

# JANUARY 2020 PRAYER GUIDE

Prayer should not be regarded as a duty which must be performed, but rather as a privilege to be enjoyed, a rare delight that is always revealing some new beauty.  
- E.M. Bounds

## 1 NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

God who is with us and goes before us, we pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this new year. We ask that you guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. Shine your light in us, through us, and over us. May we make a difference in this world and for your glory and purposes. Set your way before us.

## 2 BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Precious Jesus, we ask for eyes to see our city as you do. As we collect items for our Night of Peace Homeless Family Shelter outreach, give us a love like yours and the ability to minister to your children who reside there.



## 3 GRACE COMMUNION SEMINARY

Registration for GCS's spring semester starts today. We give you thanks for the varied opportunities we have to learn and grow in faith. Please equip and prepare both students and faculty to grow in knowledge and truth, as well as your grace.

## 4 SURREY HILLS, OKLAHOMA

Father in Heaven, we rejoice in what you have done in the life of Joe Brannen, who will be commissioned as a pastor this weekend. He has faithfully answered your calling. Our passionate concern, Lord, is that you will continue to bless his ministry beyond his highest expectations.

## 5 EPIPHANY

The God who breathed this world alive and sustains it day by day, whose hands formed the skies and filled the ocean depths, is here with us. Lord, your mercy is beyond our deserving, the Savior God born for us. Shine your light into our lives today.



## 6 MEDITATION MONDAY

*Matthew 2:1-2*

In our search for Jesus, sooner or later the signs that point to him are replaced with the joy that he is near. Joy becomes our new guide, leading us to enter his home and see Jesus face to face. Be attentive to the promptings of the Spirit in your life today. Take some time to praise Jesus. How is your relationship with him bearing the fruit of joy?

## 7 SEP AUSTRALIA

Ever-present God, you are with us wherever we go and send us to do fun, important, and life-changing things with you. Today we are celebrating and asking for your blessing over our campers and staff as they prepare to go to SEP camp this week.

## 8 RAYONG, THAILAND

With joy and gratitude, we celebrate anniversary of our congregation through worship, fellowship, and engagement. Please join us in thanking God and asking the Spirit to guide the next steps of our fellowship.

## 9 BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

Lord, we pray your blessings upon Paulina Barrero as we celebrate her ordination. May she honor you as she joyfully joins with you the ministry you prepared for her.



## 10 KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

We gifted 30 families with meal gift boxes containing an entire Christmas dinner to help ease their burdens for this Christmas. Please pray that hearts will be touched by the Holy Spirit both inside and outside the church body.

## 11 KENOCKEE, MICHIGAN

We are celebrating God's faithfulness as our first group of disciples from the discipleship class graduated last month. They will now continue on their own as a small group. We pray for continued growth in relationship with Jesus and the multiplication of disciples.

## 12 RICHARDSON, TEXAS

We would appreciate prayers for wisdom and clarity as we restructure our leadership teams. Help us to participate with Jesus in ministry through the gifts he has personally given us to do the good work he prepared for us.

## 13 MEDITATION MONDAY

*Exodus 16:4*

God freed the Israelites from slavery, and when they were losing hope on their journey to the promised land, he freed them from the worry of where their sustenance would come from. God continued providing for forty years - long enough for a new generation to be formed by the rhythms of God's provision and a response of trust and gratitude. What patterns are you creating in your life to experience the freedom that God offers you? Where do you see him providing? How are you responding with gratitude and trust?

## 14 GRACE COMMUNION SEMINARY

Join us in praying over the students starting a new semester of classes in GCS. 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.

## 15 CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Regional leaders from our fellowship are gathering today to plan support services for our congregations. Please pray that the time invested will bear fruit in the equipping and encouragement of our pastors.

## 16 CLEVELAND, OHIO

We are continuing to share Christ's love with our neighborhood. Last month we had a successful outreach at a local food bank. Our plan is to stay in contact with the names and numbers we collected and see how we can assist them in the future. To God be the Glory!

