



GRACE COMMUNION  
INTERNATIONAL

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# PRAYER GUIDE

## Mark 4:35-41 (RSV)

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great storm of wind arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" And they were filled with awe, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"

### 1 GRACE COMMUNION CANADA

Jesus, as the Canadian Regional office reopens in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan today we pray for your presence to be tangible in their new space. May this new season be full of new opportunities to honor you and serve your children in Canada.

### 3 GCI CORPORATE PRAYER

Jesus we celebrate that you are and always will be the head of the church. We yield to your perfect will in our lives and congregations. Let your love and light shine through us.



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UGANDA

### 2 GRACE COMMUNION UGANDA

Leader from across Uganda met for our first National Conference. We prayerfully considered and discussed, "Which Way Uganda". Join us in praying for wisdom and discernment as we join with Jesus in his ministry.

### 4 MEDITATION MONDAY MATTHEW 9:9-17

As we respond to our calling, Jesus moves to the center of our lives. Being called by Jesus means letting go of our own priorities and control, for his new and better wine. Matthew follows up his story with Jesus' metaphor of old and new wine skins. What old wine skin(s) is Jesus asking you to burst in your life?

### 5 GRACE COMMUNION AUSTRALIA

Lord of all, we lift up the Pastor's Conference in Australia. We thank you for those who have answered your call to share the good news of Jesus. We pray that our time together may be fully pleasing to you, and that we may bear fruit in every good work and grow in the knowledge of you. (Col. 1:9-10)





## 6 GRACE COMMUNION OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

Lord the team at Crosswalk Community Church have reimagined their camp and relaunched it within their local community. Please bless every preparation, every interaction, every contact and fill it with your genuine love and grace. Help both Camp Surrey and the Surrey Hills community find a new beginning in you.

## 7 GCI - NORTH AMERICA COACHING CLINIC

Father, we read of Jesus asking bold and insightful questions of his disciples to facilitate their growth and learning, especially when their paradigms didn't match with the truth. We seek your blessing as we equip new ministry coaches from the Caribbean and U.S. to do the same as Jesus in their coaching work with pastors, pastoral residents, interns and church planters.

## 8 GCI - USA, NORTHEAST REGIONAL RETREAT

Pastors and leaders will gather for a retreat this weekend. Our theme is "A Season of Rest and Renewal" and the foundational Scripture for the retreat is Matthew 11:27-30. Please pray for the rest and renewal of all those who attend.

## 9 GRACE COMMUNION HYDERABAD, INDIA

Along with our ministry partners in Nepal. We equipped 16 young missionaries, who studied theology for three months, and are now participating in nine month internships in their communities. Let us pray for our young "Timothies" who have answered the Spirit's call to become pastors and missionaries in their rugged and challenging count.

## 10 GRACE COMMUNION SIOUX FALLS, SD

We are celebrating our 50th anniversary. Thank you Lord, for the wonderful love that you have shown to us as a church. Your mercies, truth and grace is always upon us. May we continue to honor & glorify you.

## 11 MEDITATION MONDAY LUKE 19: 1-10

In Jesus, Zacchaeus discovered undeserved grace and acceptance. Before he made attempts to change, Jesus accepts Zacchaeus with no strings attached. Do you ever hide to prevent being fully seen by Jesus? Remember that Jesus accepts us just as we are. Bring your insecurities before his loving gaze and receive the mercy he so freely gives.



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GHANA

## 12 GRACE COMMUNION SOUTHERN ASIA & SOUTH PACIFIC

We come to you in thankfulness for Rod and Ruth Matthews for their 45 years of faithful service. May you continue to bless this next season. We leave them with this blessing from the book of Matthew: "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

## 13 GRACE COMMUNION TRINIDAD

Our congregations here are dedicated to prison ministry. Because of the economic turmoil in Venezuela, many women and young girls have come here illegally to work in pubs and brothels. The population in the Women's Prison is now 20% Spanish speaking and we don't have any volunteers who are fluent. Please pray that the Lord will send a few faithful volunteers who will be able to teach the Prison Officers Spanish and minister the Word to the inmates.

