



GRACE COMMUNION
INTERNATIONAL

DECEMBER 2021 PRAYER GUIDE

“We are united to Christ who is bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh, and participate in the risen Humanity of Christ so that we are bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh.” — T.F. Torrance

1 BIG SANDY, TEXAS, USA

Loving Father, we thank you for the ways we experienced your presence at our Fall Festival. Hundreds of our neighbors enjoyed games, train rides, and food. We ask that you continue to move through our fellowship to be people of peace in our neighborhoods and to deepen our relationships with you and one another.

2 ELSMERE, DELAWARE, USA

Giver of Life, we praise you for another baptism and the new life you so freely offer. Grow your new disciple in knowledge, understanding, and experience of your love.

3 EUGENE, OREGON, USA

Join us in thanking God for a fun-filled Trunk-or-Treat hosted on our church property. It was a joyful, fun event for the families and children who came through, and also for the church members who participated!



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We lift up all of our brothers and sisters across our fellowship as we enter the Advent season. Bless the worship and reading of your Word and fill us with hope as we remember that Christ has come and is coming again. Prepare our hearts to receive all that you came to offer us, Jesus.

5 ADVENT PRAYER

Precious Jesus, you are our hope in this messy world. Fill this Christmas season with anticipation and preparation for your kingdom – when all will be well! We place our hope in you as we celebrate your incarnation.

6 MEDITATION MONDAY: LUKE 1:78-79 (NLT)

During Advent, we anticipate the light of the world entering our darkness of sin and death to bring us the grace and peace of the living God through the incarnation. There are times when we feel as though we are wandering about in darkness or in the valley of the shadow of death. We anticipate the coming of Jesus into these difficult circumstances even now by the Spirit, knowing Jesus' light of love and grace has already broken in on us and brought us to a new place of comfort and peace. Sit silently for a moment and reflect gratefully upon God's presence in your life and circumstances right now through Jesus in the Spirit.

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7 GCI-USA

Our managers are meeting today for our last meeting in 2021. We ask that our time together will reflect the one hope, faith, and body we share in Christ. Holy Spirit, guide our time together that we may keep in step with God and one another.

8 LEMON GROVE, CALIFORNIA, USA

We greeted and handed out goodies to over 200 trick-or-treaters from our neighborhood. We are grateful for a time of connection and relationship-building with our neighbors.

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God of Truth, fill the GCI Superintendents and leaders who are meeting on an international Zoom call today with an awareness of your presence. Bless each person who is gathered and equip them for the work you have for them. May everyone leave with clear next steps to participate with you as you lead our fellowship forward.

10 SOUTH KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, USA

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, our congregation created and handed out blessing bags for our neighbors. These bags contain items such as snacks, toiletries, and various other items as a gesture of our love towards the amazing folks in our community. Join us in praying for connections and opportunities to share the love of Christ with our neighbors.

11 CINCINNATI, OHIO, USA

Father in Heaven, we praise you for who you are. May we reflect on your inclusive nature this week as we host a craft fair on our church campus. May attendees feel your deep love and welcoming presence throughout the event.

12 ADVENT PRAYER

Jesus, knowing that you are Emmanuel, God with us, is the joy we celebrate during this season. May we feel your presence in everyday moments.

13 MEDITATION MONDAY: ZEPHANIAH 3:17 (NASB)

What would it mean to you if you knew that your heavenly Father rejoices over you, that Jesus is glad you are a part of his life, and that the Spirit's joy over you flows freely between the Father and the Son? God isn't just okay with having made you—he delights in you! Jesus wasn't overcome by evil, but overcame evil with good, freely pouring himself out for you because of his love for you! Consider for a moment what it means that Jesus is a victorious warrior over evil, sin, death, and all that seeks to harm or destroy you. Isn't that a good reason for joy?

14 MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA, USA

We are praising God for the ordination of Redida Edwards. Teach her, Lord, to serve you, seek rest in you, and to do your will. May your love and grace overflow through her into the life of the congregation and the neighborhood.

15 SUN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, USA

Join us in praying for our youth that they may know that they were made in love and intentionally formed. May they know Jesus and discover the purpose he has for each of them.

16 MOHLAKENG, SOUTH AFRICA

Surrounded by family and friends, we baptized eight of our youth into the body of Christ. Jesus, we thank you for your great goodness in calling us to know you and to put our trust in you.



