

APRIL 2019

PRAAYER GUIDE

Isaiah 43:19

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

1 MEDITATION MONDAY

Psalm 139:7-8

God does not hold back his love for us. When we run away, he looks for us and pursues our hearts. His love is so relentless that Jesus put on flesh and vulnerably entered our world to rescue us all. Remember that no matter your current circumstances, Christ is before, behind, above, and below you! Ask him to show you how he is surrounding you with his love today.

2 GRACE COMMUNION PROVIDENCE, RI

We are rejoicing over a successful women's retreat. The theme this year was "Blessed Beyond Measure." It was a wonderful time of worship through the Word and song, as well as fellowship. We also organized a talent show that turned into an impromptu karaoke and dance session! It is a joy to participate in ministry with Jesus and in relationship with one another.

3 GRACE COMMUNION SURREY HILLS, OK

For more than three years, it has been a dream and a prayer that GCI could open a Ministry Training Center (MTC) where young adults could be trained and prepared for a lifetime of ministry. After years of praying, searching, and working with multiple land owners, God has opened an amazing door. On February 28, we were able to purchase a beautiful piece of property located in the community of Surrey Hills in Oklahoma. Our hope is to spend this year building the MTC structure as we continue to engage the community with a dozen outreach events, including our second annual neighborhood camp called Camp Surrey. Thank you for your prayers as we move forward in faith and hope.



GRACE COMMUNION
MALAYSIA



4 GRACE COMMUNION HICKORY, NC

In faith, we developed a children's ministry with no youth in regular attendance. Since the inception of the ministry, we have had children to share Christ's love with every week. Please join us in praying for a powerful move of God among children in our churches across GCI.

5 GCI USA WEST REGION

Today kicks off our Regional Celebration in Oregon. We anticipate lots of worship, inspiration, and relationship-building. Join us in praying for our leaders and members to have a renewing time with Jesus this weekend and to take ideas for a healthy church back to their local congregations.

6 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Many of our congregations are responding to the call to find new meeting locations where they can better engage with their target communities. May God give them wisdom as they discern their next steps in being the Church to their neighbors.

7 GRACE COMMUNION PORTLAND, OR

Please pray for the ACCM class for pastors and ministry leaders that takes place today and tomorrow. The class will be facilitated by Anthony Mullins. May God continue to equip and raise servant leaders to build up His Church.

8 MEDITATION MONDAY

Ephesians 2:8-9

There is good news: God's love is not transactional. We do not need to "wow" him with our goodness. His love and grace are gifts he freely gives. And there's more: his love transforms and frees us to love one another like he loves us. Take time today to reflect on what your currency is. In what ways are you trying to earn God's love and the approval of those around you? Surrender your striving and rest in your identity as a beloved child of God.

9 GRACE COMMUNION INDIA

Through our partnership with Cru, we translated the contemporary Jesus movie into the local dialect, Telugu. Please pray that through this mission project, more people in our community will come to know Jesus' transforming love.

10 GRACE COMMUNION PHILIPPINES

We are grateful for our new senior pastor, Fernando Alikes, who was commissioned to lead the congregations. Lord, strengthen and guide him as he services the church and community with the gifts you have blessed him with.

11 GRACE COMMUNION AFRICA

Let us lift up the nations of Malawi, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe, which were in the path of Cyclone Idai. Please pray for our members, their safety, and the massive reconstruction needed in these areas.

12 GRACE COMMUNION SINGAPORE

We joyfully celebrate the commissioning of Joe and Ann Zachariah to pastor in Singapore. We know that they will be liberating leaders, bringing high support, high challenge, and grace to our members in Singapore.

13 GCI-USA SOUTHEAST REGION

Please take time to pray for all of our female leaders participating in the Women's Leadership Forum in our region this weekend. May it be a time of sharing, sharpening one another, and experiencing Jesus for everyone who attends.

14 PALM SUNDAY PRAYER

Jesus, we recognize you as the King of our hearts. Thank you that you include us in your victory over the grave. By your grace, continue to lead and reign in us.