## 14 SEP MONTANA

Lord, SEP Montana accepted the challenge to sponsor a community day camp for a few dozen children in their church community. We pray that you allow the parents who are seeking what they are offering to find, embrace and be blessed by this camp. May they become connected to the Body of Christ and the local GCI congregation serving them.

## 15 GCI-USA CROSSING BORDERS

Father, as the team of missionaries descend on southern Texas and Mexico, allow them to be your hands, feet, heart and voice into the lives of the families they will serve. Bless them with safety and remove any hinderances that could arise as they daily cross the border. Fulfill your mission both in the missionaries as well as the mission field."



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CLEVELAND



## 16 GRACE COMMUNION MINDANAO, PHILIPPINES

Thanking God for the opportunity to minister to our youth! SEP Mindanao was successfully held. We had 91 campers and 42 staff coming from different local churches in Visayas and Mindanao.

## 17 FATHER'S DAY

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives. This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families. So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent. For those who you have called to fill the role of Dad, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting.

## 18 MEDITATION MONDAY MARK 14: 12-25

What makes communion such a special meal? We participate to celebrate Jesus' victory over death, darkness, sin, and shame. We drink of God's goodness and celebrate freedom. Reflect on the wonder of communion with God. Ask that today you may taste and see that the Lord is good.

## 19 GRACE COMMUNION SAGINAW, MICHIGAN

Our Saginaw 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.

## 20 GRACE COMMUNION CLEVELAND, OH

Celebrating a successful 15th annual Lily Women's conference. Thankful for a time of worship and connection for the women across our fellowship.

## 21 GRACE COMMUNION GHANA

Grateful for Spirit led togetherness at our youth retreat. Our younger brothers and sisters were equipped with life skills, financial management techniques, as well as ministry skills. Encouraging our developing leaders to step into roles serving in our congregations and communities. May the Spirit continue to inspire the ministries of our youth.

## 22 GRACE COMMUNION CHILLICOTHE, OHIO

Father, we thank you for Carrie Osborne and her new role as pastor of the Chillicothe congregation. please encourage her by the power of your Spirit. Let her soul be refreshed with the love of Christ. Let her have faith for the future. Let her be refreshed by the fact that your grace is sufficient for her.

## 23 GRACE COMMUNION STATEN ISLAND

We celebrate the seven new members who will be baptized today! They stand free and whole, loved and forgiven within the kingdom of God. Father, cover and protect them now, encircle them with your promises and fill their hearts with joy. May this day be one they cherish and remember forever!

## 24 GCI LEADERSHIP TEAMS

We pray that team in every area of our humble denomination will be REAL teams. Relationally connected Enthusiastically engaged Affirming Liberating Leaders



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MINDANAO, PHILIPPINES

## 25 MEDITATION MONDAY JOHN 21:4-17

Jesus asks Peter to own up to who he really is three times in John 21:4-17 and each time Jesus immediately reveals his intense love and grace for Peter. Where do you need to feel the love and grace of Jesus in your own failures?

## 26 GCS - HOMILETICS INTENSIVE CLASS

Father, disciples are gathering for a Seminary intensive with practical equipping for preaching. May the time spent together increase their knowledge, understanding & wisdom. May each person return home empowered & excited to join you in sharing the good news of the gospel.

## 27 GCI HOME OFFICE

Gracious God, in perfect assurance of Your presence among us. We pray your blessings upon Susan Williams, as we celebrate her ordination. May she honor you as she joyfully joins with you the ministry you prepared for her.

## 28 GRACE COMMUNION CINCINNATI EAST

We are celebrating the ordination of Brent Meranda. We are delighted Brent answered the Lord's call to serve, may the Lord bless his ministry.

## 29 GCI - USA PASTORAL RESIDENT GATHERING

As the Head of the Church, Lord Jesus, we thank you for being a Good Shepherd we love to follow and learn from. As we prepare Pastoral Residents for the role of GCI pastoral leadership at our Gathering, may your Spirit teach these young ministers of the Gospel to be faithful under-shepherds who receive your guiding voice with humility and joy.

## 30 GCI VOLUNTEERS

Gracious God it is a joy to join in your ministry. We thank you for all the volunteers who have answered your call to serve in GCI congregations. We ask that you sustain them and may they experience your love in meaningful ways.