17 MANILA, PHILIPPINES

God of Love, we lift up to you those who will be in the Friday night prayer meeting. Open their eyes to the truth of who you are and the greatness of your love for them. United with you and one another, may we experience your perfect peace as you carry the burdens we offer to you.

18 HYDERABAD, INDIA

We are praising God for a life-giving virtual gathering of our members from across India! It is a joy to participate in ministry with Jesus and in relationship with one another.

19 ADVENT PRAYER

Father God, prepare our hearts not only for the celebration to come, but also for sharing the goodness of Jesus. Grant us courage and a real excitement to talk about the love that came down to earth and walked among us.

20 MEDITATION MONDAY: PSALM 80:2B-3 (NLT)

Looking around us, we see much which needs to be changed, healed, or transformed. At times, and especially during Advent, we may feel as though God is indifferent to the suffering and struggle of human beings. However, the reality is that our experience of our suffering and struggle is totally different depending upon what we believe about God. Do we believe that God loves us and really does care about our suffering? Do we believe he is present and at work right now in us and our lives? Pause and think about what it means that Jesus was willing to take on all the experiences of our human existence and that he sent his Spirit to live in you.

21 CLEVELAND, OHIO, USA

Loving God, thank you for the privilege of participating in your ministry. Inspire, equip, and lead us as we begin to engage with our neighbors surrounding our new facility. We are grateful for our neighboring organizations that partnered with us in hosting our first event, and for the lessons learned. Help us to connect with our neighbors in meaningful and intentional ways. May our church be known as a bright light in our community.

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MOHLAKENG, SOUTH AFRICA

22 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, USA

Father, we thank you for Victor and Pamela Raspberry and their answer to the call to ministry. We celebrate their commissioning as Youth Ministry leaders and pray that you give them wisdom, strength, and joy as they serve you and shepherd your children.

23 RICHARDSON, TEXAS, USA

Please join us in prayer for the Spirit's guidance and clarity as our congregation continues the ongoing process of engaging and exequeting our neighborhood towards our launch as a neighborhood church. May he guide us and give us grace.

24 CHRISTMAS EVE

On the eve of the birth of Christ, may we be filled with wonder at the hope we have in Jesus. May we experience peace, knowing you are our Emmanuel. We ask for your hope, joy, and love to fill us afresh.

25 CHRISTMAS DAY

Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus, hope for the world. We cry out for a fresh awareness of who you are. We choose by faith to make the "good news of great joy" a reality in our own lives so that your light in our lives points others to you this Christmas. We know that peace on earth can only come when hearts find peace with you.

26 GCI UK & IRELAND

Father, we celebrate our partnership with Sosban Soup Station and ask for your blessing over all who received the blankets we donated. May the gifts be a physical representation of your love and care for them.



SUN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

27 MEDITATION MONDAY: COLOSSIANS 3:14 (NLT)

Jesus experienced life in a family, learning to honor and obey his parents and to follow in his father's trade of carpentry. Once, after his parents had sought him all over Jerusalem, they found him in the temple sitting at the feet of the elders of the people. However, even though he knew his true calling was from his heavenly Father, he submitted himself to the authority and care of his parents until he was considered an adult. Today, what does the Spirit say to you about practicing the spiritual discipline of mutual submission within your family relationships, thereby expressing God's love and creating harmony and unity?

28 KENOSHA, MICHIGAN, USA

It was a joyous occasion to baptize a new member from our community. Father, continue to encircle them with your love as they walk with you.

29 BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

Jesus, your care and devotion for humanity is inspiring. We pray for our young adult couples Connect Group. Stir in them a heart for you and desire to know you more. Empower them to respond to your call.

30 GCI PASTORS

As we begin a new year, Lord, we seek your perfect will for our ministries in 2022. Help us to humbly put our hands into your hand and to trust you and to seek your will for our lives during this coming year.

31 NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

God, we thank you that your mercies are new each day. As we enter into a new year, we take a moment to pause in your presence and reflect on this past year. Bring to mind the moments of your mercy and grace toward us. Reveal and remind us of the ways you've formed us to be more like you. We present to you the people we are becoming. Do in us what is essential to making us more like you in this upcoming year.

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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