

# MARCH 2021 PRAYER GUIDE

**“That we are able to bless one another at all is evidence that we have been blessed, whether we can remember when or not. That we are willing to bless one another is miracle enough to stagger the very stars.” — Barbara Brown Taylor**

## **1** MEDITATION MONDAY

Mark 8:33 (NLT) - Once when Jesus was explaining to his disciples that before being resurrected, he would be tormented and killed by his enemies, Peter pulled him aside and began to rebuke him, telling him this would not happen. Jesus immediately silenced him. Peter's focus was in the wrong place—seeing through human eyes, not God's eyes. Jesus, in his death, resurrection, and ascension, is the lens through which we need to view and experience life. Take a moment today to reflect. Is there something in you or your life that you need to reexamine through the lens of Jesus Christ?

## **2** CLEVELAND, OHIO, USA

Please join us in praying for our new men's book study Connect Group. We are so excited because ten men are taking part, and we already see prayer warriors and leaders emerging.



## **3** WOODBINE, GEORGIA, USA

We are rejoicing for the two baptisms that we celebrated last month. We pray that our new members and church family will continue to grow in faith.

## **4** CINCINNATI (WEST), OHIO, USA

Take some time today to hold our event before the throne of grace. We will be hosting the Westside Women's Paddle Auction to benefit a young couple in our community.

## **5** CARINA, AUSTRALIA

We are celebrating the newly appointed leaders of the Faith, Hope and Love Avenues: Laura Ellis, Jacqui Gold, and Rachel Parker, respectively. It was such a blessing to be present - to hear from them and see these dedicated leaders taking up their roles with the deep conviction and courage which they exemplify. Please join us in praying for their ministries.

## **6** MANILA, PHILIPPINES

We are family amidst the pandemic. Every Friday we gather together for a virtual prayer meeting. We have a God who heals, provides, and comforts us.



## 7 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Thank you, Eternal Father, for being a God who pursues us and draws us deeper into relationship. We pray for our Connect Groups. May your presence be palpable as we grow in understanding and relationship with you and one another.

## 8 MEDITATION MONDAY

Psalm 19:12-13 - If, during this season of preparation for Easter, we focus on trying to find all our sins and repent of each one of them, we will fail. Though such self-examination is useful, the psalmist reminds us that God already sees everything in our hearts; he sees all the way down to the lowest, darkest corner. This is why we turn to Christ, our Savior and Lord. He has already washed us clean in his crucifixion and death, and brought us into new life in his resurrection, living in us through the Spirit. Spend a few minutes each day this week in silence, reminding yourself of and gratefully resting in God's gracious gift of redemption and renewal in Jesus Christ.



## 9 SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, USA

We ask that you lift up our new Tuesday night Connect Groups. We will be watching a "You're Included" video each week with a discussion time to follow. May this be a time of discovery of who Jesus is and who we are in him.

## 10 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, USA

We joyously celebrated the baptism of Cindi Liv.

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."  
3 John 1:4.

## 11 NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, USA

We celebrated our church's 50th anniversary this month. We know that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have sustained our congregation throughout the 50 years. We continue to worship via Zoom, putting our focus on Jesus Christ and serving Norfolk.

## 12 HYDERABAD, INDIA

We have joyfully resumed semi-meeting in-person. Livestreams of all our services are also available on Zoom and YouTube simultaneously, and members can access links for these on our WhatsApp group. Mask-wearing, sanitizing stations, and distancing protocols are strictly followed. May Christ continue to hold us together as we worship the Father and follow the lead of the Spirit.

## 13 GOODNA, AUSTRALIA

Lord, we pray your blessings over Kichozi Bulimwengu as we celebrate his ordination. May he honor you as he joyfully joins with you the ministry you prepared for him.

## 14 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd. We pray that you inspire our pastors and leaders with your vision for each flock. Give them eyes to see your provision and ears to hear where their communities are calling in need. Lead our congregations where you would have us go.

## 15 MEDITATION MONDAY

John 3:20 (NLT) - How comfortable are you with being in the presence of someone who is actively seeking to know and follow God's will? If you prefer to avoid them, it may be because they seem to make you acutely aware of a feeling of guilt, shame, or fear. What if, instead of seeing them as a source of condemnation, you saw them as a flashlight, guiding you in a better direction? Instead of pushing them away, try making some space for them in your life. You may discover that because of Christ, you are not condemned, but rather are accepted and beloved, forgiven and set free.



## 16 WOODBINE, GEORGIA, USA

Father in Heaven, we thank you for Calvin Mitchell 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.

## 17 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, USA

Our small group prayer meetings on Wednesday nights have been very successful and rewarding. We have grown in relationship with God and one another, and we are also praying for those in our community that we come into contact with, even if we have never met them personally. Please join us in praying that the love of Christ will be evident in us and the light of Christ will draw our neighbors to desire to be a part of the body.