## 17 DALLAS, TEXAS

Lord, we thank you for the emerging leaders that you have called to serve on the GCI USA GCNext Leadership Team. As they gather for a weekend of equipping, we pray they would be encouraged and empowered by your Spirit to join the work that you are doing to raise up the next generation of Jesus followers and leaders in GCI.

## 18 HAMILTON, BERMUDA

Father, we thank you for the 45 years of faithful service by our leaders and members in Bermuda. May the Spirit continue to guide and grow their ministry.

## 19 ORLANDO, FLORIDA

We joyfully celebrate the commissioning of Howard Salter as the pastor of our new congregation in Orlando. May his soul be refreshed with the love of Christ. Fill him with faith, courage, and strength for the future.

## 20 MEDITATION MONDAY

*Psalms 26:2*

Emotions are a crucial part of our human experience. They help prepare our bodies to act, influence our thoughts, and shape our behavior. Examining our emotions in the presence of Christ helps us to process our feelings, guided by the Spirit. Present your feelings into Christ's loving and capable hands. Ask yourself: What prompted this emotion? Perhaps there is an underlying need for love, security, assurance, or understanding. Ask our loving God to meet your needs and draw your attention to his truth in your life.







## 21 DERBY, KANSAS

We are celebrating the Spirit's movement in small groups, which are a great pathway for discipleship. We are seeking the Lord for deepening of relationships and spiritual growth through our new groups starting this month.

## 22 TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

God, we are seeking a new location where we can connect with a community and be involved with them. Please continue to equip us to love the people you are calling us to love. We ask you to go before us to make the crooked places straight in finding a new home. Give us wisdom to make good decisions.

## 23 ARIMA, TRINIDAD

As part of the Angel Tree Program, Prison Fellowship Trinidad and Tobago, in partnership with the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service, reunited dozens of children with their fathers at the Maximum-Security Prison. Children received Christmas gifts and treat bags while fathers received toiletries. We are praying for continued peace and God's provision for these families.

## 24 CABANATUAN, PHILIPPINES

Merciful God, with joy we thank you for the church family you have blessed us with. On our 34th anniversary, we praise and give you honor. Prepare us for all you have in store for our fellowship.

## 25 DENVER, COLORADO

We are praising God for meeting with us and our neighbors at our Children's Christmas Adventure. We were overwhelmed by how much the visitors were impressed with the whole effort. Having gone into it with a lot of trepidation about doing a good job, being able to tell the story, and whether anyone would show up, we ended with delight at the way the Holy Spirit helped us with words, actions of hospitality, and even mild weather. We're looking forward to the next one!

## 26 MANILA, PHILIPPINES

Father, thank you for the diversity that enriches our precious fellowship. We thank you for our congregation in Manila. We are grateful for the leaders and members. Thank you for the work your Spirit does through them as they witness to your Son, Jesus Christ.

## 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.

## 28 LINGA LONGA, SOUTH AFRICA

We are grateful to God for a lifegiving time together at our National Youth Leadership event. We worshipped, fellowshiped, and celebrated our loving God's presence in our lives.



## 29 GCI-AFRICA

Regional directors of East, West, Central, and Southern Africa gathered for a retreat in Zambia, hosted by the Superintendent of African Missions. We pray the Spirit will continue to empower, equip, and encourage them, along with the leaders and members in their regions.

## 30 GCI-USA CROSSING BORDERS

Praise God for His provision and protection throughout our December trip to Mexico. May the joy of being on mission with Jesus be carried back into our personal lives and home churches, and may God's Kingdom be expanded wherever we are.

## 31 SECUNDRABAD, INDIA

Last month we had a special service blessing the children of our fellowship. We pray for continued protection and care over our families. May God continue to grant us the power to love well and the wisdom to lead and teach our children.

**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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