

Praying for Church in the City – 2026

Houston Food Bank

Houston Food Bank is America's largest food bank in distribution, leading hunger relief in 18 southeast Texas counties. HFB works with its network of 1,600+ community partners to address hunger and food insecurity. HFB also offers other services that help people achieve long-term stability.

CITC Goal: inspect/sort food, repack dry food into family-sized bags, and more!

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them

~ Matt 14:14 NIV

Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you in prayer for:

- **Houston Food Bank** – their vision of “Filling Pantries. Filling Lives.”
- **Volunteers** – that this service will awaken gratitude for small and big provision in their own lives, even as they work for provision in the lives of others; for fellowship and opportunities to speak with those around them about spiritual things
- **Recipients** – that all who receive food will have health of body, soul, and mind; that they may know the love of God

Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven,

He gave thanks and broke the loaves.

Then He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

They all ate and were satisfied,

~ Matthew 14:19-20 NIV

Kids' Meals

Kids' Meals works to end childhood hunger by delivering free, healthy meals, year-round to the door-steps of Houston's hungriest preschool-aged children.

CITC Goal: make 11,000+ sandwiches

He gives food to every living thing. His faithful love endures forever.

~ Ps. 136:25 NIV

Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you in prayer for:

- **Kids' Meals** – their vision of feeding hungry preschool children; involvement of more churches and volunteers to help throughout the year; that they are able to meet needs of every hungry child
- **Volunteers** – that they will pray for the children as they work; for fellowship as they make sandwiches; for opportunities to speak with those around them about spiritual things; that

they feel a partnership with God in this project; that they have interest in being further involved in Kids' Meals or other programs of feeding the hungry

- **Recipients** – that the children will know the love of God through the blessing of full stomachs; that God will provide ways for parents to feed their children; that these families will have opportunities to move out of poverty and help others to do the same

The Lord lifts up those who are weighed down.

The Lord loves the godly.

~ Ps. 146:7 NLT

The Beacon

The Beacon is one of the most effective agencies in Houston for addressing the homeless community in a Christian and uplifting way, and has been a mission partner with MDPC for the past several years. They do good work on their own, but they also collaborate with other missions serving our homeless through The Way Home coalition, which connects over 100 different partners in the Greater Houston area.

CITC Goal: communicate to each person their value as one made in God's image while distributing life-supply essential bags to 200+ clients

...blessed is the one who is kind to the needy.

~ Prov. 14:21 NIV

Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you in prayer for:

- **The Beacon** – their vision of serving people on the streets; their process of choosing the recipients; ongoing collaboration with other organizations who served the unhoused here in Houston
- **Volunteers** – joy in showing God's love to all; fellowship as they serve together; chances to talk about spiritual things with those around them
- **Recipients** – that they will know they are deeply loved deeply; that they will feel God taking care of them

For every house has a builder, but the one who built everything is God.

~ Heb. 3:4 NLT

Mission of Yahweh

Mission of Yahweh is a faith-based shelter that empowers, enriches and restores the lives of homeless women and children

CITC Goal: spend meaningful time with residents and children sharing God's love and creativity; provide improvements to landscape and buildings

And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward

~ Matt. 10:42 NIV

Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you in prayer for:

- **Mission of Yahweh** – their vision to serve homeless women and children
- **Volunteers** – joy as they share in the making of arts & crafts with residents & children; safety in landscape improvement and painting; delight in retail store sorting and organizing; deepening Christian fellowship as they serve together
- **Recipients** - that they will know they are deeply loved deeply; that they will feel how God is taking care of them

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, ... for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

~ Matt. 19:14 NIV

SpringSpirit

SpringSpirit is dedicated to empowering youth to realize their full potential through comprehensive education, sports, and ministry programs.

CITC Goal: cleaning, painting, and organizing classrooms

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?... 'The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

~ Matt. 25:37, 40 NIV

Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you in prayer for:

- **SpringSpirit** – for their vision to create *pathways for youth to realize life opportunities* through sports, education, and mentoring programs based on Christian principles
- **Volunteers** – that they will carry an expectation of God doing great things in the youth of Spring Spirit; for fellowship as they work together; for chances to have spiritual conversations with those around them
- **Recipients** – that their visits to Spring Spirit will lead to flourishing in body, mind, and soul; that these families will have opportunities to move out of poverty; for opportunities to give back to their communities

Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.

~ Prov. 14:31 NIV

Santa Maria Hostel

Santa Maria Hostel is one of Texas' largest multi-site residential and outpatient substance use disorder treatment centers for women, and one of a very few to offer a full continuum of services for women who are pregnant or parenting. They partner with more than 130 community-based organizations to provide a full spectrum of care and support to women in recovery.

CITC Goal: Clean, paint, and decorate client counseling offices, landscape, assemble home welcome kits, and lead craft projects with the moms and children.

*By wisdom a house is built,
and through understanding it is established;
through knowledge its rooms are filled
with rare and beautiful treasures.*

~ Prov. 24:3-4 NIV

Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you in prayer for:

- **Santa Maria Hostel** – for their vision empower women and their families to lead healthy, successful, productive and self-fulfilling lives; for staff endurance; for sufficient resources to make a difference
- **Volunteers** – having opportunities to be supportive of these residents in need of caring hearts; for fun as they work on the projects; that they will pray for the recipients as they work; for conversations with those around them about spiritual things
- **Recipients** – to see how God is providing for their needs; to know their identity in God's love, shown through MDPC volunteers; for assistance with other needs they might have

*Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another,
for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.*

~ Rom. 13:8 NIV

School Partner Projects

These fun, simple projects are designed to bless several local Outreach Partners and a few Title 1 schools. Projects include assembling teaching appreciation gift bags, STAAR encouragement bags, and more. This is a great opportunity to get the whole family involved – especially our youngest CITC participants!

CITC Goal: support and encourage over 1,000 teachers, staff, and students

*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion,
kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*

~ Col. 3:12 NIV

Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you in prayer for:

- **School Partner Projects** – for their vision of providing food for students over Spring Break as well as snacks for test days; for their ability to meet the needs of students, teachers and staff; for their volunteers and donations
- **Volunteers** – contagious enthusiasm as they pack; that MDPC children volunteering will see God’s love in action and want to be more involved in MDPC outreach; that those with limited mobility will feel their vital importance in God’s work; for the chance to have conversations about spiritual things
- **Recipients** – that these children will feel loved through the gift of food; that teachers and staff will feel appreciated in the important role they play in these children’s lives; that parents will want to be involved in their children’s schools

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Home Projects

Some MDPCers will assemble service projects at home!

CITC Goal: help provide essentials for MDPC’s Fuente Food Pantry, AniMeals/Meals on Wheels, or SEARCH Homeless Services

You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

~ Prov. 36:6 NIV

Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you in prayer for:

- **Food Pantry & AniMeals/Meals on Wheels** – for their vision to provide food in the name of Jesus; for sufficient volunteers and food to help
- **SEARCH Homeless Services** – as they envision a Houston without homelessness, where every person has a stable place to call home and the opportunity to thrive.
- **Volunteers** – give thanks for these caring hearts; for joy in the painting project; that they will pray for the recipient as they work; for conversations with those around them about spiritual things
- **Recipients** – to see how God is providing for their needs; to know their identity in God’s love, shown through the care of our MDPC volunteers; for assistance with other needs they might have

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