
SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

Prayer Guide

Short-term mission trips through Houston's First are designed to make a lasting impact—both locally and globally—through missions partnerships focused on fulfilling the Great Commission. Your prayer support plays a vital role in this effort. Use this guide to faithfully pray for HFBC mission teams and the individuals who serve on them.



BEFORE THE TRIP

Scripture to Pray:

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."
— **Psalm 51:10**

Preparation

Pray for:

- Open hearts and minds as the team members prepare.
- Wisdom in planning and logistical arrangements.
- Financial provision and fundraising efforts.

Spiritual Readiness

Pray for:

- A strengthening and abiding relationship with Jesus (John 15:5) for each team member.
- Spiritual strength, humility, and unity among the team.
- Committed time in God's Word and in prayer leading up to the departure.
- Freedom from fear, anxiety, or distractions.

Team Unity

Pray for:

- Healthy team relationships and servant-hearted team members.
- Love, patience, and understanding among team members.
- Unity around a shared vision for fulfilling the Great Commission together.



DURING THE TRIP

Scripture to Pray:

"At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak."

— Colossians 4:3-4

Health & Safety

Pray for:

- Physical protection while traveling and serving.
- Energy and rest amid busy schedules.
- Safety from illness, accidents, or other crises.

Boldness & Sensitivity

Pray for:

- Courage to share the Gospel clearly and lovingly.
- Cultural sensitivity and respect.
- The ability to see and meet needs as Christ would.

Open Doors

Pray for:

- Divine appointments and meaningful conversations.
- Hearts prepared to receive the message of Jesus.
- Strong partnerships with local churches or ministries.

Missions Partnership

Pray for:

- Strength and encouragement for local believers and missions partner.
- Loving, honoring relationships between the team and local partners.
- Mutual learning and dignity in all interactions.



AFTER THE TRIP

Scripture to Pray:

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

— **Luke 10:2**

Lasting Impact

Pray for:

- That seeds planted would grow and flourish.
- Ongoing discipleship through local believers.
- Long-term transformation in communities served.

Personal Reflection & Growth

Pray for:

- Processing the experience in healthy ways.
- That lessons learned deepen faith and commitment.
- Clarity on how to apply the mission experience at home.

Re-entry & Sharing

Pray for:

- Smooth transition back into daily life.
- Opportunities to share testimonies and stories.
- Encouragement as they continue to serve locally.



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN PRAYER!

Your prayers are a vital part of what God is doing through short-term trips — supporting team members, opening hearts, and preparing the way for gospel impact. We're grateful for your partnership as we send and support those who go.

Questions?

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