**Lamentations 3:22–33**

Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.” The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young. Let him sit alone in silence, for the Lord has laid it on him. Let him bury his face in the dust—there may yet be hope. Let him offer his cheek to one who would strike him, and let him be filled with disgrace. For no one is cast off by the Lord forever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone.

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1. **GRACE COMMUNION
   BOGOTA, COLOMBIA**

   We experimented with moving to one Sunday service, and it was not a good fit. Please pray for us today, as we return to having two Sunday services. May this be an opportunity to serve and minister to more of our community.

2. **MEDITATION
   MONDAY**

   Through Sabbath we are freed into the life God made us for. Living in the unforced rhythms of grace, requires acknowledging our limitations, and depending on God’s abundance. When we are weak and weary, he is strong and able to sustain us. In what area of my life do I need to recognize my limits, surrender, and receive the gift of Sabbath?

3. **GRACE COMMUNION
   PHILIPPINES**

   Please pray for the ACCM classes for pastors and ministry leads in the Philippines, to be conducted by Australian pastor and trainer Phil Hapwood. May God continue to equip and raise servant leaders to build up His Church.

4. **GRACE COMMUNION
   LONDON, UK**

   Jesus, we rejoice in your presence in Gordon Brown’s life and celebrate his ordination. Give Gordon a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of his ministry.

5. **GRACE COMMUNION
   OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

   Thank you for your prayers for the reimagined Camp Surrey into a community-based day camp. Camp Surrey was awesome, 50 kids, 36 of them from the Surrey neighborhood. We had a closing service/celebration with over 50 parents and grandparents in attendance. We then went straight into a Block Party for the neighborhood with over 400 attending. Lots of great relationships started.

6. **GRACE COMMUNION
   HAITI**

   Please pray for our upcoming strategy meeting for our church-run school in Haiti. For 20 years we have served our community in Haiti by providing education. With the political and economic crisis there it is more difficult for parents to send their children to school. May God give us wisdom, courage, and strength as we discern his vision and our next steps.
We are so grateful for our international leaders. Let us remember our co-laborers in New Zealand today, and ask God to continue to make disciples in their fellowship.

We have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

Colossians 1:9-10

During the summer months, many of our congregations are doing prayer walks through their communities. Let us pray that our presence as the body of Christ will be a blessing. Let salvation, healing, deliverance and reconciliation settle over our cities.

So, whenever we are in need, we should come bravely before the throne of our merciful God. There we will be treated with undeserved kindness, and we will find help.

Hebrews 4:16
In Jesus we have a God who is with us, let his nearness be your good today!

Jesus, may we be the very best expression of your love that we can be, and help us to be better positioned for making disciples alongside you.

What is Jesus pruning away to produce the fruit of the Spirit in your life? Is there something you are being called to surrender?

Today is our first day of Vacation Bible School. Prepare the hearts of our community members to receive the good news of Jesus.

Today starts the four day workshop for Small Group Facilitators. Please pray for these leaders that they may have a spirit of wisdom and revelation in relationship with Jesus.

We rest assured in the gift of grace we receive in Christ but abiding also has an active element. We respond to his love in obedience. We surrender our pride and selfish plans, allowing him to prune away all that distracts, drains, and prevents us from being dependent on his strength.

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20 GRACE COMMUNION
Harvey, Illinois
This weekend the Harvey and Cicero congregations will be hosting a combined lock-in with our youth. During our time together build community and send your spirit of hope to their lives, that they may know they are loved.

21 GRACE COMMUNION
Fort Wayne, Indiana
We are preparing for our first neighborhood walk-about today. This month we will be making cards to be attached to bags of candy and we will be bagging those candies up this month as well. Please pray for connections to be made with our community.

22 GRACE COMMUNION
International
God of love, captivate us with the glory and wonder of who you are. Give us a sense of urgency in sharing your love with those you have placed around us. Empower us to answer your call to make disciples.

23 MEDITATION
Monday
Psalm 23:1-3
Communing with our loving Father, we rest from our self-sufficiency. We can rest, because the work of our salvation has been finished on the cross. Quiet your soul in the presence of our Good Shepherd – take some time meditating on the verses above. Ask God to show you how he is restoring your soul today.

24 GCI Leadership Teams
Surrounded by family and friends, we baptized one of our teens last month. Jesus, we thank you for your great goodness in calling us to know you and to put our trust in you.

25 GRACE COMMUNION
Australia
Loving God, in perfect assurance of Your presence among us. We pray your blessings upon Daphne Sydney’s ordination. Let her soul be refreshed with the love of Christ. Fill her with faith for the future.

26 GRACE COMMUNION
Ghana
We pray for our brothers and sisters in Ghana. May they be filled with your Spirit, as they joyfully & boldly proclaim Jesus as savior in their communities. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.
Hebrews 12:1-3

27 GRACE COMMUNION
Glendora, California
Please pray for us as we launch our small group ministry. May we create and cultivate a thriving, missional small group culture that will focus on four important aspects of the Christian life: Discipleship, Outreach, multigenerational place sharing, and meaningful relationships.

28 GRACE COMMUNION
Philippines
Praise God for his provision for our recently concluded SEP camps in the Philippines through donors around the world, including the Jon Whitney Foundation!

29 GRACE COMMUNION
International
Pray for all of our Pastors as they pursue the high calling of shepherding, discipling, & living out the great commission!

30 MEDITATION
Monday
Luke 5:16
It takes discipline to disconnect from everything and everyone else to commune with God. Remember that time in silence and solitude has value, because it is in this space that we can hear God’s still small voice above the noise of the crowd. Take some time to unplug from the world and plug into the Word today. Receive the truth our gracious God is speaking over you.

31 GRACE COMMUNION
West- Cincinnati, Ohio
Please join us in praying for our new member classes. May we all grow deeper in knowledge and love for God and one another.