



A DAY OF FASTING & PRAYER



**WEDNESDAY MAY 5
6:00 AM – 6:00 PM**

Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is a holiday that celebrates the date of the Mexican army's May 5, 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War. Since our day of prayer falls on this day in 2021, it is a great reminder of the need to pray for our Hispanic brothers and sisters in Christ as well as the Hispanic churches and ministries both here and around the world. Haggai 2:7 says, *“I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord Almighty.”* During our times of prayer today, we will begin abroad and end up at home. Let’s ask God to “shake” Hispanic nations around the world for His glory.

In place of your first meal of the day, spend time praying for South & Central America...

- All the nations of the world have a desire for wealth, power, security and more. But Jesus Christ is the only one who can fulfill the deepest desires of the human heart. It’s this desire that needs to be awakened in the hearts of the nations. Pray for the true desire to be made known. Pray for empty religious traditions to be replaced by radical discipleship.
- Pray for a spirit of repentance to rest on the nations and ask God to forgive the sins of those nations and to heal the land. Because of the Global Pandemic, many of these countries are in crisis so pray for them as well.
- Pray for the laborers in the field. Ask God to cover the ministers, pastors, church leaders. Many in ministry are attacked daily and need prayer covering for strength and protection.
- Prayers for these countries and their leaders are extremely important. Pray for the love and forgiveness of Jesus to overpower the strongholds of crime, violence, and corruption. Pray for government leaders to repent of corruption and seek God's righteousness.

In place of your second meal of the day, spend time praying for Mexico...

- Ninety-five percent of Mexicans identify as Christian. Many are cultural Catholics and blend Christianity with traditional pagan beliefs. There remains a great need for this Christian majority to replace cultural faith with a vibrant and personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray for Mexican men and women to have a growing relationship with Christ.
- Although Protestantism is increasingly accepted - about 8% are evangelical - they have faced widespread persecution and violence from organized crime, corrupt officials, and even their own families. This is particularly prevalent in southern states such as Chiapas, Oaxaca, and Guerrero when individuals refuse to participate in pagan rituals. Pray for the protection of Christians in Mexico and their families.
- The Evangelical Church is growing but it stands in great need of discipleship, sound Biblical doctrine, and strong Christian leadership. Pray for God to raise up great Christian leaders to grow disciples in Mexico.

In place of your third meal of the day, spend time praying for our local Hispanic Ministries...

- Victorio en Cristo Iglesia is the Hispanic church at Creek's End. Pray for Pastor Arnulfo Maldonado and his wife Elizabeth as they lead. Pray for them to have the resources needed to reach the Latino peoples in our area. Ask God to deepen each and every attender's personal walk and give them a desire to reach out to the Hispanic community.
- Pastor Maldonado is also the Hispanic Ministry Coordinator in the Houston area. He is in an ongoing challenge called Project 2029, where we hope to plant 100 churches in 10 years. Pray for Arnulfo and Elizabeth as they seek to plant Hispanic churches not only in the Spring/Houston area, but all across Texas.
- Pray for the following local Hispanic pastors by name. Pray for God to use them to reach their culture and bring people to Christ.

Pastor Rojas
Pastor Perez
Pastor Juareas
Pastor Santos
Pastor Wilfredo
Pastor Enriquez
Pastor Molina
Pastor Alejandro
Pastor Rubio