be removed and that those who attend will not have any technical problems. Pray that participants will be encouraged to continue the good fight for the faith.

September 12

Baptist Student Ministry and **GoNow Missions** provide a place for students to grow in their faith while attending universities and provides opportunities for students to participate in short-term mission trips around the world. Pray as these ministries modify the way that they normally reach students on campus. Pray for the students who are able to go out to serve others. Whether they are ministering in their home, in a park, in a church, or even in a different state, may they be filled with the courage to be bold.

September 13

The Bible tells us that fellowship with one another is important for our faith. During these days, as people have experienced isolation, the lies of Satan may be doing damage to both non-believers and believers. The **Chaplain, Pastor, and Staff Training Event** provides training that helps see the needs of those around them, whether friend, church member, community member, or coworker. This year's training has been canceled, so be in prayer that those who would have attended will not be discouraged, but instead will continue to be aware of opportunities where the hope of our Heavenly Father may be shared.

September 14

The **Immigration Service and Aid Center Project (ISAAC)**, lives out the love of Jesus by helping start ESL, citizenship, or other literacy classes, helping people or organizations seeking immigration law training. Pray for those who are participating in this project, that God provides the time and focus to learn and understand what they are taught. May their love and compassion for the people they help continue to be a reflection of Jesus. Pray for those who live in a daily state of fear because of their legal status. May God place in their lives someone who will help them both spiritually and legally.

September 15

For more than 20 years, **Christian Women's Job Corps and Christian Men's Job Corps (CWJC/ CMJC)**, have been helping men and women looking for help to succeed in life. These programs help participants by training them with skills necessary for employment, healthy relationships, life skills, and spiritual guidance. This mentorship program has helped restore many men and women who are then able to give back by helping their own community. Pray for those who are seeking help right now. May they find the help they need both physically and mentally. Pray for the mentors as they provide spiritual guidance throughout the difficult transition.

September 16

Thrive 2:7 is an initiative born out of a desire to reach at-risk teens. Realizing that the women who are a part of CWJC could possibly have avoided some difficulties in life had they been mentored as a teen, Thrive 2:7 seeks to provide training in basic life skills, developing healthy relationships and learning about Jesus. Thrive 2:7 will give teen girls the opportunity to realize they were created with a purpose. Pray for those who are training to lead these programs and those mentoring the girls. Pray for the girls who will be reached and whose lives will be transformed. Thank God for Becky Ellison, who had a vision and faithfully served for many years, left a legacy for us to continue!

September 17

The **Micah 6:8 Conference** has been leading believers to see prisoners with the same love and mercy that Jesus has for us. The conference offers tools and training on many difficult issues we face in society and how to create effective prison ministries. Pray for those who stand for those who society dismisses because of their past mistakes. Pray for a transformed heart that only Jesus can give and the new life in Christ.

September 18

The **Christian Latina Leadership Institute** provides training for women seeking to grow as a leader in church and in society. Pray for the ladies who attend these trainings as they grow in their faith and in their education.

September 19

Pray for the people who have applied and received the **Mary Hill Davis Ethnic/Minority Scholarship** as they seek higher education in a Christian university. Pray that they will continue to seek God in everything that they do. Pray that they will be a light on their campus.

September 20

Project Start is a Refugee Resource Center helping refugees in the Dallas area obtain the resources and help they need. Pray for the refugees. They may be afraid, confused, and overwhelmed by the new culture and language around them. Pray that they find this center where they can be helped. Pray that they may come to know Jesus. Pray for more volunteers to walk alongside refugees who need a friend to guide them. Pray for ways you can help those in need.

September 21

Pray for the smaller cowboy churches as they desire to do more **Arena/Outreach** events for their communities. Ask God to provide opportunities. Pray for the pastors and church leaders as they plan the events.

September 22

Special Friends retreat provides special needs students (12 years of age or older), their parents, chaperones, and workers, a camp experience that allows them to worship God just as they are. This year, the retreat was canceled. Pray for the students who have been home since the beginning of the year. Pray for their parents as they have also been home and maybe feeling disconnected and weary. Pray for God to renew their strength and give them wisdom. Pray for the staff and volunteers who make these retreats happen. Pray for them as they are missing the students who have been attending the retreats for years.

September 23

Human trafficking affects men, women, and children. It happens locally and internationally. As Christians, we are called to be advocates for those who fall victim to this terrible crime. Pray for victims who have been rescued and are now trying to rebuild their lives. Pray for victims who are currently being trafficked and are unable to seek help.

September 24

Entrena-T Leadership Training has helped more than 200 Hispanic leaders since 2009. This training provides resources to equip church members to lead within their own church. Pray for these leaders as they begin their journey leading. Pray for them as they seek to lead according to the example of Jesus as He walked on earth.

September 25

Pray for the five **African American Ministries Ambassadors** who will be reaching out to more than 900 churches. Pray for guidance and wisdom in how to serve the churches. Pray that the churches receive assistance and advice with receptive hearts.

September 26

Praise God that the **South Texas Women's Build** is planning to lead two groups to Peñitas, Texas, October 18th-27th. These women will work together to build a home and share the love of Christ with a family. Pray that God will prepare the hearts of the family who will be getting a new home. Pray for the safety of the women who will be traveling from all over Texas to serve. Praise God for another year of being able to serve another family!

September 27

Praise God that so many young adult believers are seeking to grow spiritually and are ready to answer the call of living on mission. David Miranda has been instrumental in providing programs for young adults who have a missional mindset and are eager to learn and grow spiritually. Pray for programs like **Embrace**, where older women mentor younger women to discover God's call on their life. Pray for **Devoted**, a fellowship of young adult believers as they come together to worship.

September 28

Pray for the **soccer outreach** program in Hispanic churches providing an avenue to connect with their communities. Pray for wisdom as pastors discern the timing for re-engaging through this ministry.

September 29

The **Seasoned Saints & Family Conference** helps seniors and their families by providing information on Medicare/Medicaid, VA benefits, grief and loss, technology, fraud/security, and other important things that affect them directly. Pray for the seniors who attend these conferences. Pray for their health and finances. Pray for their family. Pray that they will give their worries to God.

September 30

Take a moment to give thanks to God for all the people who help with technology in their churches. Pray for pastors who have modified their methods in order to share the message. Pray for those who were reached through virtual sermons, live videos, Zoom meetings, and drive-in church services where the gospel was shared. Pray for people who feel isolated as they struggle to understand technology and how to connect virtually. Pray for the home churches that were created and pray for those that are leading or facilitating them as they may face attacks from the enemy to keep them from flourishing. May the Word of God continue to move in those churches and people!