

#### Psalm 25:4-7

Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.

#### CMM MEETINGS GCI - USA

This year's meetings are crucial as we are unpacking team-based ministry. This phase is focused on taking steps to becoming parent churches. Pray that the Spirit brings clarity to all in the direction that he is leading.

### **5** GRACE COMMUNION GUADALAJARA, MX

Praising God for a successful Family weekend that welcomed families from across Mexico. The worship was inspiring, the messages touched hearts, and the unity of fellowship forged a deep bond. We heard reports of church growth and a renewed energy to share the Gospel.

#### ADVENT PRAYER

Precious Jesus, you are our hope in this messy world. Fill this Advent season with anticipation & preparation for your kingdom – when all will be set right for good! We place our hope in you as we anticipate your birth.

#### 3 MEDITATION MONDAY

Luke 1:38 (ESV) How could your simple yes make space for the goodness of God to be revealed in your life and the lives of those he has placed around you? Ask God to show you how he is inviting you to participate in his redemptive work. Join with Mary in responding, "Let it be".

#### 4 GRACE COMMUNION BAHAMAS, WI

Today, we are celebrating and asking for your blessing over the participants of the Deeper Walk Spiritual retreat as they return home. Seal in their hearts and minds the closeness they felt with you. May they continue to seek and experience you as they return home.

#### 6 GRACE COMMUNION TRINIDAD

Grateful to participate in the Christmas reunions of children with their parents through our Prison Ministry. Over a hundred children will have the opportunity to see their parents. Please pray for healing as incarceration has led to many fractured and broken family relationships. Please also pray that they come to know that Jesus took their "shame".



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#### **GRACE COMMUNION** ZIMBABWE

SEP Camp in Zimbabwe takes place this week. Jesus thank you for an awareness of your presence. We lift all the campers that they will enjoy the recreation of camp and return home with a deeper sense of who you are and how you are calling them to engage in their communities.

#### 15 GRACE COMMUNION HOUSTON, TX

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

#### 2 GRACE COMMUNION LOS ANGELES, CA

Gracious God, in perfect assurance of Your presence among us. We pray your blessings upon Anthony Walton, as we celebrate his ordination. May he honor you as he joyfully joins with you the ministry you prepared for him.

# 16 ADVENT PRAYER

Knowing that you are Emmanuel, God with us, is the joy we celebrate at Christmas. May we feel your presence in everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to the manager.

### 7 GRACE COMMUNION MARTINIQUE

Lord, we thank you for Charles Voyer. Thierry Myrtil and Kernani Cheny and celebrate in their ordinations. Because of the power which they have received to carry on the work of Christ in a world desperate for the good news. Be their comfort, joy, and strength.

### 9 ADVENT PRAYER

Prince of Peace, we give to you our questions and fears. May your peace that passes all understanding abide in us this Christmas season. Help us to share that peace with everyone we encounter this week.

#### **13** GRACE COMMUNION TIPP CITY, OHIO

Father, we praise you for providing Rick Bolner to pastor Grace Communion Tipp City. We feel blessed beyond words to see how you have shaped his life for this time and this congregation. We look forward to seeing what you are going to do.

#### **17** MEDITATION MONDAY

And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people. Luke 1:67-68 (ESV)

We also live in times that can seem uncertain, but we can rest assured that we have a God is working for the good of all of humanity, and always will! Take some time to reflect on how you have seen the Spirit move in your life this year. Like Zechariah turn your reflections into a prayer of Thanksgiving to our Loving God.

## **18** GRACE COMMUNION ST. LUCIA, WI

We thank you, Lord, for the faithful service of the transitional team that has stepped up to serve in St. Lucia following the death of their pastor, Rudolph Mills. We ask that you continue to encourage them with a clear vision of their next steps and bless them with a Spirit inspired unity.

#### 19 GCI-USA ODYSSEY IN CHRIST

Praising God for a successful Experiencing the Trinity retreat in November. We pray that as they return home all participants will continue experience the Father, Son, & Spirit in deep and meaningful ways.



### **B GRACE COMMUNION BALTIMORE, MD**

O Living Father, even as there are times to weep and mourn, sharing in Your Son's Life, there are also times for sharing in Your laugh and dance in the Spirit. May our holiday dance be a blessed time of glorifying You with much laughter!

#### 10 MEDITATION MONDAY

Jesus was born in a manger, because there was no room at the inn. It is easy to be distracted by busyness and brokenness – these take up space in our hearts and minds. Take time to reflect & pray today: "What is crowding Christ out of my heart this Advent season, and how can I begin to surrender it?"

#### 14 GCI - USA GENMIN

Father in Heaven, we ask for your blessing as we build a faith-web with 12 high school students at our Home Office for GCLaunch. May we love, equip and send them home to join you in what you are doing in their lives and communities.

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#### 22 GRACE COMMUNION PHILIPPINES

Through several celebrations members from across the country came together to worship, fellowship, and hear inspirational messages about our Triune God. Let us lift all who attended that they will return home to share God's love with their local congregations and communities.

### **26** GRACE COMMUNION DENVER

We 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 as we share Christ's love with the staff, students, and their families.

### **30** GRACE COMMUNION TRINIDAD

We hosted our annual children's Christmas Party on December 8th Grace Communion hosted 250 children from the surrounding community in Arima. Please pray that as the children enjoy their gifts, they come to know Jesus, the greatest gift of all.

### 23 ADVENT PRAYER

Thank you for loving us enough to enter our broken world. Jesus, you are the light of the world. May we bask in the light of your love and shine into the lives of those we encounter.

### **27** GRACE COMMUNION DALLAS, TEXAS

Lord, have your way with our relaunch as we follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit to move from a commuter to community church. Give us wisdom in discerning our target community. Jesus may our love for you, our neighbors, and one another grow throughout the process.

### 20 GRACE COMMUNION FAYETTEVILLE, NC

Father we thank you for Billy & Carolyn Cooley who were commissioned as pastors this month. As they begin leading your people, we pray that your Holy Spirit may give them joy and assurance of your presence. Equip and Empower them to serve you and the Fayetteville community.

### 24 MEDITATION

Jesus, joy for every longing heart! This week we celebrate the good news that Jesus is our Emmanuel, God with us. Rest in the hope you have in him, and like the Shepherds, hurry to Jesus' presence tospeak truth about who he is and who you are in him. Take some time today to praise God for sending his son to rescue and redeem us all.

## 28<sup>GCI PASTORS</sup>

As we begin a new year, Lord, we seek your perfect will for our ministries in 2019. Help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

### 21 GRACE COMMUNION DC WEST

Lord, may you continue to guide our relaunch process. Spirit give us wisdom as we discern the community you are calling us to love. Give us eyes to see our neighbors as you see them and show us how to love them well.

### 25<sup>CHRISTMAS</sup>

Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus, hope for the world. We cry out for a a new awareness of who You are. By faith we make the "good news of great joy" a reality in our own lives, so that your light in our lives, points others to you this Christmas. We know that peace on earth can only come when hearts find peace with You.

#### 29 PRAYER OF GRATITUDE FOR 2018

Take a moment today to reflect on 2018. Become aware of God's presence in the joyful seasons and difficult times. How has he revealed himself to you this year? Sit with God in gratitude and embrace 2019 hopefully – in dependence upon the love and grace of God.

#### 31 MEDITATION MONDAY

#### Ephesians 3:20

Paul wrote these words while in prison but continues to have hope. Because God is always moving and moves beyond our imaginations. He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ. And they are indestructible because they have their source in Jesus, who is always with us. As we close out 2018, write out a prayer of Thanksgiving listing the ways God has lavishly loved you this past year.

