



GRACE COMMUNION
INTERNATIONAL

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PRAYER GUIDE



John 15:12-17 (NIV)

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.

1 GRACE COMMUNION ROCHESTER, NY

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

2 GCI-USA GEN MIN

Lord, we thank you for your presence, your inspiration and blessing during our recent GenMin camp and mission director summit. Father, we felt you with us, we heard your voice and we embraced your compelling vision. Spirit, help us not just to remember but empower us to boldly join you in your direction. In Jesus Name, Amen.

3 GRACE COMMUNION WASHOUGAL, WA

Celebrating a successful come as you are – PJ day for our youth ministry.

Our ministry goal is that this lesson provides a memorable and fun experience that helps carry our youth in life, as they fondly remember "why I wore my pajamas to church!"

Seven of our youth ministry students participated, and seven children from our community also joined.

They participated in games and pizza with us, as our statement quickly grew attention in the church school park!

4 GRACE COMMUNION MYANMAR

We are grateful for a successful conference with GCI leaders from Malaysia, India, & New Zealand. Participants received instruction on Pastoral Counseling & Theology.

5 GRACE COMMUNION SANTA ROSA, PHILIPPINES

Rejoicing over a successful local dental & medical mission last month. In all, 105 patients received medical services and medicines, 21 patients received dental services and tooth extraction. Overall there were 126 beneficiaries in addition to patients who received food afterwards as they went back home. Along with meeting these practical needs, church members shared Jesus' love and compassion with their neighbors.

6 PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED

You came for the least, the lost and last of this world. Lord, hear our prayer. And Help us to join you in providing clothing, food, shelter and love to the needy. Amen.



7 MEDITATION MONDAY

I am, right now, Resurrection and Life. The one who believes in me, even though he or she dies, will live. We are in the tension of already seeing the power of the resurrection but not yet experiencing its fullness in our lives. Cling to this truth, Jesus gives us a new and transformed life. Our eternal hope is not for later, but for now. Ask the Spirit to open your eyes to see the fruit of new life all around you. How is Jesus bringing new life to your current season?

8 GRACE COMMUNION MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

Let us remember our brothers and sisters in Mexico City, whose building was robbed and lost their sound system and projector. May God continue to protect and provide for our congregation in Mexico City.

9 GRACE COMMUNION HOUSTON, TX

Let's lift up our congregation in Houston as members are stepping into leadership positions, as well as engaging their community and the school which is located in their back yard.

10 GCI-USA

Our Outside the Walls Small Group Workshop kicks off this weekend. Leaders from congregations around the US will practice facilitation strategies in community over the course of 6 sessions. The members will then start groups in their home churches. Pray for deep abiding connection with Jesus and one another!

11 GRACE COMMUNION HARVEY, IL

We will be having the first "Community Baby Shower" which targets middle and high school students who have children. Working with the schools to determine how to help and share Christ's love with these young mothers.

13 MOTHER'S DAY

Lord, on this day in which we honor our biological mothers and those who mother us, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb.



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12 GRACE COMMUNION FRANCE

Joe and Tammy Tkach along with James and Shirley Henderson are in our Paris church today for a special day of celebrations.

14 MEDITATION MONDAY

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." In relationship with Christ we are supplied with all we need to thrive. Connected to Jesus we are made holy. What habits do you need to remove or add to live in union with Christ?

15 GRACE COMMUNION JACKSONVILLE, FL

Saturday, March 24th, the Jacksonville GCI congregation held it's 3rd Annual Neighborhood Fun Day on their church grounds. God blessed us with beautiful, sunny, Spring weather and approximately 150 guests from the community. Activities this year included pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting, kids' carnival games, 3 point basketball shooting contest, bounce houses, free burgers and hot dogs, a dunking bucket, live music, and a prayer booth with free bibles.

16 GRACE COMMUNION MONTERREY, MEXICO

Our Monterrey congregation is in the relaunch process. Relocating to a building in their target community & missionally engaging with their neighbors. Pray that the Spirit will continue to guide and inspire the members and leaders as they follow His lead.

17 GRACE COMMUNION OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

As we reimagine camp, to connect with youth in our target community. We are rejoicing over 29 new campers from our neighborhood registered for our local community day camp this summer.

18 GCI-USA, NORTH CENTRAL REGION

We lift up our brothers and sisters in the North Central Region as the local leaders gather for a time of fellowship and equipping. May this retreat draw them closer to one another and refresh them as they gather together.



19 GRACE COMMUNION HOLLAND

Dutch 50th Celebrations: Let's give thanks for our members in Holland and in Flanders, who, along with guests Joe Tkach and Greg Williams, this weekend are celebrating the 50th anniversary of our fellowship in the Netherlands.

20 PENTECOST

Lord just as you added 3,000 on the original day of Pentecost, and then added more believers daily, we entreat you to continue to grow your church through our humble denomination. For your glory and through the power of the Spirit. Amen.

21 MEDITATION MONDAY

Only God's Spirit gives new life. The Spirit is like the wind that blows wherever it wants to. You can hear the wind, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. John 3:8 (CEV) We can trust the Spirit to guide us with his power. Let us take some time now to set our sails and listen for the direction the Holy Spirit is pointing us toward for this next season. Moving from this Easter season, what must you leave behind you to live out what God has for you in your next season?

22 GCI-USA CROSSING BORDERS

The June & December Missions trips to Mexico are open for applications. Please pray that our sending God will call up, equip, and provide willing missionaries to participate in the great command and commission in Mexico. www.cbmission.org

23 GRACE COMMUNION SNELVILLE, GA

We joyously celebrated the baptism of one of our youth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. 3 John 1:4

24 GRACE COMMUNION HOLLAND

A new elder has been raised in our fellowship. We are thankful for Denise de Moei and her leadership. Her ordination is recognition of years of fruitful ministry.

25 GCI-PHILIPPINES SEP CEBU & LUZON

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.

26 GRACE COMMUNION BANGOR, ME

Gracious God we thank you for the baptism of a new believer last month. May they experience new and abundant life in Christ.

27 PRAYER FOR THE SUFFERING

We have many members and leaders in our fellowship going through difficult times – let us intentionally lift one another up, today!

O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry for help come to you. Do not hide your face from me when I am in trouble. Turn your ear toward me. Answer me quickly when I call. Psalm 102

28 MEDITATION MONDAY

This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children! Romans 8:15-17 (MSG) Is there a person or community you are being called to connect with or invest in right now?

29 GRACE COMMUNION FRANCE

Father, we rejoice in what You have done in the life of Mari Angelique Picard, who was ordained this month. She has faithfully answered your calling. Our passionate concern, Lord, is that You will continue to bless her ministry beyond her highest expectation.

30 GRACE COMMUNION BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

During our youth ministry activities of music, messages, and games. While the children and teens are with their age group, parents are offered parenting workshops taught by a Psychologist who is a member of our fellowship. Pray for deeper connections to be made within the families, with our congregation, and most importantly with Father, Son, & Spirit.



31 GRACE COMMUNION NORTH DENVER

Our North Denver congregation is hosting a church and community picnic this weekend to continue to build ties with the Elementary School they partner with and other members of their target community. Pray that God's presence will be evident to all who attend!