



GRACE COMMUNION  
INTERNATIONAL

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# PRAYER GUIDE

## **Genesis 1:1-5 (NIV)**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

# JANUARY



## MONDAY MEDITATION

As we enter a new year, with hopes of what is to come. We remember that you are the foundation of our hope. We confess that we need you with us. **Draw us closer to you, as we trust you to lead us through this year.**

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## GRACE COMMUNION CANADA

Join us in thanking God for providing more local leadership. On December 3, 2017, Gillian and Clay Houghton were ordained, recognizing the service they provide to the Winnipeg congregation and their work at the Canadian Western youth summer camp.

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## GRACE COMMUNION SEMINARY

Registration for GCS's Spring semester starts today. We give you thanks for the varied opportunities we have to learn and grow in faith. We pray for wisdom and strength for the students, teachers, and administrators. May they be equipped for the good works you have for each of them.

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## CROSSING BORDERS GCI USA

Praise God for His provision and protection as we have completed our 12th year of biennial mission trips into Mexico. May the joy of being on mission with Jesus be carried back into our personal lives and home churches, and God's Kingdom expanded wherever we are.

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## GRACE COMMUNION SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

We are thankful for the Lord's presence with us and protection through the fires ravaging our area. We are resting in God's unfailing love, and trusting he will be our refuge and fortress.



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## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY - THREE KINGS DAY

The God who breathed this world alive, And sustains it day by day. Whose hands formed the skies, And filled the ocean depths is here with us. Lord your mercy is beyond our deserving. The Savior God born for us.

## GCI PASTORS

Jesus, you are the Good Shepard. We pray that you inspire our pastors and leaders with your vision for each flock. Give them eyes to see your provision and ears to hear where their communities are calling in need. Lead our congregations where you would have us go.

# 07

## MONDAY MEDITATION

I urge you to **live a life worthy of the calling you have received.** Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. - Ephesians 4:1-2  
Reflect on you current circumstances & opportunities. Ask the Spirit to reveal what you are being called to in this season.

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## GRACE COMMUNION AUSTRALIA

Ever Present God, You are with us wherever we go and send us to do fun, important, and life changing things with you. Today, we are celebrating and asking for your blessing over our campers and staff as they return home. Seal in their hearts and minds the closeness they felt with you and one another this week. May they continue to seek and experience you as they return home.

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## GRACE COMMUNION PHILIPPINES

Praising God for a successful friends day in our Kalibo congregation. Local youth invited friends for fun, fellowship, & a reminder that the One truest friend that anyone could ever have - Jesus Christ.

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## 11 PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Gratitude for God's faithfulness; for all the people who participate in living and sharing the gospel.



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## GCIGNITE GCI USA

Father, we praise you with grateful hearts for young adults who are actively participating in GCI. May this weekend together provide them with a deeper connections, with you, one another, and confidence in their next steps journeying with Jesus.

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## GRACE COMMUNION CINCINNATI-WEST, OH

We are celebrating the Spirit's movement in our lay member led small groups, which are a great pathway for discipleship. Attendance has been increasing in all four groups, and we are seeking the Lord for guidance in refreshing and rolling out new groups in the Spring.

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## GCI LEADERSHIP

Many of our faithful leaders are transitioning into retirement this year. We thank you for their commitment and service to GCI. We ask for smooth transitions into meaningful new chapters. We also pray for new leaders to be called up, with wisdom and strength to enter into their new responsibilities.

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**MONDAY MEDITATION**

United as the body of Christ, nothing can separate what God has joined together.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

-Ephesians 4:4-6

In what practical ways can I keep in step with the unity of the Spirit?

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**GRACE COMMUNION INDIA**

Praising God for the provision to care for the orphans in our community, and welcome them into our services. God in His love has reached out to all of us and made us His children.



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**GRACE COMMUNION LEXINGTON, SC**

We are joyously celebrating connections made with South Carolina's leading alternative school. We recently had 11 students and their families attend our Christmas Service, and pray that they continue to experience God's indescribable love and the joy of knowing him personally.

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**GRACE COMMUNION CARIBBEAN**

In 2018 we will continue our quest to become communities of disciples who make disciples. Join us in asking the Spirit to infuse us with a passion to be effective disciples of Jesus.

**GRACE COMMUNION OKLAHOMA CITY, OK**

Our congregation presented a check for \$600 to our local elementary school to pay off the past due student lunch accounts!

It's amazing what can happen when a community comes together! We encourage you to get out to the school in your neighborhood, talk with your community, and help where you can. So humbled. So thankful. So blessed.

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**GRACE COMMUNION WALTHAM, MA**

Please pray with and for us, as we partner with a local ministry for people without homes to create a space for our community to come together across social divides and celebrate the diversity within our city.

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**GCI CONGREGATIONS**

Pray that our church family will be united in our worship of God, fellowship with one another, and ministry to the community. Ask God to help believers confront and remove issues and problems that threaten this unity.

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**MONDAY MEDITATION**

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

-Ephesians 4:7,11-12

Each gift is an invitation to participate in the ministry of Jesus. How am I being gifted and equipped to build up the body of Christ?

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**GRACE COMMUNION ST. VINCENT, WEST INDIES**

The GCI-SVG has established a vocational program to provide employment training for "at-risk" youths in the Barrouallie community. Please pray for the success of this program in 2018 as we seek to establish a small clothing factory to provide employment and business opportunities for 15 people.



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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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**GRACE COMMUNION CHAMPLIN, MN**

We are praising God for connections made during Christmas outreach at a local nursing home. Thank you Lord for preparing and gifting people who find joy and fulfillment in caring for the ill and elderly whose daily needs are greater than what can be provided by their families.

**COMMUNION DE GRACIA**

We are so grateful for the Spirit filled gathering of our Spanish speaking congregations in the United States. Praising God for our pastors who pour out their lives as a living sacrifice of worship to our great God.

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**GRACE COMMUNION GHANA**

Our current prayer requests are for God's intervention in our favor regarding 3 cases in court. People are trying to take over lands we acquired between 1980 and 2002. We have documents covering each of these properties yet people are invading and trespassing. We need the prayers of the GCI fraternity.

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**GCI MEMBERS**

Your Spirit fills heaven and earth and your Word reaches the ends of the world. We celebrate that our denominational family extends to each corner of the globe. We lift up our members around the world today. Connect us to you and one another. Show us how we can contribute to sharing your good news with our diverse communities.

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**MONDAY MEDITATION**

We will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

-Ephesians 4:15-16

Jesus you are the center, holding us all together. Ground us in your truth and love.

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**GRACE COMMUNION BAGUIO, PHILIPPINES**

Focused and intensified prayer for a renewed pursuit: Spiritual and physical home for the Lord's work providing for a warm and welcoming home for everyone onto a journey of heightened intimacy with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit through songs/hymns of gratefulness

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**GRACE COMMUNION BURUNDI**

We request prayers for God's intervention for favor not to be discriminated against because we are small and relatively newly registered in Burundi. One of the laws requires churches to have 500 members to have a modern building and to be recommended by Legal Representatives of denominations which have existed in Burundi for a long time. We eagerly ask for God's intervention. This law has been directed to the National deputy Assembly for its approval. We pray that God Almighty intervenes so that the National Assembly rejects this proposed law and maintain the old law of mutual respect between denominations.



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