



GRACE COMMUNION
INTERNATIONAL

NOVEMBER 2021 PRAYER GUIDE

To walk with Jesus is to walk with a slow, unhurried pace. Hurry is the death of prayer and only impedes and spoils our work. It never advances it. — John Mark Comer



1 MEDITATION MONDAY: PSALM 16:11 (NRSV)

Being a disciple of Christ Jesus means dying daily to ourselves, dying to the path of self-sufficiency and self-will. Following our own path may feel good at first, especially while we feel competent to handle situations by ourselves, but God didn't create us just to live life on our own. We were created to love and be loved by God, depending on him each moment. Only Jesus shows us the path of true life. Only in his presence is there fullness of joy and contentment forever. May we daily choose to live fully in the present as we deepen our awareness of God's healing, continual presence. Come to God and openly confess what things in life you've been striving to do on your own. Then ask him for the courage to repent: To turn away from your own path and instead turn to his path of life for you.

3 CHAMPLAIN, MINNESOTA, USA

Lord, we thank you for the dedicated group of people who have come together to serve you and this church. Thank you for your protection, your guiding presence, and the provision to join with you in ministering to our neighborhood. We thank you for Jon Arnold and celebrate his commissioning as our facilitator. Fill him with your grace, love, and peace.

4 NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, USA

We partnered with our neighborhood association to host a Trunk or Treat on our church campus. Please join us in praying that God will continue to open doors and build relationships through this event and in all of our interactions with our neighbors.

5 OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, USA

God of justice, peace, and righteousness, we ask that you permeate the US Planning meetings. Breathe your breath, your Spirit of wisdom, your inspiration, and your imagination on our time together. We ask you to give us wisdom, patience, and guidance as we plan for the future.

2 CALOUNDRA, AUSTRALIA

We are grateful for the opportunity to gather for four wonderful days of inspiring worship and messages, and the joy of fellowship with our Triune God and one another. May we continue to live out the encouragement we receive in Colossians: "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Our hearts are filled after blessed time together. Father, help us make new connections and gain wisdom to do the work you've set before us.



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6 LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, USA

Dear Father, you have called us to service, to teach and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. We thank you for our pastors whom we celebrated last month. May they stand for truth and rise in your strength and power. We pray that we shall declare your Word in and out of season.

7 HEBREWS 13:8

We had our second Blessing of Children, Students, and Mentors service, which included a prayer walk over our neighborhood elementary school. Join us in praying for protection, guidance, and wisdom for upcoming generations.

8 MEDITATION MONDAY: PSALM 46:10 (NIV)

Mahatma Gandhi once said, "Peace is not the absence of conflict, but the ability to cope with it." Our world has changed tremendously since God first commanded His people to be still and know that he is God, but people still long for world peace as wars, natural disasters, and corrupt governments ravage the earth. Though we inevitably experience trials and suffering in this life, God always invites us to take time to be still in his constant presence. Only in God's powerful presence do we have the ability to cope with the conflict in the world, as well as the conflict within. Take some time right now to breathe slowly and deeply. Relax in God's holy presence and receive his peace, which is always offered to you.

9 EUGENE, OREGON

Father, we thank you for your faithful love for us that never ends and your mercy which never ceases. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. We celebrate the purchase of the property we have been leasing and renovating. May this be a place where all people are welcome and experience your generosity and compassion. In view of your great mercy, we offer ourselves, this place, and all that we have to you.

10 PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, USA

God, we thank you for your divine blessings and for the gift of fellowship. We celebrate a successful church picnic that helped boost joy and participation in the church, extending fellowship to others in the community through their families and contacts.



11 GCI-LATIN AMERICA

Gracious God, as our 15 focus churches gather in Mexico City for our Healthy Church Conference, we thank you for time away from the busyness of life to connect with you. We invite you with us during this retreat. We are ready to receive the rest, peace, and renewal that you offer.

12 GCI - USA

Crossing Borders (CB) mission ministry had to cancel our past three scheduled trips, and our planning team has decided that we will need to also cancel the trip we would normally schedule for December 2021. As you would suspect, the COVID situation and increased instability at the border area are the major reasons. COVID cases in the U.S. have been reaching new high points, and the conditions in Mexico are even worse. Please pray for our border partners and for encouragement to be communicated to them—they need it in these tough times.

13 CINCINNATI, OHIO, USA

We are rejoicing for another successful year of engaging our community through our pumpkin patch. We included fun activities like a "corn pool," a corn maze, games, and a bike track for kids. Please join us in praying for opportunities to deepen the connections that were made. May God grant us peace, favor, and wisdom as we invite our neighbors into deeper relationship with you.

14 EPHESIANS 2:10

Please join us in praying for the pumpkin patch that our congregation hosts for neighborhood engagement. We invite our neighbors to explore the patch, play games, take pictures, share a cup of coffee, and find a pumpkin to take home. Our hope is that God will draw us into deeper relationship with him and one another.

