

JULY 2021

PRAYER GUIDE

“Prayer is continuing a conversation that God has started through his Word and his grace, which eventually becomes a full encounter with him.” — Timothy Keller

1 PRAYERS FOR GRADUATES

God, we lift up all the graduates who are entering new seasons. We thank you for the ways you have led them to this moment of achievement. As they enter their next chapter, we ask that you give them everything they need for what lies ahead. Help them rest in your promise that with you all things are possible!

2 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, USA

Please join us in prayer for the participants and staff of the day camp our congregation is hosting. We ask God to be present and active in building relationships. May all who participate develop friendships with other kids and loving adults. We also pray that the Spirit moves to begin or deepen their friendship with Jesus.

3 CROSSWAY, PHILIPPINES

We were so happy to see the reactions of dads when we surprised them with donuts on Father's Day. When you spread love, it goes a long way. We thank God for them and pray that they would lead their families well.



4 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

God who is our refuge, we put all that we love in your hands. Without you, nothing is strong and nothing is holy. Help us trust you more and multiply your mercy in our lives. Jesus, with you as our Savior, and with the Spirit as our guide, move in our worship gatherings today and in the hearts of your people to lose all that is temporary. Fix and root us in what is eternal. Amen.

5 MEDITATION MONDAY

Mark 1:15 - The kingdom of God was birthed in the incarnation of Jesus Christ, but not like most Jews expected. He didn't come as their expected Jewish Messiah, leading a rebellion against the Romans. Contrarily, Jesus showed up to transform our view of who God is and, consequently, who we are in him. In his divinity, Jesus came as the benevolent ruler, and, in his humanity, the loyal subject of his kingdom, thus becoming the physical intersection for both God and man. Jesus lived, died, and rose for us and as us. He completely nullified the consequences of the Fall and brought us all into eternal union with the Father, Son, and Spirit. God longs for us to truly believe this good, good news. Father, give us hearts and minds that are open to new ways of believing. Jesus, help us to see with your eyes and hear with your heart. Holy Spirit, speak to our soul through divine revelations.



6 VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

God of love, we thank you for the ways you have gifted Matt & Carissa Randall. Anoint their ministry as we celebrate their commissioning onto the Pastoral Team.

7 BUNDA, MALAWI

We praise God for the ways he has provided for us to be a light in our community. Recently the church was privileged to have its Dug Water Well upgraded in recognition of the roles the church is playing through the Under-Five Clinic and the Safe Motherhood programs. We thank God for the upgraded Dug Water Well. It will go a long way in providing safe water to its surrounding communities and church members.

8 EUGENE, OREGON, USA

Heavenly Father, we pray your abundant blessing on Aleck Thompson, who was commissioned as Associate Pastor. May he be filled with grace and love as he serves your people. By your grace, continue to renew his calling and spirit.



9 MARION, OHIO, USA

We are rejoicing in the baptisms in our congregation last month. Holy Spirit, help them to continue to grow in faith and transform their lives for their good and God's glory.

10 LILONGWE, MALAWI

Thank you, God, for your faithfulness to provide for us. Furniture was donated that will allow us to use our facility for leadership and ministry training. We pray for fruitful sessions to support the pastoral work of our ministry leaders and workers. May we truly be equipped to reflect the priesthood of all believers that Jesus invites us into.

11 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

God of grace, who never fails to help and direct the steps of those who seek your will, we ask that you keep us under the protection of your good purposes for us. During our Sunday services this week, we ask that you fill us with a love for you and deep desire to honor you in thought, word, and deed. Amen.

12 MEDITATION MONDAY

Mark 4:38 - "Don't you care?" It's the question the disciples cried out to Jesus as they shook him awake in the midst of a horrific storm. How often have we expressed those same words to Jesus as we struggle in our own storms? The disciples were extremely frightened as they envisioned themselves all drowning. Where was their faith, after all they had seen Jesus do? The answer lies in the question the disciples later asked one another: "Who is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" The disciples didn't fully comprehend Jesus' true identity. They didn't know Jesus as the Father's beloved Son, the Lord and Savior of the human race, the Creator and sustainer of the universe. Of course the wind and waves would submit to his authority! Jesus, show us how to know you intimately and help us to notice and receive all the ways in which you care for us to the very core of our being.

13 KAKUMA REFUGEE CAMP, KENYA

The camp is set to close by June 30, 2022. There is high anxiety as the refugees are not sure what the future has in store for them. To encourage them in the Lord, Psalms 139 came in handy. Besides church mission, we presided over the graduation ceremony of an English class that had just finished an introduction to English lessons.

14 BAGUIO, PHILIPPINES

Lord, we thank you for Justine Paolo Parcasio and celebrate his ordination. Thank you for the power which he has been given to carry on the work of Christ in a world desperate for the good news. Be his comfort, joy, and strength in this new role for him.

15 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, USA

Mighty God, thank you for hearing and answering our prayers. Our youth gathered for the first time since the pandemic. Thank you for your presence during our time apart and our time together, and for the ten new participants at the event. May we live in the light of your salvation.

