

JUNE 2020 PRAYER GUIDE

God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces against evil. - Mother Teresa

1 MEDITATION MONDAY

Galatians 5:14 (NIV)
Loving yourself is simply coming into agreement with what God already believes about you. Our ability to love flows out of his love for us. Ask the Father to show you how to truly love and accept yourself, even the parts you greatly dislike. Ask him to teach you how to love and forgive yourself so that your reflected love for one another is pure and unconditional.

2 GCI-MADAGASCAR

We celebrate God's provision as we share his love with our community. Dr. Rigobert Rafiringason, Lead Pastor, and his team from GCI Church in Antananarivo distributed packages with provisions to 70 needy families who are struggling to make ends meet during COVID-19 partial lockdown. May our gracious God continue to help us meet the basic needs of the destitute in our community.

3 HYDERABAD, INDIA

We thank God for the ability to connect with one another virtually. As a fellowship, we are gathering together to go through the We Believe discipleship curriculum. We are grateful to be growing in grace and truth as we learn more about our loving Triune God.

4 GCI-AUSTRALIA

We rejoice over the opportunity to invest in our youth and gather together digitally. An idea emerged during a National Ministry Team (NMT) Zoom meeting of the possibility of using a platform such as Zoom to host a GCIgnite event during Easter 2020. It was a very successful first time venture of this kind for GCIgnite, enjoyed by 30 attendees across several time zones from Western Australia, South Australia and the eastern states.

5 ACCM

We are grateful for our platform that allows for distance education. During one cohort meeting last month, a student shared, "Using exegesis to find the historical context, about the author, etc., means the more I read and know about Jesus the more I appreciate and love him." Join us in praying for continued growth for our students enrolled this semester.

6 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Father, we cling to you as our refuge. We ask for your healing and mercy on the world around us. May your light pierce through the darkness and illuminate the way forward as we join in the building of your kingdom and hope in eternity with you.



7 GCI PASTORS

As our pastors make decisions in how to lead their congregations forward, we pray for wisdom and discernment. Holy Spirit, empower us to move forward as one body and share the hope of Jesus.

8 MEDITATION MONDAY

Isaiah 55: 8-9 (ESV)

How many times have you asked (begged) God to “fix” your circumstances, whether it was an ongoing health issue, family troubles, financial worries, or any number of concerns and burdens, yet God seemed to be occupied elsewhere? This is when we must remember that our ways are not the Lord’s and his thoughts are much higher than ours. God has a much bigger perspective of what is going on in our lives. We simply need to ask, “God, what is your perspective? What do you say about this situation?” Take time to sit with the Lord. Ask him questions and listen for his responses. Simply receive his deep love for you, abide in his healing presence, and see how your perspective changes.

9 SURREY HILLS, OKLAHOMA

Although the community day camp has been cancelled, we are still connecting with campers by creating daily digital interaction with the kids in our community. Join us in praying that the deeper relationships with Christ and our neighbors will be formed through our digital camp.

10 WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

Join us in praying for connections and relationships to be created through our new Affinity Spaces -- small groups that gather around any topic. We have a free online yoga class and a sewing circle in the works as our first two offerings. These Spaces will be offered to our community free of charge.



GCI TANA, MADAGASCAR

11 GCI-ASIA

Participants from Philippines, Malaysia, India, and Bangladesh joined via Zoom for the first joint training session for emerging leaders of GCI. After leading in prayer, Superintendent Eugene Guzon welcomed the leaders for the introductory session with the hope that this would become an ongoing platform for such training. Join us in praying for our new generation of leaders as they explore their calling within the Body.

12 GCI-GHANA

Our novel circumstances have given the church in Ghana the chance to meet almost every day for Bibles studies, group prayers, and pastoral, leadership, and online technical staff meetings. May this intentional time bring forth innovative ministry and a deeper love for God and our neighbors.

13 COLLEGE PARK, FLORIDA

We thank God for the opportunity to meet the needs of many in our community. Through partnerships, we’ve been distributing pre-cooked meals to families here in the College Park area, and God has used that to grow some great connections here. We have four families that have committed to try our church when we begin meeting again.

14 GCI-USA

We celebrate Pastoral Resident graduates David Borum and Elizabeth Mullins. Ask God to guide them into their next seasons of ministry and for them to be affirmed by the servant leadership we witness in Jesus. We pray that they walk in the path he has set and let others follow their leadership.

15 MEDITATION MONDAY

2 Corinthians 6:18 (TPT)

You may not have grown up with an ideal father figure, but God promises to be your true Father, and he is a good, good Father. Listen and hear your Father’s words spoken over you: “You are my child, my cherished one, and my greatest delight is in you!” Ask Father God to reveal the ways that he delights in you. If your heart has a hard time believing these words, say this out loud: “My heavenly Father is good. I am His beloved and cherished child. My Father delights in me.” Remind yourself of these truths daily.

