



GRACE COMMUNION
INTERNATIONAL

OCTOBER 2021 PRAYER GUIDE

Humility is the mother of giants. One sees great things from the valley; only small things from the peak. — GK Chesterton

1 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, USA

Loving God, we pray your blessings upon Paul Kurtz as we celebrate his ordination. May his soul be refreshed with the love of Christ. Fill him with faith for the future.

2 FAITH AVENUE PRAYER: CONNECT GROUPS

Lord God Almighty, we praise you for who you are and what you have done. We pray for our Connect Groups that are relaunching during this season. May your presence be palpable as we grow in understanding and relationship with you and one another. Call out of us what is not of you, and call us up into the good work you have for us to participate in ministry with you.

3 GCI-USA SOUTHEAST

Lord, have mercy on our GCI members and those in our spiritual family who are experiencing the devastation of Hurricane Ida. Compel the church to be helpers and loving neighbors in the recovery effort. We trust you, Jesus.



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4 MEDITATION MONDAY: MARK 15:39

The centurion was the commander of roughly one hundred soldiers of the Roman army. He would have been the one to charge his men to beat Jesus, as well as give the order to drive the nails into his hands and feet and supervise the crucifixion. Yet, somehow in the middle of the brutality, this man was able to notice that there was something different about Jesus. At some point, the centurion began to understand that maybe Jesus was exactly who he claimed to be. Then, after Jesus' death, this centurion believed and proclaimed that Jesus was truly the Son of God. Take a few moments to set aside all distractions. Take a breath. Remember that you are in the loving presence of God. Ask him to reveal himself to you. Respond to the question Jesus frequently asked in Scripture: "Who do you say that I am?" In honest prayer, share your thoughts with Jesus.

5 GCI - USA

God, we thank you for your Word and who it reveals you to be. We thank you for the way your transform us and for the invitation to be and join you in making disciples. We thank you for the leaders who gathered at the Faith Avenue Workshop last month. May the participants be inspired with innovative ideas and discern next steps for their Faith Avenues as they return home to their teams.

We are rejoicing over our largest event to date, our Community Yard Sale, hosted on our property. We were able to hand out our church information to about 200 people, but many more than that came through that day. We had around 35 sellers in the yard and about 20 tables of vendors and crafters. We gave away a hot dog meal to all who wanted. We have already secured a date for next year's event. We are very pleased with the turn out and so were the sellers. Praise God!

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20 SOUTH KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, USA

As we move forward, please pray that the faithfulness of God will be seen and recognized in the hearts of the family here in GC South Kansas City. In light of recent struggles and losses, the church has seen a decrease in having things to celebrate. While there is always something to celebrate, finding them has been clouded with a lot of despair and doubt. Please pray for our hearts to be lifted and our leadership to be guided by the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

21 GCI - SOUTH AFRICA

We are so grateful for our international leaders. Let us remember our co-laborers in South Africa 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



IRELAND & UK



SUN VALLEY, CA

22 HELENA, MONTANA, USA

We are celebrating a successful neighborhood camp which resulted in twenty-three baptisms. Let us welcome our new brothers and sisters in the fellowship! "Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."- Luke 15:7 (ESV)

23 GCI - PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Faithful God, we praise you for your work in and through our denomination. Please continue to create in us hearts that seek to know and serve you more. Fill us with your joy and uphold us while we participate in Christ's ministry to the world.

24 GCI-PRAYER FOR MINISTRY WORKERS

Eternal Father, it is a joy to join in your ministry. We thank you for all the volunteers who have answered your call to serve in GCI congregations. We ask that you sustain them and may they experience your love in meaningful ways.

25 MEDITATION MONDAY: MARK 10:49-50

During the time of Jesus, the Roman Empire provided those who were blind with a "beggar's coat," which gave a person the legal right to beg. The blind man's cloak was most likely his sole source of shelter, warmth, and income. Undoubtedly, it was his most valuable possession. However, when he hears that Jesus is calling him, he throws off his beggar's cloak, jumps up, and makes his way to Jesus. He chooses to put ALL his trust in Jesus. He throws off his old way of life. He's done with the beggar's life. When Jesus asks him what he wants, he doesn't ask for money or some other temporary fix; he says he wants to see. Jesus responds, "Your faith has healed you," and immediately, the blind man recovers his sight. What "beggar's coat" are you holding onto? Holy Spirit, show us our own personal "cloak" that hinders us from living the abundant, rich life of God.

26 GCI - JAMAICA

We are so grateful for our international leaders. Pray for our leaders and members in Jamaica today. "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people..." 1 Timothy 2:1

27 GCI - IRELAND & UK

Adventure Camp 2021 was a huge success! We had around 55 people at the camp, and it was a really happy, fun, and memorable time. God was so good to us, and we thank everyone for their prayers!

28 GCI-USA

Jesus, as our GCI and GCS boards gather today, we ask that you guide the conversation and decisions made so that they will be pleasing to you. Unite us together by your Spirit and give us the strength to carry out your will.

29 GCI - PHILIPPINES

We are rejoicing over a successful One Thing online worship night, where members from across our country worshipped in one voice and shared testimonies of God's faithfulness.

30 GCI

Gracious God, we pray for a vibrant missional heartbeat to permeate GCI congregations. We are blessed, so help us to be a blessing to the world.

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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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