16 GCI-AUSTRALIA

Father, we bless your name. Thank you for the ways that you meet us during our "ladies link up" virtual meetings that help us to stay connected. You alone are good, and your steadfast love endures forever.

17 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

As our churches begin to gather, many are taking the opportunity to seek a new location where they can connect with a community. 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.

18 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Lord, hear the prayers of your people as we gather to worship you as the Church. By your help, may we be comforted in all that we face, and may we be protected from anything that may bring us harm. Be near to us, Jesus. Let your nearness be our good. Amen.

19 MEDITATION MONDAY

Mark 5:36 - When we give way to fear, we lose sight of the miraculous possibilities with God and we transfer all of our energy into things that seem impossible. Yielding to fear gives way to worry and doubt. It is not possible to worry and trust God. Worry will cause us to doubt God's love and his ability to come through for us when we need him, so what can we do? When you feel the fear coming, don't set up camp there. Confess your fears to God in prayer. God is never offended by the imperfect mess that we bring. God never condemns, but only wants to share his love and his "believing" with us, but we have to be willing to let him. Lord, show me how to let your love and believing power flow freely into my heart. I surrender my fear and unbelief to your mercy and goodness. Amen.

20 LILONGWE, MALAWI

Faithful Father, we thank you for the time of bonding and joy that we experienced during our Youth Day. May our youth experience your love and love you with all their hearts.



21 WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS, USA

Father, we thank you for the conversations occurring in our community series that create spaces for conversations about race. We speak of you to others in response to your great love for us. Help us to live in unity with each other, that together we may with one voice glorify Jesus Christ.

22 CHILLICOTHE, OHIO, USA

Voice of Hope in Ohio has found a way to have potlucks again! Potlucks have been revived by using physical distancing with seating and finding ways to provide refreshments in a safe manner.

23 DENOMINATIONAL CELEBRATION

God, we thank you for your presence with us that spans the globe. As we participate in our first ever virtual event today, we pray that your purposes will be accomplished. Give us clear minds and peaceful hearts as we gather together. May we experience the living hope of Jesus through the worship and sessions.

24 DENOMINATIONAL CELEBRATION

Jesus, thank you for being the source of all true joy in life. Help us find our joy in you. May your voice sound clearly above all others as we continue to participate in the Celebration today. May your love surround us, your Spirit guide us, your voice cheer us, your peace calm us, your shield protect us, and your wisdom arm us, wherever you are leading us forward, as one body.

25 DENOMINATIONAL CELEBRATION

Our congregations from around the world will be worshipping together as our Denominational Celebration culminates in a worship service. Even if you are not registered for the Celebration, visit Grace Communion International - GCI | Facebook or Grace Communion International (gci.org) at 11:00 AM Eastern Time to worship with us. May God's peace be in our hearts, his grace be in our words, and his joy be in our souls throughout our time together.

26 MEDITATION MONDAY

Mark 9:24 - How is it possible to believe yet have unbelief? In this scripture, "unbelief" is referring to heart belief, while "believe" refers to the mind's comprehension of information and facts. We can study and read all about God, but still operate in unbelief. Unbelief is not a lack of knowledge, but rather a willful rejection of who and what God really is. God desires to have a personal, two-way, intimate relationship with us. God created each one of us for this very purpose. Unbelief is believing something other than what God has said about a situation. It tempts us to rely on our own understanding instead of seeking God's will in the matter. Lord, open the eyes and ears of our hearts. Help us to come to you with ALL of our issues. Help us to unlearn anything that has taken root in our hearts that is contrary to your Kingdom.

27 TONGOGARA REFUGEE CAMP, ZIMBABWE

We joyously celebrated the baptism of three new members.

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

28 HYDERABAD, INDIA

Prompted by the Love Venue, GCI members hosted a Vacation Bible School 2021. This is a recurring annual kids educational and evangelistic event in India during the month of May. It was attended by 367 children. A total of 82 churches across India participated over Zoom. Over 100 volunteers from different churches tirelessly worked together to make this interactive event a successful one. The program was highly appreciated and a few follow-up events have been organized in the coming days to mentor and disciple teens who want to have a closer walk with Jesus because of this event.

29 KENOCKEE, MICHIGAN, USA

Thank you for the cross and that through Christ's sacrifice, we are free, whole, and forgiven! We celebrate the three individuals who celebrated their new life in Christ through baptism. We pray, Holy Spirit, that you would work deeply within their hearts and souls to renew and refresh them each day.

30 SURREY HILLS, OKLAHOMA, USA

Gracious Father, we thank you for the opportunity we had to gather with our youth for a reunion barbecue. Thank you for the time of celebration and fun. May your presence be the peace that overflows in the lives of our youth.

31 SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, USA

We celebrated being able to hold our first in-person service on Pentecost. Our Connect Groups are also going well and are beginning to feel a "connection." People are feeling like they are part of a group and wanting to participate and pray for one another.



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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