16 KENOCKEE, MICHIGAN

We celebrate the ability to connect with our youngest generation. Our Children’s Ministry leader drove to the homes of each of our youth to drop off a special craft. The youth then came together on a Zoom call to be in community with one another.

17 GROVE CITY, OHIO

We thank God for the ability to connect through technology. Each Wednesday we come together for a time of fellowship to support one another and gather as a community.

18 HANOVER, VIRGINIA

We ask for prayers for our new connecting space for social media. We are sharing the hope of Christ with 175 households in our neighborhood. Through follow-up, may we share the hope of Christ with our community.

19 FT. MYERS, FLORIDA

We praise God for allowing us to meet the needs of our community. We are serving weekly grab-and-go meals to those in need in our neighborhood.

20 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

In our fellowship, we have many who are considered vulnerable populations. Gracious God, please protect your children with safety, resilience, health, and peace of mind.



21 FATHER'S DAY

Eternal Father, we thank you for the fathers and father-like role models present and active in our lives. Bless them as they share your love with the children in their lives. Help them to have patience when we're difficult, wisdom when we can't see the way, strength when we need comforting, and love at all times, so that, through them, we get a little glimpse of how you feel about us.

22 MEDITATION MONDAY

Matthew 18:21-22 (CEV)

Forgiveness is an extremely powerful force. It is a conversation between you and God about what someone else has done – and letting go of that. Sometimes that someone else can even be you. Forgiveness tends to be a process rather than a one-time event. We forgive, and then it comes back up, and then we must forgive again. Maybe that's why Jesus said to forgive seventy-seven times. Take a moment and ask the Lord if there are any areas in your life where you haven't fully received God's forgiveness. Invite the Holy Spirit to reveal specific offenses, people, or circumstances that need your forgiveness. Take the time this week to process and pray through your revelations.

23 CROSSWAY, PHILIPPINES

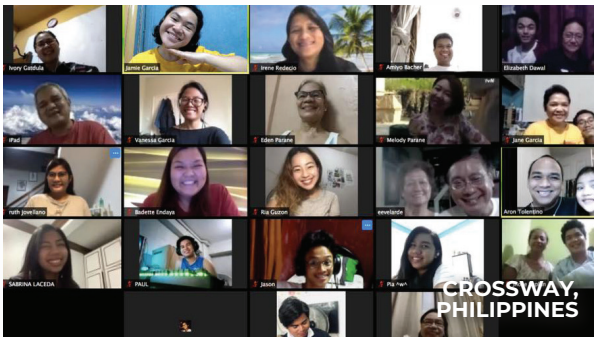
We glorify you, gracious God, for hearing our prayers and uniting us together as one body through your son. We celebrate how you have moved through our weekly Friday prayer meetings, connecting us with you and one another spiritually until we are able to physically gather.

24 GCI- BENIN (WEST AFRICA)

We praise God for the provision of land to build a church facility. Our hope is that it will be a place to experience God's mighty love. Please join us in asking for God's continued guidance and protection as we move forward.

25 EUGENE, OREGON

Thank you, Jesus, for the creative ways we are staying connected as a community. Each week a member designs a coloring sheet that ties in with the message. Members of all generations then complete the sheet, and all finished masterpieces are posted on the church Facebook page. We rejoice in the opportunity to worship and connect in new ways.



26 RICHARDSON, TEXAS

We pray for the provision of protective gear for medical personnel and for our community. To meet the need, our members are creating masks and donating them to those in need. We also ask for comfort and provision for those who have lost their income or job, that his unfailing providence will sustain their families and provide a way forward.

27 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

We lift up our faithful members around the world. Loving God, we ask that you meet their needs and surround our loved ones with your love and mercy.

28 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

We thank you, Jesus, for those who are reflecting your servant leadership by serving in essential roles. Their sacrifices are deeply appreciated. Please guard, guide, and grant them wisdom.

29 MEDITATION MONDAY

I John 4:18 (GNT)

Fear and love cannot co-exist. Fear is motivated by self-protection. It is an attempt to keep us safe from presumed pain, but fear is canceled by perfect love, and God is love. We don't have to be afraid of future punishment because "Love keeps no record of wrongs." His mercies are brand new every day. Lord, reveal to us our fears and help us to see how all our fears were put to death on the cross. In every circumstance, help us choose to embrace your ever-present love, and show us how our fears naturally disappear.

30 CARINA, AUSTRALIA

Join us in praying for our youngest members as they process this pandemic through the experience and the mindset of children. To minister to them while we cannot gather in person, a local member is producing children's church videos to bring stories of hope from the Bible to life.

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.