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Call to Prayer March 11-13, 2026

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“Empowering Communities for the Work of the Lord”

2026 Mission Emphasis: Empowering Communities

A time for staff, Board, and other PIH supporters to be intentional in prayer as we focus on our families, our partners, our mission, and the needs of our ministry. The goal is to converse with God as we share our hearts but also listen to His response for how to best minister to those who need connection and compassion.

PIH Mission Statement

We empower Central Texans to work together to eliminate social isolation by creating connections to life-giving community. Imagine with us a world where no one has to navigate life alone! We serve the Lake Travis/Spicewood and Cedar Park/Leander areas.

Areas of Prayer Emphasis

- Families (current and future)
- Volunteers/Donors
- Community Partners
- Ministry Resources/Finances/Staff/Board

Schedule

Wednesday, March 11: Song & Scripture, Empowering Your Heart

Thursday, March 12: Intentional Day of Prayer

- Morning Prayer, Empowering Partnerships
- Midday Prayer, Empowering Families (12:30 pm via Zoom; open to all)
- Afternoon Prayer, Empowering Servants
- Evening Prayer, Empowering the Ministry

Friday, March 13: Sending Forth, Empowering Community

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Preparation: Evening Prayer

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

“Empowering Your Heart: Song & Scripture”

Music is a powerful way to prepare for and engage in prayer. For this session, we encourage you to find a quiet place where you can settle your heart and listen to God’s voice.

- Read this verse and spend some time meditating on it.
 - *“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.” - Romans 12: 12-15*
- Listen to the song “Pick Your Head Up” by Ryan DeSiato as a reflection on our concern for those living in isolation and loneliness.
 - YouTube: <https://youtu.be/rtqAQXUzlr0?si=bRBc7iQ43DvJH6Qp>
 - Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/track/1BcQqsdYwHstafjGpqCbc9?si=6ee027fb03b041fc>
- Reflection Questions:
 - What would your life be like today if you “tried to make your way all by yourself?”
 - “How has God’s grace been made apparent through the people in your life?”





Morning Prayer

Thursday, March 12, 2026

“Empowering Partnerships”

Collective Strength

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller

This sentiment resonates deeply within the context of Partners in Hope’s ministry, where fellowship and support among believers serve as important lifelines to those in our community. We need our church and ministry partners to be with us in this and we are grateful for their participation.

I read a devotional focused on teamwork from “Devotionals for Today” that touched on the story of the early church in Acts 2 and how those early believers devoted themselves to fellowship. They shared their possessions and met each other’s needs. The devotional noted, “That it is a powerful example that highlights how community fosters a sense of belonging and support. When we come together as the body of Christ, we are a collective strength. Our shared experiences deepen our connections and reinforce the bonds of love that Christ calls us to embody.”

Matt Peacock, the PIH Executive Director, writes in his book *Unexpected Connections* that “We can do the most good for the Kingdom of God if all the parts of the Kingdom work together.” Some wonderful examples of this are from our church partners and various ministries that have come along side us and our families.

In Lake Travis/Spicewood, we regularly partner with our Wesley community nurse, the Lake Travis Crisis Center, and multiple churches to show hospitality and meet the needs of our families. We often have local businesses that offer help without us asking.

In Cedar Park/Leander, the Christian Resource Center has provided invaluable support, along with the churches and ministries in that area such as Meels on Wheels. We’ve even had local government employees help us identify isolated families that need help.

Volunteers in both areas have showed up for Community Workdays, Fellowship Gatherings, and Coffee Connections, making our ministry truly a collaborative partnership. What a beautiful picture of Christ’s church in action! Our goal is to not be the only resource for our families but rather empower others to be part of the solution.

Join me in praying for those all of those who come together to bless our families.

Creator God, thank you for the gifts of partnership. We pray you will bless our community, churches, and ministry partners with unity and wisdom. Help us to work together in humility so we can serve faithfully as many parts of one body, working toward your Kingdom purpose. Strengthen our current connections with these entities and bring new partners to come along side us in our work, so that no one has to do life alone. Amen.

Catie Franklin, PIH Special Projects Manager





Midday Prayer

Thursday, March 12, 2026 @ 12:30 pm

Zoom Prayer Gathering Open to All

“Empowering Families”

BJ Rogers, Ministry Director for Cedar Park/Leander, will lead us through a guided time of prayer as we focus on the families we serve.

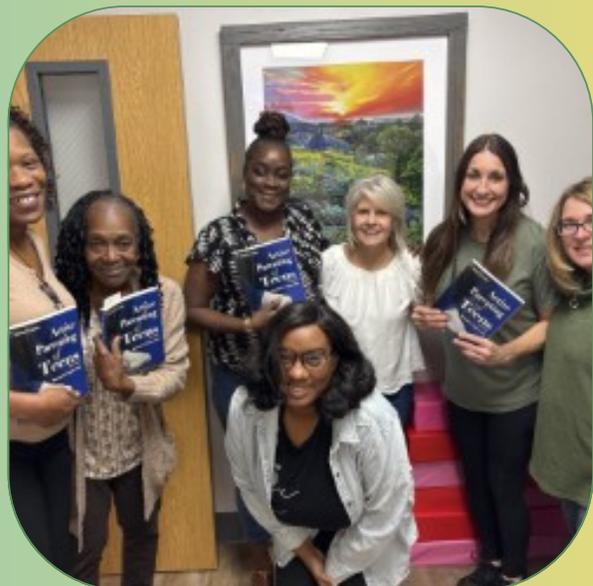
Using a framework of “Five Looks,” we will prayerfully consider how to be intentional in our mission of helping no one navigate life alone. Together, we will be reminded how we can be “on mission” anytime and anywhere.

