Lord, as our pastors make plans to safely move toward gathering in person, we ask you for guidance, strength, provision, and protection. As they consider the hard situations and decisions involved in the process, remind them of your love for their congregation. Help us all to make decisions that honor you.

GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference. - Max Lucado

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Although we are not able to gather in person, we celebrate that we can use technology to connect with Christ and one another. On Wednesday nights we meet for a video call Bible study. We praise God for the leaders who have volunteered to facilitate, and we ask you to join us in praying for wisdom and revelation throughout all the discussions.

GCI-AFRICA

We thank God for his guidance through the ongoing pandemic. As we minister together, the Spirit has shaped our understanding of the need to continue to provide spiritual nourishment to the church. Our regional and national leadership have worked hard with younger ministry workers and members who have contributed with their internet and social media skills to teach and preach the word of God.

PANDEMIC PRAYER

Merciful God, we join with you to pray for those who are suffering. May you provide those who are sick with the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing. We pray for the protection of caregivers, and for deliverance of us all from the impact of this disease and for the end of this pandemic.

PRAYER FOR UNITY

Lord, may the hate and rage of our world be replaced by the love and goodwill that comes by the power of the Holy Spirit. As we journey together through this fallen world, make us instruments of your peace.

MEDITATION MONDAY

Matthew 11:28 - When we battle the rush hour traffic and struggle to meet our deadlines, we end up too busy for rest, for family, and for real life in relationship. What burdens we carry! Our gentle, humble King calls us to lay down our burdens and receive his light burden in their place. What is it you are running away from? What are you blaming yourself for or holding against another? What are you trying so hard to achieve? Lay down all these burdens. Our rest in Christ, the unforced rhythms of grace, is the way of others-centered love. Prayerfully ask yourself now: Who else needs the word of grace that there is rest in Christ? Share it with them.
We are so grateful for our international leaders. Let us remember our co-laborers in the Netherlands 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

Jesus, may we be the very best expression of your love that we can be, and help us to be better positioned for making disciples alongside you.

Genesis 25:21 - In life, we often face disappointment when the things we want most don’t come when or how we expect them to. Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, but nearly twenty years went by without them being able to have children. Then Isaac “prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife” and God graciously enabled her to conceive. Is there someone close to you whose heart’s desire has yet to be met? Have you prayed to God on their behalf? Keep praying as you wait. God does listen and answer, even though his timing and purposes may be different than what we prefer.
Lord, we pray your blessing over the international Virtual GCIgnite event scheduled throughout this week. We thank you that you call each generation into participation in your life and ministry, and we give special thanks today for this generation of young adult leaders.

Psalm 119:133 - When Solomon first became the king of Israel, he realized he was inadequate for the task. He told God, “I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in,” and he asked for God’s wisdom. In later years, however, he abandoned the instruction given to him in the written covenant, and in the midst of great wealth and success, he wandered away from his simple dependency upon God. How is your connection with and need for the Living Word Jesus Christ? How may you spend some time today listening in the Spirit to his instruction and encouragement?

We ask you to join us in praying for our church planter, Roshan Nepali, as COVID-19 has added some challenges. May the Spirit inspire and direct us to be an expression of his love in Nepal.

Holy Spirit, we ask that you guide our Superintendents from Asia, Australasia, and Latin America as they gather on a group video call. Grant them wisdom as they serve their regions.

Triune God, we ask that you preside over the gathering of our Superintendents from Europe, Africa, and North America as they join a video call to collaborate in ministry.

Gracious God, we thank you for the ministry teams in our congregations. We pray that you will continue to raise up team members who are faithful, available, teachable, and enthusiastic. Help us make space for new leaders and integrate them into unified and diverse teams.

We pray for our brothers and sisters in Ghana. May they be filled with your Spirit as they joyfully and boldly proclaim Jesus as Savior in their communities. “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:1-3

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.