



GRACE COMMUNION  
INTERNATIONAL

DECEMBER 2017

# PRAYER GUIDE

## **1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

# DECEMBER



## GRACE COMMUNION BURUNDI

Please pray for our Leadership Transformational trainings. We are focusing on servant leadership. Service is the goal of leadership & leaders are called upon to demonstrate servanthood in their responsibilities. May God continue to raise up leaders who share Jesus' heart for serving.

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## GRACE COMMUNION JACKSONVILLE, FL

Holy Spirit, we pray that you infuse our time together. Reveal innovative ways for us to share your love with the teens of GCI congregations. May our time together inspire & encourage leaders to connect with youth in meaningful ways.

# 02

## ADVENT PRAYER

Precious Jesus, you are our hope in this messy world.

Fill this Christmas season with anticipation and preparation for your kingdom - when all will be set right for good! We place our hope in you as we Celebrate your birth.

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## GRACE COMMUNION DENVER, CO

Praising God for connections with a local elementary school: 20% of the students are being raised by grandparents, and the Principal has asked us to provide programming to support custodial grandparents. Prayers for continuing favor and wisdom in how to deepen relationships.

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## GCS - INTENSIVE YOUTH MINISTRY CLASS

Father, disciples are gathering for a Seminary intensive with practical equipping for youth ministry. May the interactive time spent together increase not just their knowledge but also their understanding & wisdom. May each person return home empowered & excited to join you in sharing the place with the youth you invite them to serve.

# 06

## GRACE COMMUNION NEPAL

Our ministry partners in Nepal are still recovering from floods that displaced over 10,000 people in the region, and are grateful for prayerful support from GCI and neighboring GCI congregations. We pray for continued protection and provision as the rebuilding process continues.

# 07

## GCI - USA INTERN GATHERING

Father, we praise you with grateful hearts for young adults who are actively engaged in ministry with you like our newest GCI Interns. May the Orientation provide them with clear vision and direction and may they leave with exuberant hope, grounded in Christ, for their time in local church ministry exploration.

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## GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL -LEADERSHIP

We pray that you will create among us leaders, individuals made in your image who will apply your teachings in their lives and positively impact our families, workplaces, communities and Church.



## GRACE COMMUNION KENOCKEE, MI

We are praising God for his provision! We have just purchased the church building we have rented for almost ten years.

The Spirit is moving in our community and people are responding to His call in their lives. We pray for God's continued work as we join Him.

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## ADVENT PRAYER

Prince of Peace, we give to you our questions and fears.

May your peace that passes all understanding abide in us this Christmas season. Help us to share that peace with everyone we encounter this week.

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## GRACE COMMUNION BARBADOS

We are overjoyed to share that the Barbados congregation started construction to build their own church facility.

Join us in prayer that the building will be a base from which to carry out Jesus' commission of disciple-making and mission work.

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## GENMIN USA - GC IGNITE

Lord, we bring to you the GCignite Core Team. They are diligently planning for curriculum, activities, logistics and the overall atmosphere of GCignite and we ask you to bless the desires of their heart for GCignite. We ask that you encourage them with an influx of registrations but also bless them with Holy Spirit infused synergy as they focus deeper and work in their lives and with GCignite.

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## GRACE COMMUNION STATEN ISLAND, NY

We are enthusiastically and joyfully pursuing the opportunity to translate the Bible in American Sign Language. God has opened the door, and we are praying for wisdom to choose the correct platform - so that it will be deaf friendly and to grant us the wisdom to do it to HIS glory!



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## GRACE COMMUNION JOPLIN, MO

We are truly experiencing God's presence in our fellowship!

The addition of Wednesday night prayer meetings, has brought renewed energy and joy. God is using this small family to do some amazing things in the local community. Please join us in praying for the continued planning of Christmas outreach Dec. 16th.



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**PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS**

Jesus was born in a manger, because there was no room at the Inn. It is easy to be distracted by busyness, broken relationships, or blind ambitions - these take up space in our hearts and minds. Take time to reflect & pray today: **"What is crowding Christ out of my heart this Advent, and how can I begin to surrender it?"**

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**GCI - EUROPE, EUROPEAN DENOMINATIONAL CONFERENCE**

We gathered together remembering that we love because Christ first loved us (1 John 4:19). Let us remember and prayerfully praise God together: We praise you because you first loved us, Before we knew your name, Before we sang your songs, Before we told your story, Of how you'll come in glory, While we were nothing, You made us something. In your Son, Jesus.