15 MEDITATION MONDAY

Hosea 11:4

God's love for us is steadfast. He is unwavering, persistent, committed, and unrelenting in his devotion for us. We can never fully love like he does, but we can constantly be learning as we live in his grace and steadfast love every day and into eternity. Take time today to reflect on the ways God has lifted you up and provided for you. Ask him to bind your wandering heart to his.

16 GRACE COMMUNION GHANA

This week, our leadership will be converging for our regional celebration. Please lift up our leadership and members, that our time together will be filled with listening, dialoguing, collaborating, and planning.

17 GRACE COMMUNION PHILIPPINES

A momentous ceremony happened as twelve dynamic leaders were commissioned to serve different functions in the church ministries and to be part of the pastoral team of Grace Communion Cagayan de Oro. Please join us in lifting up the new leadership team and their ministry with Jesus.

18 MAUNDY THURSDAY

Jesus, today we celebrate your immense love for us. Thank you for making us clean, and for your provision of bread and wine. We pray that we might be faithful to your call to love others in the same way that we are loved by you.

19 GOOD FRIDAY

Jesus, thank you for your passion and compassion for us. As you committed your spirit to the Father's hands, we surrender our spirits into your merciful nail-pierced hands. Thank you for the redemption and grace that we find in you.



GRACE COMMUNION
CICERO



20 GRACE COMMUNION AUSTRALIA

Join us in praying for our young adult retreat, GC Ignite, which is going on this weekend. We pray for an influx of registrations, that God would bless them with Holy Spirit-infused synergy, and that he would work in their lives and with GC Ignite as they focus deeper in him.

21 EASTER

Jesus, help us to love in gladness, rooted in the grace you poured out for us. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world. All for your glory we pray, Lord. Amen.

22 MEDITATION MONDAY

Psalm 23:6

God doesn't just want us to know about him; He wants us to personally know and experience his love. He wants us to stop looking elsewhere and trust that by living in relationship with him, we are protected, provided for, and transformed into who he created us to be. Take time today to thank God for the ways you have personally experienced his goodness and mercy.

23 GCI - HOME OFFICE

Today we celebrate the one year anniversary of our transition to Charlotte, NC. We praise God for his faithfulness over the past year, and ask that he continues to give our team wisdom, strength, and joy as we support our leaders and members around the world.

24 GRACE COMMUNION FRANCE

Our European Community of Practice will be gathering this week in France, along with President Greg Williams. Please pray that our gracious God will bless our time as we collaborate and plan together.

25 GRACE COMMUNION CARTERVILLE, MO

Every Sunday night, our youth are invited to come together for a fulfilled time of learning about God's love. Parents are also invited to participate. Please join us in praying for the youth of our congregation and community.

26 GRACE COMMUNION CLEVELAND, OH

Let us lift up the Lily Women's Retreat being hosted in our Cleveland congregation this weekend. May it be a wonderful time of worship, fellowship, and connection with Jesus for all who attend.



27 GRACE COMMUNION CICERO, IL

We are celebrating a wonderful Couples Night Out event, where couples from the congregation shared a meal, danced, and played games. It was a wonderful night of fellowship and connection for our couples.

28 GRACE COMMUNION SEMINARY

GCS Summer Term starts tomorrow. God, we give you thanks for the varied opportunities we have to learn and grow in faith. We pray for wisdom and strength for the students, teachers, and administrators. May they be equipped for the good works you have for each of them.

29 MEDITATION MONDAY

I John 4:19

When Jesus gave up the glory of heaven to enter our world and bear our suffering for us, he invited us into participation in God's own life and love. When we respond to Jesus' invitation, we are transformed and begin to love like he loved us. His love embodied compassion for others, so we are also called to be lights of love and kindness to our neighbors. How are you being invited to show Christ's compassion to your neighbors today?

30 GRACE COMMUNION EUGENE, OR

We are celebrating the ordination of Linda Sitterley who will serve as pastor of our congregation. We are delighted that Linda answered the Lord's call to serve. May the Lord bless her ministry.