

MAY 2019

# PRAAYER GUIDE

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. **John 21:4-7**

## 1 GRACE COMMUNION COLOMBIA

Let us remember our co-laborers in Colombia today, and ask God to continue to transform their ministry.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts." Zechariah 4:6

## 2 GCI USA - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Awesome God, we look to you and you alone for our hope. Help us to answer your call to love one another as you have loved us. Help us to be your instruments of peace, seeking unity always in our circles of influence, our country, and in our global community.

## 3 GRACE COMMUNION MARTINIQUE

Please join your prayers to ours for an inspiring and transforming time of connection with the Lord and each other as we gather for our annual women's retreat. The ladies are enthusiastic! We will meet around the theme "Embrace, live, fly toward your destiny."

## 4 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Loving God, thank you for the privilege of participating in your ministry. Help us discern the community you are calling us to share your love with. Inspire and equip us to connect with our neighbors in meaningful, intentional ways. May our church be known as a bright light in our community.

## 5 GCI LEADERSHIP TEAMS

We pray that teams in every area of our humble denomination will be REAL teams:

Relationally connected (to Jesus & one another)  
Enthusiastically engaged  
Affirming  
Liberating Leaders



## 6 MEDITATION MONDAY

Psalm 30:10

We were created to live in full dependence upon God—he is our creator, our sustainer, and provider. He is also our helper, the one who graciously moves and acts in our daily circumstances of life to bring us joy, hope, help, and renewal. In this moment and in this situation, how is God your helper? Talk to him about having his help in this circumstance, pause to listen in silence, and then gratefully attend to the ways in which he helps you. Allow God to be your helper.





## 7 GRACE COMMUNION PHILIPPINES

Father, we celebrate your faithfulness in the Iligan congregation. We ask that you continue to give them wisdom, courage, and strength as they seek to grow in knowledge of you and to accomplish your will. May their congregation come together as one body to serve their neighbors.

## 8 GRACE COMMUNION CANADA

We are so grateful for our international leaders. Pray for our church in Canada today.

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people..." 1 Timothy 2:1

## 9 GRACE COMMUNION GEORGIA, USA

To celebrate Holy Week, in Atlanta, we erected stations of the cross meditation path on our church lawn. Members and the community were invited to meditate on the love of Father, Son, and Spirit. Throughout the year, we pray to be better people and continue to grow more in love with one another and the Lord.

## 10 GRACE COMMUNION VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

We thank God for a successful Celebrate Mooroolbark Festival. Thousands of locals flocked to enjoy the festivities and revelry. Volunteers from Mooroolbark Christian Fellowship manned stalls, washed dishes, helped set up and pack down, and lovingly served their community.

## 11 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Father, we thank you for our ministry leaders who lovingly serve the youth in our congregations. Please grant them clarity, strength, and joy as they disciple our upcoming generation.

## 12 GCI MOTHER'S DAY

Lord, we thank you for the gift of life and nurturing we receive from our mothers and those who mother us. They reflect your image as they care for us. We pray your blessings for them, and ask that you extend your hands of grace over them today and always.

## 13 MEDITATION MONDAY

Acts 9:36

God has, through Jesus, enabled us to share in his Spirit of giving and service. He places within our hearts the desire and ability to share with and serve those around us, not just on occasion or when we're in the mood, but as a way of being—something we do continually. Ask yourself today, "Do I reflect the heart of Abba? Is my life rich and overflowing with genuine service and love toward others?"



## 15 GRACE COMMUNION PHILIPPINES

In San Pablo City, we are rejoicing in the baptism of two of our youth. Holy Spirit, help them to continue to grow in faith and transform their lives for their good and God's glory.

## 16 GRACE COMMUNION INDIA

It is so wonderful to connect with the newly-wed couples in our Secunderabad fellowship. We hosted a dinner to provide support as they enter the next season of their lives together. Holy Spirit, we ask that you would help them remain committed in love and forgiving in the imperfections of human frailty.

## 17 GRACE COMMUNION SOUTH AFRICA

Please join us in lifting up our children's ministry volunteers in Linga Longa. This weekend they will be coming together to develop programming for our youngest generation. May they be inspired and find impactful ways of sharing Christ's love with our youth.

