

DECEMBER 2019 PRAYER GUIDE

Relying on God has to begin
all over again every day as if
nothing had yet been done.
- C.S. Lewis



1 ADVENT PRAYER

Jesus, we long for your coming. Come, Holy One, and set free your people. Release us from fear and help us to rest in your love. Fill the dark places of our world with your redeeming light. Help us to hope in you and you alone.

2 MEDITATION MONDAY

Isaiah 9:6

During Advent we are reminded that Jesus is coming; he will restore all good things, he will heal all, and he will usher in the eternal kingdom that will be a blessing for all of humanity. To which of these promises are you holding onto expectantly as you place or reaffirm your hope in Jesus this Advent?

3 OTTAWA, CANADA

Father, we thank you for Fraser Henderson and his answer to the call to ministry. We celebrate his commissioning as pastor and pray that you give him wisdom, strength, and joy as he serves you and shepherds your children.

4 HOHOE, GHANA

Loving Father, we thank you for the young people you have blessed us with in our Fellowship. We thank you for their passion for sharing your truth, and for the time of fellowship at our annual youth retreat. Please continue to strengthen and protect them now and in the years to come.



5 DENVER, COLORADO

Please join us in praying for our Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 14, with the public, neighbors, and friends invited. Members will host stations around the room telling the story of Christ's birth. We're excited about a chance to show the wonderful grace of our Triune God to children and their parents and introduce the joy of salvation to many. Since this is a much bigger project than we've tried in the past, please pray for our ability to pull it off!



6 GCI-USA

Crossing Borders mission

Father, as the team of missionaries travel through 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.

7 LIMPOPO, SOUTH AFRICA

We are grateful for a time of connection, worship, and inspiration at our Women of Faith gathering. Join us in praying that the joy of the Lord will continue to be our strength.

8 ADVENT PRAYER

As we await your coming Jesus, help us prepare room. Empty us of greed and selfish ambition. Fill us with your peace and love. Remind us that you are our Prince of Peace and have come to be with us. Give us comfort knowing we are never alone.

9 MEDITATION MONDAY

Luke 1:46

In one conversation, Mary's life was changed forever. The angel tells her that God has chosen her to give birth to his Son. She responds with praise, wonder, and trusts God's goodness. Take some time to wonder at how you see God working good in your life. Are there places where you are being challenged to trust God more than your eyes can see? Surrender these areas to Jesus and ask him to carry you through them.

10 CINCINNATI, OHIO

We are excited for the opportunity to welcome the community to our facility for a craft show. Jesus, may your loving presence be experienced by all who attend.

11 DERBY, KANSAS

Please pray for our community engagement event on December 15th. We will provide an afternoon of fun, age-appropriate activities, and games for children, as parents are given the opportunity to prepare for the holidays or get some much-needed rest for a few hours. May both the children and parents come to know a bit more about our gracious God through our service.



12 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Join us in praying for our community block party. We ask, Lord, that you fill the volunteers with your grace, and strengthen them by your Spirit as we serve and love our neighbors. May God prepare the hearts of all who attend to respond to Jesus.

13 ARIMA, TRINIDAD

Join us in thanking God for the volunteers who serve the inmates in our prisons. Thank him for favor with prison authorities. Please pray for the prisoners that as the Word is ministered to them, they will experience the love of Jesus in their lives and share it with their families through letters and prison visits.

14 SURREY, OKLAHOMA

Jesus, we thank you for the good news of your incarnation. As we sponsor our neighborhood Christmas parade, may the story of your love and acceptance be told in personal and meaningful ways to all who participate.

15 ADVENT PRAYER

Jesus, our great Shepherd, through your life you show us paths of justice and mercy. We rejoice in your guidance! Lead us joyfully forward as we celebrate your coming to rescue and redeem the whole world.

16 MEDITATION MONDAY

Luke 1:67-68

We live in times that seem uncertain, but we can rest assured that we have a God who is working for the good of humanity, and always will! Reflect on how you have seen the Spirit move in your life. Like Zechariah, turn your reflections into a prayer of thanksgiving to our Loving God.

17 MINDANAO, PHILIPPINES

We are celebrating the ordinations of Garner Gulfan, Marcelo Lumba, and Georgie Geron. We are delighted they answered the Lord's call to serve. May the Lord bless their ministry.

18 PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY

Faithful God, we thank you for your provision. Last month, we prepared and served 365 free meals at our monthly community lunch. Lord, please continue to sustain us all both physically and spiritually.

19 NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

In moving outside the walls of our church building, we have begun knocking on doors and greeting our neighbors. We handed out over 200 gift bags with invitations to our Cookies, Candy, and Cocoa event. We had a wonderful time playing board games and getting to know all who came.

20 HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT

Lord, in you we see the beauty of community. We pray for our first community open house this Sunday. May the time be inspirational and point all who attend to Jesus.





23 MEDITATION MONDAY

John 1:14

Emmanuel God has come to live with us. The angels sang songs of praise, the shepherds worshipped, the magi came from the east to worship, and Simeon and Anna worshipped in the temple. As we celebrate Jesus' birth and the hope of redemption this week, how will you acknowledge his saving work in your life? Perhaps through communion with family and friends, by immersing in the gospel, or reflecting on your hope in Christ. Whatever method you choose, take some time to intentionally think about the impact Jesus' birth has made in your life.

26 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Lord, have your way with our churches who are relaunching as they follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit to move from a commuter to community church. In the astounding name of Jesus, may we deeply love those who surround our congregations, and help them to see your love in us.

29 BIG SANDY, TEXAS

Thank you, Great God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! We are rejoicing over a successful carnival, set up as the KidZone for the Big Sandy Pecan Festival. We are grateful for a joyful time of togetherness and the opportunity to love our community.

27 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

It was a joyous occasion to baptize two new members from our neighborhood. Father, continue to encircle them with your love as they walk with you.

30 MEDITATION MONDAY

Matthew 2:2

The wise men's journey to Jesus proclaims to the world that Jesus came to light up the darkness. What has been hidden to our sight is about to come to light. Jesus is born, and God's deepest desire, drawing all of humanity into relationship with Father, Son, and Spirit, is being fulfilled. Today, like the wise men, hurry to Jesus and speak 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.

21 GCI-USA

There are many churches looking for new facilities within proximity of their target community. Please pray God will lead us through the process to the place he has in mind.

24 NAIROBI, KENYA

We rejoice over the baptism of thirteen new members of the body. In their new life we celebrate the forgiveness, freedom, and love of Christ.

22 ADVENT PRAYER

Father God, prepare our hearts not only for the celebration to come, but also for sharing the goodness of Jesus. Grant us courage and a real willingness to talk about the love that came down to earth and walked among us.

25 CHRISTMAS

May we be filled with wonder at the hope we have in Jesus. We are filled with peace knowing you are our Emmanuel. We ask for your healing, grace, strength and peace to fill us afresh.



28 BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

Please pray for all of those who attend our Biblical Conversations in English classes. May we all grow in faith and friendship with you and one another as we engage with our community.

31 CEBU, PHILIPPINES

Thank you for the commissioning of our new Senior Pastor, Tim Andrew Rota. Andrew is passionate about serving God and his people. His new role is an affirmation to his dedication and faithfulness in participating with Lord's work through GCI.

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

Please email info@gci.org with details and photos.