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**ADVENT PRAYER**

Knowing that you are Emmanuel, God with us, is the joy we celebrate at Christmas. May we feel your presence in everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to the manager.

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**GRACE COMMUNION TRINIDAD**

Join us in thanking God for the volunteers who serve the inmates in our prisons. Thank him for the favor with Prison authorities. Please pray for the prisoners that as the Word is ministered to them, they will experience the love of Jesus in their lives and that they will share it with their children and spouse through their letters and prison visits.

**GCI - CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PRAYER**

Loving Father, today we lift to you the Children's ministry leaders in GCI. We ask that you keep them engaged, encouraged and empowered as they share your love with your precious children.

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**GRACE COMMUNION HICKORY, NC**

Lord, have your way with our relaunch as we follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit to move from a commuter to community church. In the astounding name of Jesus, may we fall in love with the people of Hickory. Also, may the people fall in love you and all of us at Grace Communion Hickory.

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**GRACE COMMUNION CINCINNATI, OH**

Prayers appreciated for newly ordained Julie Frantz, who has just moved with her pastor/husband Jason to Ohio to pastor the congregation in Milford, OH (Cincinnati East). Julie is looking forward to serving the church and community with the gifts God has given her.

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**HOLIDAY PRAYER**

Gracious God, we ask you to draw near to those who are missing loved ones this holiday season. May they know you to be the God of Comfort, and Jesus to be their Prince of Peace.

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**GRACE COMMUNION FRANCE**

Father, thank you for the diversity that enriches our precious fellowship, and for the fact that we have contacts and members in so many countries around the world. Thank you for our churches in France, where in October they celebrated their 50th anniversary. Please continue to bless our churches in France and in francophone areas, and thank you for the work your Spirit does through them as they witness to your Son, Jesus Christ.

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**ADVENT PRAYER**

Thank you for loving us enough to enter this messy world. Jesus, you are the light of the world. May we bask in the light of your love and shine into the lives of those we encounter.

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**CHRISTMAS**

Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus, hope for all the world. We cry out for a fresh filling, and a new awareness of Who You are. We choose by faith to make the "good news of great joy" a reality in our own lives, so that your light in our lives, points others to you this Christmas. We know that peace on earth can only come when hearts find peace with You.

**GRACE COMMUNION DERBY, KS**

Thank you for all your prayers. We had a wonderful service for our relaunch in Derby. Each week since the relaunch, we have had at least one visitor, and are continuing to connect with our target community. It is priceless to participate with Jesus in ministry.

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**GRACE COMMUNION CHILLICOTHE, OH**

Father, Son and Spirit, you know the needs of Voice of Hope and you have sent Carrie and Greg Osborne to the area to pastor and follow your lead into the future. Will you not only bless their transition into the congregation, but also bless them personally as they transplant into the community. Lord, please also lead them to the perfect location to call "home" that will allow them to effectively work as well as seamlessly fulfill your mission within and alongside the members in Voice of Hope.

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**GRACE COMMUNION WINNIPEG, CANADA**

Praise God, for a successful opening to our "Table of Grace" food bank, in alignment with our focus on people first. Join us in praying that the food bank will be the hands and feet of Jesus to those we serve.

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**GRACE COMMUNION ZAMBIA**

We are excitedly preparing for our 50th Anniversary of GCI's Presence in Zambia. It will be a Jubilee year of events. We appreciate your prayers for our planning and preparations

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**PRAYER OF GRATITUDE FOR 2017**

Take a moment today to reflect on 2017. Become aware of God's presence in the joyful seasons and difficult times. **How has he revealed himself to you this year?** Sit with God in gratitude and embrace 2018 hopefully - in dependence upon the love and grace of God.

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**NEW YEAR PRAYER**

In expectation of a New Year **draw us together in unity**, that our praises to you would echo in our congregations, and also through our lives. **Draw us together in mission**, as we share the hope we have in you. **Draw us together through your great love.**



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