## 18 GRACE COMMUNION CALIFORNIA, USA

Tonight we are hosting a worship night in Sun Valley. Please join us in praying that all who attend would commune with God as we praise his holy name.

## 19 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

Gracious God, we thank you for our faithful members. We pray these verses from Romans over our fellowship:

"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 15:5-6





## 20 MEDITATION MONDAY

Revelation 21:4

Jesus promises that one day every tear will be wiped from our eyes. God knows the details of our sorrows and intends to heal each and every one. How aware are we of the sorrows and concerns of those around us? Today, watch and listen to those around you, looking for opportunities to share their struggles and griefs. Take the time to listen without offering advice. Stop and pray with them, asking God to tend to their need for comfort and help. Be in the moment with them, as God is always present with us in our grief and sorrow.

## 21 GRACE COMMUNION KENYA

Thank you for the cross, and that through Christ's sacrifice, we are free, whole, and forgiven! We celebrate the six individuals who celebrated their new life in Christ through baptism. We pray, Holy Spirit, that you would work deeply within their hearts and souls to renew and refresh them each day.

## 22 GRACE COMMUNION MEXICO

This week, leaders from the region will be gathering together. We ask that our time together will reflect the one hope, faith, and body we share in Christ. Holy Spirit, guide our time together that we may keep in step with God and one another.

## 23 GRACE COMMUNION MICHIGAN, USA

We celebrate God's provision in the updated sanctuary and new fellowship hall of our refurbished church building. As we prayed over and dedicated the building to God's glory, we rededicated our commitment to joining Jesus in his ministry to love our neighbors and make disciples.

## 24 GRACE COMMUNION PHILIPPINES

We are grateful for a successful workshop on expository preaching for the leaders in the Mindanao area. Jesus, we thank you for the Word, and pray that through our preparation and messages, we will always point people to you and magnify your name above all.

## 25 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Many of our congregations are looking for new facilities. Join us in praying that God will lead us to new locations, and that he will provide us with more than just a meeting place, but a space to minister to our neighbors.

## 26 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Eternal Father, we thank you for the faithful leaders in our fellowship. For those who are calling to step into pastoral roles, we ask for awareness and boldness to reach out to their pastor or the regional supervisor in their area.



## 27 MEDITATION MONDAY

John 5:8-9

We may believe that we are in charge of our lives and our destiny, but in reality, Jesus is Lord and he has made a path in which we are to walk. He says to us, "Follow me." In this moment, in this circumstance, in what way is Jesus telling you to follow him? What is keeping you from doing that particular thing he wants you to do right now? Determine to cast off any fear, anxiety, or pride that may stand in the way, and start what he's asked you to do. Keep at it until he says you are finished.

## 28 GRACE COMMUNION MISSOURI, USA

There is growing excitement over youth celebrations called SWAG (Saved With Amazing Grace) on Sunday afternoons. Our goal is to help the families of our community experience God's love and open their hearts to understanding who they are through Christ. Join us in praying for our youth as we discover together the joy of journeying with Jesus.

## 29 GRACE COMMUNION PERTH, AUSTRALIA

We are overjoyed over God's presence among us during our weekend women's retreat in Fairbridge Village. Father, we are always grateful for the inspiration and time of communion we receive from you as we come together in celebration.

## 30 ASCENSION OF JESUS

Jesus, right before your ascension into heaven, you encouraged your apostles with the promise of your Spirit and called us to share your good news to the ends of the earth. Inspire us to share your love in word and deed, according to your will. We are comforted, knowing that we are united with you. Help us to keep our minds fixed on things above.

## 31 GRACE COMMUNION PHILIPPINES

We are praising God for a well-deserved retreat for one of our most hardworking ministries, our music team. It was a time of affirmation, reflection, and forward-looking to the next chapter.

DOES YOUR CONGREGATION HAVE AN EVENT, CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER REQUEST, OR PRAISE REPORT YOU WOULD LIKE INCLUDED IN NEXT MONTH'S PRAYER GUIDE?

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