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# PRAYER GUIDE

**Prayers outlive the lives of those who uttered them; outlive a generation, outlive an age, outlive a world.**

**- E. M. Bounds**

## **1 CROMWELL, CONNECTICUT**

Our leadership team is prayerfully considering how to best connect with our target community. Join us in asking God for the courage and wisdom to go where he leads us, and his provision of a facility that will be a lighthouse in our city.

## **2 MEDITATION MONDAY**

Psalm 32:5 (NLT) - God offers us forgiveness in his Son Jesus Christ and simply encourages us to be authentic and transparent, acknowledging our need for grace. What failures to love has God's Spirit been bringing to your attention lately? Simply agree with him. Then, with Jesus, step into the light of God's love and grace, choosing to do the next right thing.



## **3 BAGUIO, PHILIPPINES**

We are praising God for a successful weekend retreat for our youth ministry. Our theme was "Rooted and Grounded." May all who attended continue to absorb and enrich their faith through devotion to Jesus.

## **4 SUN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

We are hosting an all-daytime of prayer for the mothers in our congregation to unite in prayer for our children. Join us in praying for our youth, that they may know that they were made in love and intentionally formed. May they know Jesus and discover the purpose he has for each of them. We also pray for engagement for all the parents and caretakers of our youth. May they have peace knowing you are superintending all of our lives.

## **5 KENOCKEE, MICHIGAN**

Ever-loving God, we thank you for each day and the gift of each breath. We thank you for the blessing of celebrating new life in you. As we welcome our newly-baptized member into our fellowship, we thank you once again for your gift of grace and the forgiveness you give each of us.

## **6 GCI-USA**

As Hope Venue teams from across the US gather today for a workshop focused on creating intentional and inspirational worship services, we pray Jesus, that your will transcend all our efforts and understanding. Holy Spirit, lead us in your flow of worship and unite our teams to work together efficiently. Bless all those present, ready to make every worship service a joyous celebration of the Father's love.

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## 7 BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Today our Men's Ministry will be volunteering time and energy to fix up the grounds of a Christian Ministry Retreat Center named Summit Conference Center in Ellicott City, MD. We would appreciate prayer to "work as unto the Lord," with creativity and quality, and in a way that blesses the facility and keeps all volunteers safe while working.

## 8 VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

We are praising God for his faithfulness as our congregation celebrated our 49th anniversary last month. May God continue to guide and fill us with peace as we continue in him above all else.



ANDA DE BORACAY, PHILIPPINES



MINALABAC, PHILIPPINES

## 9 MEDITATION MONDAY

Genesis 12:1, 4a - God told Abram to leave his home country, relatives, and his father's house and to go to a new land. What God asked Abram to do required a deep level of trust—he was walking away from many things which formerly gave him worth, significance, and connection. His life would never be the same after this, yet he still left. He believed what God had prepared for him was better than what he was leaving, not because of any physical evidence, but simply because of who God is. What has God asked you to leave behind to follow Christ? Today, by faith, take one simple step in that direction.

## 10 GCI-USA

Our Regional Directors are gathered for a retreat this week. We ask, gracious God, that you guide and direct their time together. Lead their surrendered hearts on your path and translate the conversations into aligned and faithful responses to your will for our churches.

## 11 MINALABAC, PHILIPPINES

We are celebrating the rebuilding of Grace Communion Minalabac Kids Learning Center. The members and leaders are very excited about what the Lord is doing through the children's outreach. The members there are not many, nor well-off, but led by Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, they serve with a lot of energy and a lot of love. We pray for those kids and parents, that they would fully understand the depth of God's love for them.

## 12 SURREY HILLS, OKLAHOMA

We are praising God for his marvelous creation. Our congregation gathered together with our neighbors and gazed at the stars and connected in conversation with one another. May we continue to be united through the Spirit and fellowship with one another.

## 13 PERTH, AUSTRALIA

Ever-present God, you are with us wherever we go, and you send us to do fun, important, and life-changing things with you. Today we are asking for your blessing on our family camping weekend. Create opportunities for deeper connection with you and one another. May we be filled with the fruit of Spirit as we fellowship together.

## 14 BIG SANDY, TEXAS

Tonight our youth group hosts our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. We ask that our time together will be a reflection of your kingdom, and that all will be provided for this event and funds will be raised for the youth for the upcoming year. May our service to one another reflect your love for us.

## 15 HANOVER, VIRGINIA

We believe that God loves to delight in and through our prayers. Please lift up our congregation as we seek to connect with our community. Join us in thanking God for the opportunity to share his love with our city.

