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.

ORDINARY TIME PRAYER

1

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.

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, USA

2

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

CARINA, AUSTRALIA

3

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.

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, USA

4

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!

GCI – MINISTRY TEAMS

5

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.

GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

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PRAYER GUIDE

“Prayer turns theology into experience.” — Timothy Keller
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?

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.

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.
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.

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, USA

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.

GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

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.

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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