

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

PRAY. Use this Guide to continue to pray for homelessness; go to unitethechurch.org/ap4c for additional Prayer Guides about other ongoing issues. Pray about how you might be able to help.

Also pray about these **Next Steps:**

LEARN. Find informative and empowering videos about what each of us can do to end homelessness at mdhadallas.org/hard-conversation/

SERVE. Volunteer at local shelters in your communities to help educate, feed, and direct those in need to God. For volunteer opportunities and special events please visit:

ugmdallas.org | mdhadallas.org | bridgenorthtexas.org

COORDINATE. Set a goal with your friends, families, and others to help raise awareness during **National Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Week**. Find more information at hhweek.org/

TELL. Tell your friends, family, co-workers, and followers about these needs and opportunities. Look at these resources below so you can prepare yourself to share helpful information with the homeless neighbors God puts in your path:

www.mdhadallas.org
www.thestewpot.org
www.ourcalling.org

www.familygateway.org
www.helpimhomeless.com
www.salvationarmydfw.org



"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done." Proverbs 19:17

This prayer guide's topic is **Homelessness**.

Every January, the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance, along with hundreds of volunteers, performs a homeless count in Dallas and Collin Counties. Volunteer recruitment begins every November.

Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance has identified over 4,500 people who experience homelessness on any given night; including veterans, families with children, and many with chronic physical and mental illness. This census, of course, doesn't include people the volunteers couldn't find.

Has homelessness become normal and acceptable to us?
Is that pleasing to God?

Please prepare your heart before you begin to pray through the AP4C categories, so that these Scriptures and your time with God can renew your heart.



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All Scripture quotations are taken from the Holy Bible, NIV translation.
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SALVATION

"If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?"
James 2:16

- Pray for God's redemptive work in the lives of those in desperate situations—that they will experience the hope, love, mercy, and grace of the Lord.
- Pray for the salvation of those who live on the margins of society.
- Praise God for the work He has done and is doing in the hearts of many.
- Continue to pray for the salvation of people within your sphere of influence.

OUR COMMUNITIES

"Whoever shuts their ears to the cry of the poor will also cry out and not be answered." Proverbs 21:13

- Thank God for the agencies in our communities that help address and prevent homelessness and ask Him to provide the necessary funding and volunteers to do their jobs well.
- Pray that the needy in our communities will seek out the help available to them.
- Pray about the homelessness of unaccompanied youth, families, veterans, and those with mental and chronic physical illness.
- Pray for people in your community who have experienced a recent job loss, major medical crisis, or death of a family member that might put them in danger of a financial crisis.

THE CHURCH

"The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern." Proverbs 29:7

- Pray that God would break our hearts for the skyrocketing poverty rate in Greater Dallas and for the needs of the homeless.
- Ask God to humble us and help us remember that only by His grace do we live in relative comfort.
- Pray for more churches to get involved in dealing with homelessness in an effective, organized way.
- Pray that God would give us wisdom for how to best serve our homeless neighbors and the courage to take action.
- Pray for Christians to help with housing and jobs for the homeless.

TRANSFORMATION

"Do not take advantage of each other, but fear your God. I am the Lord your God." Leviticus 25:17

- Praise God for the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance and its partner organizations. They are developing a homeless response system that will make homelessness in Dallas and Collin Counties rare, brief, and nonrecurring.
- Pray for organizations and government departments as they continue very aggressive outreach and activities to end veteran homelessness.
- Praise God for organizations like Goodwill Industries that train and employ those who are currently and formerly homeless.
- Pray for the transformation of the private sector in Greater Dallas that will significantly increase employers and landlords willing to give our neighbors a second chance in life.