## 16 MEDITATION MONDAY

Exodus 17:7 - Even though God had made a covenant with Israel to love and care for them, when they reached Massah and Meribah and there was no water, they assumed God didn't love them anymore and had left them to their fate. It's easy to believe when things in our life fall apart, when we experience suffering and tragedy, that God has decided to go on vacation and leave us hanging. Reflect today on your circumstances: In what way are you approaching them from the belief that God has forgotten or forsaken you? Turn around and see your Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, the God who is always with you—and trust him.

## 17 FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Savior, we thank you for calling, teaching, and inviting Carolyn Cooley into ministry with you. We celebrate her ordination and ask that you will shine through her. May all who interact with her experience your love.

## 18 GCI-HOME OFFICE

Lord, as our Home Office Small Group gathers tonight, we pray that you will create an environment for personal encounters with you and encouragement to one another. May you minister to us as we minister to one another and our congregations around the world.

## 19 WOODBINE, GEORGIA

We rejoice, faithful God, in your work in our congregation. Since our relaunch and outreach to our target community, we have increased average attendance by 20 people. We celebrate the new families in our fellowship and the baptism of one new member. We pray for continued strength and fervor as we share the good news of Jesus with our neighbors.

## 20 BOKOD, PHILIPPINES

Merciful Jesus, we thank you for the gift of new life that you bought for us! We celebrate Rosefa Rafael and Demsi Saturnino, and their decision to become baptized. Lead them on the journey you have for each of them.



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## 21 PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY

We are celebrating the opportunity to expand our service to our neighbors through our community kitchen. We will now be tripling our days of service. May all who receive meals from us also receive grace and grow in their love and knowledge of Jesus.

## 22 CLEVELAND, OHIO

Thank you for your prayers for our February outreach! We delivered food and household items to sixteen apartments, and all items were supplied by members of the church. We are excited that more people in the building have requested to be added to our list. This project was an extension of our Thanksgiving meals outreach we had in November. We are looking forward to what is next in the community as we watch God continue to move.



## 23 MEDITATION MONDAY

John 9:41 - As human beings, our greatest struggle with blindness is internal, not external. Often we judge by how things appear on the outside, what seems to agree with our personal preference, or who has the most convincing argument. God goes much deeper and looks at the heart. Jesus went so far as to join us in our humanity to provide us with his ability to see, but if we never admit our blindness, we will be unable to see as he does. Take some time today to reflect on your spiritual eyesight. Are you using the correct lens—seeing through Jesus' eyes?

## 24 HYDERABAD, INDIA

Lord, we thank you for each member of our newly-formed leadership team. Unite us in our desire to honor you and to serve our congregation. Guide us and fill us with your grace.

## 25 LADSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Thank you, Jesus, for the opportunity to share your light with our neighbors. Each week our volunteers prepare meals for senior citizens in a nearby neighborhood. May each meal served lead to an experience of your love.

## 26 ANDA DE BORACAY, PHILIPPINES

We are celebrating a joy-filled singles conference. Individuals from across our fellowship were affirmed that we are set apart, focusing first on our identities as the Father's beloved in Jesus Christ and individuals called into communion with Him. As we return home, continue to help us see our singleness in light of Jesus' faithfulness to us and respond to him wholly and joyfully in whatever season of our lives.

## 27 EAGLE ROCK, CALIFORNIA

We celebrate the members of our community that are connecting with our congregation. We pray for our Wednesday and Friday small groups that serve as an introduction into our fellowship and a pathway to membership. God, we ask for a spirit of grace in the groups, and that your truth and love for each individual will permeate all the conversations.

## 28 CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

We rejoice over a successful annual celebration of our senior citizens. Throughout the service and fellowship time, younger generations honored the senior citizens in the congregation, treating them to a meal and gifts. May we continue to be a reflection of our inclusive God, who unifies us as one in Christ.

## 29 SURREY HILLS, OKLAHOMA

Father in Heaven, we thank you for Kerry Magruder and your work in and through him. We rejoice over his ordination. Continue to fill him with your peace and a passionate pursuit of your purposes for the talents you have blessed him with.

## 30 MEDITATION MONDAY

Psalms 130:7 - What many of us need most today is a sense of hope. Between crime in our neighborhood, corruption in the political arena, destruction of our environment, and personal struggles with job, relationships, and finances, we find ourselves bombarded on all sides with reasons to lose hope. In fact, we may be at the point that we wonder how we will ever make it through another day. This is why it is important today to take a moment and ponder the unfailing love of the God of hope, who came to join us in our darkness to bring us into his marvelous light.

## 31 WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

Our congregation is beginning the process of finding a workshop space that will allow for greater opportunities for time together. Join us in asking the Lord to lead us as a congregation to a venue that will meet our needs. May we be unified and strengthened throughout our search.

**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](mailto:info@gci.org) with details and photos.**