

JUNE 2021

PRAYER GUIDE

“Prayer turns theology into experience.” — Timothy Keller

1 ORDINARY TIME PRAYER

As we enter into the season of Ordinary Time, join us in this prayer: Jesus, the Living Word, you have brought us out of darkness into the light of your grace. Mercifully help us to walk in that light. Let it guide our steps and govern our hearts. Empower us to give faithful attention to your ministry and mission.

2 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, USA

We are celebrating the five new kids that came to church on Easter. Our children's programming of an Easter egg hunt and pinata, were a success. Please join us in praying for continued connections with the youth of our neighborhood.

3 CARINA, AUSTRALIA

We rejoice over the ordination of Margaret Cohen. May she boldly preach the mystery of the gospel in word and deed.

4 LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, USA

Please join us in praying for our youth group. May all who participate experience their Father's love, be open to his call for their lives, and experience a sense of belonging.

5 GCI – MINISTRY TEAMS

Father, we thank you for the teams you have created to serve in your GCI congregations. We pray that they will reflect your unity and passion for people. May our teams equip, empower, and encourage your people!

6 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

As we shift from an in-person to a virtual event, please pray for God's provision and purpose to be fulfilled in our Denominational Celebration. Please lift up those who will be contributing to the event by facilitating a workshop or leading a main session, as well as the dedicated team who will be supporting the event behind the scenes. We also ask for prayers for our members, that we will feel connected to one another and be inspired to live out a united vision of being the Church.



GAVIN AND SINEAD HENDERSON



7 MEDITATION MONDAY

Matthew 12:49-50 NLT - Our true relation to our heavenly Father is in relation to Jesus. By faith we are united to Jesus and thus to the Father in the Spirit. We participate in Christ's faithful obedience to his Father, which includes his cruciform offering, death and resurrection. Our familial relation to Jesus as brothers and sisters is unbreakable and unending. Our lives as adopted children of the Father are a genuine participation in Christ—our life is in him. Think for a moment: In what way would our heavenly Father want us to speak or act? Are we speaking and acting as our divine family would, or like the father of lies?

8 GCI-FIJI

We joyfully celebrate two baptisms within our congregation. We pray for the new season of their lives with you. Thank you that in your great love you have called us to know you and to trust you.

9 SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, USA

With joy and gratitude, we celebrate the anniversary of our congregation today. Please join us in thanking God and asking the Spirit to continue to bless and keep our group.

10 GCI-INDIA

God of power and might, we lift our brothers and sisters in India to you. We pray for your protection and provision, and for the nations of the earth to have compassion. When people are in need, you are our refuge.

11 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Holy Spirit, we ask that you guide our Superintendents from across all of our regions as they gather on a group video call. Grant them wisdom as they serve their regions.

12 FAITH AVENUE: CROSS-GENERATIONAL CARE

Everlasting God, we thank you for the variety of experiences and generations that are represented in our church family. Help us be intentional about making a space to connect and learn from one another across generational lines. Fill us with a genuine love and value for one another.

13 SURREY HILLS, OKLAHOMA, USA

As smaller gatherings have become safe and we can meet in person, our Connect Groups are hosting watch parties. Please join us in praying for connections to be made with our neighbors and for the good news of Jesus to be proclaimed.



14 MEDITATION MONDAY

Matthew 13:31b-32a NLT - The kingdom of heaven planted by Christ in human hearts is a gift. We don't always see how God makes his kingdom grow, but it does. The Spirit goes to work, and transformation slowly but surely happens in us and in our world. The Spirit is at work, moving in ways which are mysterious and often in opposition to our expectations and wishes. What begins in a small way, through a single person's repentance and faith by the Spirit, becomes a transformed life, and transformed lives impact our world in a positive way. Today, ask God to open your eyes to his kingdom work in this world—and give thanks.

15 GCI-UK & IRELAND

Father, we thank you for Gavin Henderson, who was selected as the National Ministry Leader for the UK and Ireland. As he leads, we pray that your Holy Spirit will give him joy and assurance of your presence. Equip and empower him to serve you, as well as the UK and Ireland.

