

APRIL 2018

# PRAYER GUIDE

## Psalm 118:14-17 (NIV)

The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

“The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!

The Lord’s right hand is lifted high; the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!”

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

### 1 EASTER SUNDAY

Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Because of his great mercy he gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with a living hope.

1 Peter 1:3

### 2 MONDAY MEDITATION

“I am the bread that gives life! No one who comes to me will ever be hungry.”

John 6:35

Jesus offers provision. Think about the areas in your life where you feel a void. What is the longing or hunger that is created here for Jesus to satisfy?

### 3 GRACE COMMUNION HICKORY, NC

We seek your prayers for Elizabeth Mullins. This week she begins her role as our church’s Community Developer and as a Pastoral Resident. Her intentional missional efforts will forge a path for us to engage and seek fresh ways to serve and love the people of our city. Have your way, Holy Spirit!

### 4 GRACE COMMUNION DOMINICA

GCI Dominica begins a Homework Support program to kids who live close to the church. Please pray for God’s guidance and wisdom as we minister to our community.

### 5 GRACE COMMUNION CICERO, IL

We are thankful for the willing spirit of our leaders in Cicero to go outside of their walls. We ask that you continue to open doors in the community and pray that the whole congregation will follow your lead.

### 6 GRACE COMMUNION INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Last month we celebrated our one year anniversary of relaunching in our new location. May the Spirit continue to guide us as we pursue the vision of sharing Christ’s love with our community.

### 7 GRACE COMMUNION ITALY

Let us remember our co-laborers in Italy today, and ask God to continue to transform their ministry. “Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.” Zechariah 4:6

### 8 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Eternal Father we thank you for the faithful leaders in our fellowship. For those you are calling to step into pastoral roles, we ask for awareness and boldness to reach out to their pastor or the regional supervisor in their area.



## 9 MEDITATION MONDAY

“I am the light for the world! Follow me, and you won’t be walking in the dark. You will have the light that gives life.”

John 8:12

Jesus is our rescuer & redeemer. Is there a situation that is causing you guilt or shame? Bring it into the light of Jesus’ presence. There you are forgiven, accepted, and transformed by his love. May you experience healing and redemption today!

## 10 GRACE COMMUNION SOUTH AFRICA

Celebrating the Spirit’s movement in our Children’s Ministry. Over the past two years, our children’s ministry coordinator has worked towards standardizing the curriculum, supplying resources and equipping and encouraging the teachers in as many areas as possible. Praying for continued alignment, engagement & sharing the good news of Jesus!



## 11 GRACE COMMUNION JOPLIN, MO

This month we begin our reaching out to neighbors in our local community. We have borne fruit from loving others, yet there is much to be done. Please join us in praying that courage will be our companion as many of our family are stepping out of the box for the first time.

## 12 GRACE COMMUNION PHILIPPINES

We are rejoicing over the 16th Anniversary of our congregation Grace Communion Forestrey! We celebrated through singing and people giving testimonies as proof of God’s love and faithfulness. May we continue to share the love of Christ.

## 13 GRACE COMMUNION INDIA

We are partnering with Campus Cru-sade for Christ in our Communion. This month we met with Cru leaders and several young business leaders from our community. May we all continue to crucify our personal ambitions for the sake of Christ’s ministry.

## 14 GRACE COMMUNION MEMBERS

Father, Son, & Spirit we thank you for all members of our GCI Family. We lift up our brothers and sisters to you today, strengthen our relationships with and with one another.

## 15 GRACE COMMUNION HICKORY, NC

Let’s join in thanking God for the the pastoral team who have answered his call to relaunch and strategically engage in their community. Today Vice President, Greg Williams, along with the congregation will call up the team to be the expression of Jesus’ love in Hickory.

## 16 MEDITATION MONDAY

“I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.” Our human nature often has us want to go our own way, placing our hope outside of God and his perfect plan for our lives. Take some time to root out the things you are prioritizing above seeking relationship with God and his perfect will. How is Jesus better than what you are running toward?



## 17 GRACE COMMUNION ST. VINCENT

Thanking God for another completed Sewing Class through our Technical School. Nine women graduated with skills that will now allow them to better provide for their families. Praying for a new session starting this week, as well as working toward our new vision of establishing a garment factory.

## 18 GRACE COMMUNION BOHOL, PHILIPPINES

The Philippines has five SEP camps throughout the Spring. This week campers are in Bohol enjoying community with one another and deeper communion with Jesus. Let us pray for all of the campers this Spring to enjoy the recreation of camp and return home with a deeper sense of who God is and how He is calling them to engage in their communities.



## 19 GRACE COMMUNION NETHERLANDS

Rejoicing over two baptisms earlier this year in the Netherlands. May we continue to grow in faith.



## 20 GRACE COMMUNION MISSISSIPPI

### *Southeastern Regional Retreat*

We lift up our brothers and sisters in the Southeast Region as they gather in Mississippi. May this retreat draw them closer to one another and refresh them as they gather together.

## 21 GRACE COMMUNION TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Today we are hosting a discipleship training for our leaders. Prayer for our process as God continues to raise up leaders in his church!

## 22 GRACE COMMUNION HOME OFFICE

Father, Son and Spirit we thank you for protecting our journey to Charlotte. May our new home office be a blessing to everyone.

## 23 MEDITATION MONDAY

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.” In this I am statement Jesus not only reveals a truth about who he is, but how he feels about us. He knows and loves our whole story. Sheep are utterly dependent animals. They physically cannot rest until all their needs are met. In the comforting presence of Jesus we can relax and let go of our fears. What truth about Jesus do you need to remember right now? Remember and rest knowing that he is sufficient to meet your needs.

## 24 GRACE COMMUNION RAYONG THAILAND

Praying the Lord’s blessings on siblings Aprille Eunice Abatayo-Pomprasert and Dante Abatayo who were ordained last month. May Jesus be evident in their leadership and service.

## 25 GRACE COMMUNION BINAN, PHILIPPINES

Such a joyous occasion to celebrate nine baptisms last month. Praising God for transformed lives.

## 26 GRACE COMMUNION MOZAMBIQUE

Today we give thanks for the ongoing translation project of our 40 Days of Discipleship self-paced reading plan into Portuguese. The first phase of this initiative is nearing completion. It is specially targeted to help support our nearly 100 Portuguese speaking churches in Mozambique, Africa. Please pray for the completion of the project, and all our Portuguese speaking churches



## 27 GRACE COMMUNION HAITI

Our school in Haiti has served kids for more than two decades in spite of incredible challenges – civil unrest, earthquakes, epidemics, poverty. Yet, it still stands providing, this year, an education for more than 60 kids. Join us in thanking God for the school and its staff and pray for God’s guidance for the years ahead.

## 28 GRACE COMMUNION FLORIDA

### *Southeastern Regional Retreat*

Please bless this group of pastors and spouses as they gather together and learn more about what you have in mind for them in the coming year.

## 29 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Today we pray for the next generation. Give them hope and a future. Remind these young people that no matter what their circumstances are, You knew and planned for them before they were even born. Give them the passion to live with a deep sense of purpose as your beloved children.



## 30 MEDITATION MONDAY

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” Jesus came to establish a ministry of reconciliation and includes us as his co-laborers. In relationship with Jesus we find purpose. Considering who we are in Christ, how should we live in relationship with our neighbors?