15 MEDITATION MONDAY: ISAIAH 41:10 (NLT)

The right hand of God is a symbol of authority, sovereignty, blessing, and strength. Be comforted in knowing that his right hand gives us victory, help, and strength in the face of adversity. God is not surprised by how frequently we feel afraid and discouraged in life. He knows how easy it is for us to give in to fear and anxiety, especially when we envision the future without including him. By focusing and slowing down, we can stay present with our loving God and avoid lingering in the future or in the past. Thank and praise God for the promise of his continual presence with you.

16 CLEVELAND, OHIO, USA

Father, we thank you that you are always with us. We thank you for the new location that you have blessed us with. Across our neighborhood, may we seek to know you and make you known.

17 GCI-PHILIPPINES

Philippines Youth Converge is a monthly virtual huddle for young people ages 13-21. It is designed as a venue for the youth to fellowship with one another within their local church and other GCI churches. At the same time, it is also a venue for the youth leaders to engage, reconnect, and minister with the youth during breakout sessions. As the rise of isolation increases during this time of pandemic, we ask for prayer for our fellowship. May we be carried along by the divine Holy Spirit and be provided with a way forward. Thank you, Jesus, for being the one who holds us and the one we can hold onto.

18 VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

Gracious God, we thank you for your protection during the earthquake several weeks ago. We thank you for your mercy and for the prayers of our international fellowship.

19 GCI - USA CENTRAL

Lord, we are thankful that you raise up each generation as members of your church body according to your good will. We thank you for this group of young adults gathering at the Central GCNext Retreat and ask that you bless their time together to be full of your joy and wisdom. Ignite their gifting and passion to participate in your ministry and prepare their church communities to support them as they seek to serve you.

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20 MANILA, PHILIPPINES

Father, thank you for every member of our Avenue Teams, for each mind and heart. Only you truly know what we are setting out to accomplish in our team meetings. We have an idea, a vision, hints, and daily instructions. We have talents, abilities, and time to work, but only you can see in perfect detail the end of every beginning – every project, every season, every life. Guide us and encourage us as we participate with you in ministry.

21 PSALM 136:1

Father, thank you for your unfailing love that endures forever. Take a few minutes to commune with God. Breathe in: Abba Father. Breathe out: I belong to you. Repeat this for as many breaths as you need.



22 MEDITATION MONDAY: PSALM 46:1 (NIV)

Our triune God of love is bigger than all our fears. He is also bigger than all our dreams, for he alone is the culmination of all our hopes and desires. He is the God who always sees us, even in desperate seasons when all we feel is chaos, confusion, and pain. He is the God who knows us and is familiar with all our ways and flaws yet loves us regardless. Give thanks to God for he is always good and his faithful love for us endures forever. Give thanks to God, our refuge and strength, a trustworthy companion who helps us in times of trouble. Thankfulness opens our hearts to God's presence and opens our minds to his thoughts. In every season of life, give thanks to God!

25 PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

"To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything He has given us... and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him. Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise of the goodness of God. For the grateful man knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference." – Thomas Merton
Father, Son, and Spirit, help us to experience your goodness and be filled with gratitude throughout this day.

23 ELGIN, MINNESOTA, USA

Lord, have your way with our relaunch as we follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit to move from a commuter to community church. Give us wisdom in discerning our target community. Jesus, may our love for you, our neighbors, and one another grow throughout the process.

24 SUN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, USA

We rejoice over the baptism of seven new members of the body. In their new life we celebrate the forgiveness, freedom, and love of Christ.

26 LILONGWE, MALAWI

God, we thank you for making us in your image, to share in the ordering of your world. Thank you for leading us through two fruitful weekends of leadership training. Continue to guide us in the building of your church, to the praise and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

27 GCI

Lord, as both seasoned and new believers continue to grow in grace and truth, we ask for new leaders to continue the mission and vision you have for GCI. Please continue to equip and raise servant leaders to build up your Church.

28 ADVENT

Jesus, whose second coming in power and glory we await, create within us hope, peace, joy, and love. May the Sun of Righteousness shine on us and scatter the darkness from our path.

29 MEDITATION MONDAY: ISAIAH 58:11 (NLT)

The presence of God is both a promise and a protection. As we journey through the deserts of life, we learn that the way to stay on the path of life is to keep our focus on Jesus. Our awareness of his restorative presence is our best protection against the temptation to be independent and self-sufficient. We often find it hard to acknowledge our neediness, but God continues to graciously remind us that he is our provider. Our constant need for God is the key to knowing him intimately. Take time to pause, breathe, and open yourself to receive God's ever-present blessing of peace into your innermost being.

30 GRACE COMMUNION MALAYSIA

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

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