16 PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY, USA

We celebrated the six year anniversary of our community outreach, Grace Community Kitchen, that continued to provide meals for those in need throughout the pandemic. Join us in praying for the ability to continue to meet needs and share the love of Christ with our neighborhood.

17 WHEATLAND, WYOMING, USA

We are celebrating a successful Miracles of God carnival. Members representing all generations collaborated to host a carnival for their neighborhood. Every child who entered the carnival sat in the crowning chair and the pastor crowned them as a child of God with the phrase, "Know that you were formed a child of God, placed in his heart and placed in this world for a purpose." May all who attended continue to experience the Father's love and pursue his purposes.

18 COLOMBUS, OHIO

We are building our Faith Avenue team through participating in a video series. May God's presence be palpable as we grow in understanding and relationship with you and one another.

19 GCI COACHES

GCI Coaches are committed to creating a space for discerning God's purposes and next steps. Please lift up our coaches today who draw out the good work of the Lord in our community.

20 FATHER'S DAY

We thank God for our dads and for those who play the role of dad in our lives. We ask for wisdom and strength as they fill the role of a parent. We ask for your blessings and help in honoring them today!

21 MEDITATION MONDAY

Matthew 8:24-25 NLT - We face many challenges, especially when we begin to follow Christ. Life storms can be overwhelming and devastating. We must remember, though, that we are not alone in the boat. The Lord has not forgotten us, but rather is present in us and with us in the midst of the storm. God has already spoken his word of salvation in Christ's life, death, resurrection, and ascension. We can rest with Jesus in the midst of the storm, for he is Lord of all and is present at all times in us and with us by the Holy Spirit. Pause for a moment and feel his presence.



22 GCI-NETHERLANDS

Gracious God, in perfect assurance of your presence among us, we pray your blessings upon Hans DeMoi as we celebrate his appointment as the National Leader for the Netherlands and Flanders. May he honor you as he joyfully joins with you in the ministry you have prepared for him.

23 INTERNATIONAL WIDOWS DAY

Lord, as we lift up our widows today, we ask that you meet them at their point of need. Give them divine strength and a sense of belonging in our church family. Thank you, Lord, for the ways you provide for us all.

24 GCI-USA

The Home Office employees who work locally and in the field will gather for an employee meeting today. We ask that the Spirit fill them with joy and enthusiasm as they share how God is moving our churches forward. Give them hearts to serve through their various roles.

25 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, USA

We are gathering for a Neighborhood Camp Retreat. Let us pray for all who are in attendance to enjoy fellowship and be filled with an awareness of how God is calling them to engage in their communities.

26 GCI-ASIA

Our community of practice meets today. We ask that you pray for our time together, that God would bless and help us as we are gathered together. We pray for guidance in the matters at hand.

27 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

As churches begin to gather, many of our congregations are taking the opportunity to seek a new location where they can connect with a community and be involved with them. Please lift up their searches and ask God to continue to equip them to love the people you are calling them to love. Ask God to go before them to make the crooked places straight in finding a new home, and that he would grant them the wisdom to make good decisions.

28 MEDITATION MONDAY

Matthew 9:23-24 NLT - We may see a world which is spiritually dead, but Jesus sees a world spiritually asleep which needs merely to be awoken. Jesus has already taken humanity by the hand, taken her from death into resurrection, and carried her into the presence of the Father. In Christ, we have new life. We live in that reality rather than in the funeral dirge of our old sin-ridden life. Is there something in your life you have been wrestling with? In your mind's eye, picture it laying in the tomb on the empty slab while you are walking out of the tomb with Jesus. Awaken anew to the reality of life in Christ.



29 AUKLAND, AUSTRALIA

It is such a joyous occasion to celebrate the baptism of a new member. Father, continue to encircle them with your love as they walk with you.

30 ACCRA, GHANA

We are thankful for Theo Okai and his faithful service. We celebrate his appointment as National Ministry Leader. We pray blessings over his leadership. May he be filled with quiet strength, unlimited love, and boundless compassion.

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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