This prayer gathering via Zoom is open to anyone who wants to lift up the concerns and celebrations of our PIH families.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83225772619>

Questions? Contact info@pihtx.org.





Afternoon Prayer

Thursday, March 12, 2026

“Empowering Servants”

Time. Talent. Treasure.

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” – Matthew 6:21 (ESV)

Many individuals glance at the three words above and think, “I have the time but lack the talent,” or “I possess some talent, but I don’t have any treasure,” or “I have treasure, yet I truly wish I had more time.”

I believe we are focusing on the wrong part of what motivates people to consider giving their time, talent, or treasure: the heart. When was the last time you genuinely invested in something without being emotionally invested? I would guess probably never. Or, if you did – it probably didn’t end well. The reality is that where we share our time, talent, and treasure flows from the heart.

At Partners in Hope, we have been given the beautiful opportunity to share our heart’s passion to serve the relationally impoverished and invite them to life-giving community alongside each of YOU (the supporters who give their time, talent, and treasure!) We know that we cannot operate in silos to reach our vision of “no one navigating life alone.” Each of us will need to own our part and listen to where God is leading to serve, in a way that honors Him and helps our neighbor to see Jesus in some way.

We are grateful to each of you for listening to the call of service that God has placed on your heart. Whether that be time, talent, or treasure, please know that your heart does not go unnoticed.

Join me in praying for those who are the hands, feet, and heart of our ministry: You!

Heavenly Father, thank you for making each one of us uniquely different. Thank you for allowing us to use our time, talent and treasure to honor you. I pray that each person that serves through Partners in Hope would be encouraged by the direct impact it has on those who are isolated and looking for hope in our communities. We pray that you would bless their time, talent and treasure. Amen.

Carissa Bickling, PIH Development Director





Evening Prayer

Thursday, March 12, 2026

“Empowering the Ministry”

No Rescue Plans. Just Love in Action

“Let us not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.”

— 1 John 3:18

On my watch, my granddaughter stumbled head-first into the dining room table. “Ouch!” I swept her into my arms instantly. Before I could say another word, she grabbed her forehead, wiggled out of my hug, went into the next room, and shut the door. I asked her from the other side, “Baby, do you want to tell me what happened? Should I take a look?” Her reply? “Nooo, this boo-boo is mine!”

I chuckled to myself. It sounded so cute coming from a two-year old, but she wasn’t joking. She was trying to protect a vulnerable spot. I’ll admit I had an intense desire to say or do something (anything!) to make her feel better “quick snap.” But several minutes passed before she came looking for me with wet cheeks and mussed hair.

She didn’t want me to “fix” anything. She was seeking a supportive presence until she was ready to deal with the “ouch” herself. We should all consider how we help others. It’s about coming face-to-face with another person’s pain and recognizing the desire to offer platitudes, give advice, or take charge when it’s actually best to prioritize the relationship over a rescue attempt.

The staff at Partners in Hope do not offer a rescue plans. They expertly manage the current and chronic needs of every person who accepts help with the aim of allowing meaningful personal growth and situational changes to happen at the speed of relationship. The PIH Board governs with expertise and love for what can sometimes be a complicated mission. But sometimes, pouring into others takes an emotional toll, so they need our prayer support.

Our financial donors can and do imagine a world where no one navigates life alone. Our volunteers are servant-hearted people who enjoy rolling up their sleeves and leveraging their passions, skills, and talents in service to others.

The result of this collaborative effort? Hurting, isolated people experience a culture of connection and hope through targeted support, resources, long-term relationships, and the power of Christ’s love.

Join me in praying for the needs of the PIH Ministry:

Loving God, for 15 years you have been providing financially and spiritually for this ministry that sees the socially isolated in ways that no other organization does. Provide encouragement and wisdom to our staff and Board and shower our volunteers and donors with blessings for their selfless gifts. We are grateful for the privilege of participating in your Kingdom work! Amen.

**Diahn (Dee) Ehlers, Former PIH Board & Staff Member;
Current Life Coach for PIH Families**





Sending Forth
Friday, March 13, 2026
“Empowering Community”

Thank you for joining us for this intentional time of prayer! We are grateful you chose to engage with us in this way.

As a “call to action,” we invite you today to walk or drive around your own neighborhood and pray for your neighbors as you pass each house, especially those you don’t know.

Ask for blessings on those living in isolation or loneliness. Consider taking it a step further and introducing yourself to a neighbor you’ve not met.

Also consider viewing this Praying Your Neighborhood Resource, which has great suggestions for praying your neighborhood:

<https://www.navigators.org/resource/30-days-praying-neighborhood/>

Dear Lord, thank you for reminding us of the greatest commandment. Love God. Love Neighbor. While it’s not always easy, you guide us we look for ways to connect and love. Open our eyes to the needs of the isolated. Amen.