## 18 BLANTYRE, MALAWI

We enjoyed a time of fellowship and reconnection with our congregation as we regathered. We pray that our relationships with Christ and one another continue to strengthen. Please also join us in praying for our youth.

## 19 SURREY HILLS, OKLAHOMA, USA

Our congregation is joining our neighbors and community to collect 2,000 pounds of non-perishable food items to benefit our neighbors. We have seven different drop-off locations throughout our community. Please join us in praying for this ministry and that all who are involved will experience God's abundant love.

## 20 TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

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

## 21 HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, USA

As we begin to regather, join us in praying that our church will be characterized by fervent love for God, genuine love for our neighbors, oneness in spirit, and a bold holy testimony in the community.



## 22 MEDITATION MONDAY

Psalm 119:11 (NLT) - When we think of hiding God's word in our heart, we may believe that we simply must read and memorize important Bible verses. But when we realize that God's living Word, Jesus Christ, came to live our life, die our death, and raise us up to new life, we go beyond this simple spiritual discipline into the realm of relationship, faith, and obedience. Today, the living Word comes in the person and presence of the Holy Spirit. How are you making room for God's presence in your heart and life, while making his written Word an active part of the way you think, believe, and act?

## 23 SUN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, USA

We are grateful for a time of celebrating the goodness of God through our virtual Women's Ministry meetings. It was wonderful to connect with our sisters in prayer and fellowship. May the peace of Christ guard the hearts and minds of the group as they continue to minister in their local contexts.



## 24 BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

Our church is praying over the Healthy Church vision and mission for this year. By faith, we are planning to have all three Avenues, with teams and job descriptions, and participation of the members through their God-given giftings. Join us in praying for God's equipping and encouragement as we pursue a Healthy Church.

## 25 KENOCREE, MICHIGAN, USA

Our new neighborhood Connect Group is now connecting new people back to the church! We now have two couples as well as four additional women attending church weekly. One couple has invited another couple from work and they now attend regularly too, with two of their other connections as well. We are hoping that this continues to grow!

## 26 CLEVELAND, OHIO, USA

Join us praying for our annual women's conference that will be available virtually this year. The theme is "I am Doing a New Thing."

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV)

## 27 GCI - UK & IRELAND

We are excited to share Rachel Montgomery's new role as Communications Coordinator for UK & Ireland. Rachel will serve by creating a collaborative communications team for unity and alignment across the region and denomination. Join us in praying for deep relationships to be formed and for the Holy Spirit to permeate communications, making the timeless, good news of Jesus evident to all.

## 28 PALM SUNDAY

During the beginning of Holy Week, Jesus entered Jerusalem triumphantly, ultimately leading to his sacrifice on the cross. Join us in this prayer today: "Jesus, we recognize you as the King of our hearts. Thank you for including us in your victory over the grave. By your grace, continue to lead and reign in us."

## 29 MEDITATION MONDAY

Psalm 31:12(NLT) - At times we feel overwhelmed by brokenness, by all the ways in which we fall short. In truth, we are all broken vessels. Thankfully, this is not the end of the story. As we offer ourselves to Jesus, the One who was broken for us, he pours his life into us. That life overflows, leaking out all over those with whom we come in contact. Today, bring your weaknesses and sins to Jesus. He will redeem and turn them, as you are willing, into a means by which he brings healing and renewal to others who also are broken.

## 30 HOLY WEEK PRAYER

After entering Jerusalem, Jesus cleansed the temple of money changers who were robbing those who came to worship. Join us in this prayer today:

"Jesus, we thank you that your sacrifice on the cross washed us clean forever, and that your grace is sufficient and given to us freely. We offer to you our whole selves, that you would make us holy. Make evident the ways we are trying to offer our own sacrifices. Give us the strength to rest in your atoning work, that we may follow you whole-heartedly and walk in your ways."

## 31 HOLY WEEK PRAYER

Leading up to Jesus' time with the disciples in the Upper Room on Thursday, Judas agreed to betray Jesus. Join us in this prayer today:

"Jesus, in our daily lives we betray you. When we allow our fears to consume us, we ask that you consume us with your love. When we only see our own need, we ask for the eyes to see your provision for us. When the trappings of this world distract us, fill us with a desire for you and your calling on us. When we start to turn away from you, help us to turn toward you with trust."

**DOES YOUR CHURCH HAVE AN EVENT, CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER REQUEST, OR PRAISE REPORT YOU WOULD LIKE INCLUDED IN NEXT MONTH'S PRAYER GUIDE OR OTHER GCI PUBLICATIONS?**

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