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PRAYER

GUIDE

Prayer turns theology into experience.
— Timothy Keller

1 ORR, MINNESOTA, USA

God, we are your children. We thank you for the time of fun, fellowship, and wonder at your creation during our Snow Blast weekend. Continue to affirm to the youth and adults alike that we are ever in the presence of our loving Father, Son, and Spirit who likes and loves us.

2 ASH WEDNESDAY

Dear Father, how priceless is your unfailing love. You have fearfully and wonderfully created us. You have ordained all our days and written them in your book before we were born. All your thoughts towards us are precious. We wholeheartedly return to you during this season. In our returning, may we find rest in you.

3 MIRAMAR, FLORIDA, USA

Most loving and merciful God, we thank you for the joy we have in worshiping you in spirit and truth. As we celebrated Black History Month, we ask that you continue your work of joy, healing, and reconciliation among your people.



4 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Gracious God, whose desire it is to draw all humanity to yourself, we thank you for a flourishing time together last month at our Superintendent Retreat. We pray for your expression of the body of Christ in and through GCI. Continue to strengthen us where we are aligned with your will, and to purify and direct us where we are amiss, for your honor and the establishment of your kingdom.

5 PRAYER FOR PEACE

Holy God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, by the power of your love, lead us to a clearer vision of your presence, and lead the nations into ways of unity and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

6 LOVE AVENUE PRAYER

Christ, you came among us and proclaimed your kingdom. Fill our neighborhoods with your presence and power. Enable us to participate in the movement of your Spirit in our communities in tangible ways. Empower us to move beyond our comfortable routines, to be sent out into the rhythms our community.



7 MEDITATION MONDAY: PHILIPPIANS 3:10

As we begin our journey through the forty days of Easter preparation, we are reminded of the biblical significance this number entails. The number forty usually signifies passing a test or enduring a time of trial. Our Lord Jesus himself was compelled by the Holy Spirit to be tested and endure a time of trial in the wilderness of Judea for forty days. From the wilderness to the garden of Gethsemane, we see a brave Savior who passed the ultimate test on behalf of all humanity. As followers of Christ, we seek to know him, to share in his sufferings, and to become like him in his death so that we may also experience the indescribable glory and joy of resurrection to new life in Christ. Take some time during these forty days to prayerfully read and reflect through the life of Jesus in the Gospels.

8 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Father, we rejoice that your Word is packed with women who played significant roles in your plan to draw humanity back to you and taught crucial lessons through their faithfulness. We thank you for the faithful women in our fellowship and celebrate the way they image you. May they know their value in your kingdom and in our lives.

9 CLEVELAND, OHIO, USA

Everlasting God, who is love and has loved us first, we thank you for the opportunity to share your love to our neighbors through the Peace Pops and Peace Summit event. Please continue to inspire our witness so that those who connect with us will encounter your love and become aware of your presence.

10 LEMON GROVE, CALIFORNIA, USA

Lord, we ask that you continue to deepen our love for our neighborhood. As we continue to serve our neighborhood through our cleanup initiatives, grant us insight into the needs of our neighbors and unite us in relationship in and through Christ.

11 GCI- MALAYSIA

We are so grateful for our international leaders. Let us remember our co-laborers in Malaysia today and ask God to continue to make disciples in their fellowship.

"We have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God." Colossians 1:9-10



12 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Oh Lord, your Word declares that you are our Good Shepherd. Just as shepherds provide guidance for their sheep, we pray that you, Lord, provide shepherds who will nurture your flocks. Raise up servant leaders who will flourish in relationship with you and the teams that they lead.

13 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Father, we lift up our congregational ministry teams. We thank you for the volunteers who so enthusiastically participate with you in ministry. We pray that our teams will continue to be team-based and pastor-led, following the lead of the Spirit as they engage with their communities.



14 MEDITATION MONDAY: ISAIAH 58:6 (NLT)

Though it is common for people to fast from something during Lent, let us be aware of the motivation behind our fasting. We do not fast in order to get God to do something we want him to do, and neither do we fast to show other people how "good" we are. The purpose of fasting as a spiritual practice is to surrender to God our own plans and desires so we can be more attune to his plans and desires. Fasting helps us identify with God's hunger for justice and thirst for righteousness in a world that desperately needs him. How might you participate in God's justice and goodness this Easter preparation season?

15 GCI-USA

The US Regional Directors are gathering for three days of ministry assessment and dreaming. The Psalmist says that it is beautiful when brothers get along and are united (Psalm 133). It is in this setting that God commands a blessing. Pray over this gathering as a time of unity and blessing.

16 RICHARDSON, TEXAS, USA

God, you bless us in ways we cannot comprehend. We thank you for your opportunity to bless our students, mentors, and youth during our service last month. Christ, continue to be near and guide beloved young ones.

17 MANILA, PHILIPPINES

Jesus, thank you for the wonderful gift of life. We celebrate the two baptisms within our congregation last month. Bless the individuals with your presence, mercy, and grace.

18 GCI-FIJI

Glory to the Father, Son, and Spirit. We thank you for our brothers and sisters in Fiji. May they rest in your promise in Matthew 28:20: "I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age." Daily reveal your goodness and steady their feet with your faithful presence.

19 GCI-USA

God, who has called us into being through love, it is good and pleasant when your people join together in unity. As we wrap up our Love Avenue Workshop today, we pray that your Spirit will be breathed upon all who participated, to be sent out in their neighborhoods as salt and light. Give them the strength to carry your blessing to those you are calling us to love.

20 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Lord, our Rock, we thank you for our pastors who faithfully serve you. We know of their faith in you and their love for all the saints. May we never stop giving thanks for them, always remembering them in our prayers. We will keep asking that you, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, will give them the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that they may know you better.



21 MEDITATION MONDAY: PSALM 42:2 (NASB)

Day in and day out, we are constantly bombarded with a myriad of distractions that pull us away from the peace of God and the awareness of his life-giving presence. Though God's presence never leaves us, it can be difficult to experience his presence and peace when we're so accustomed to working, hurrying, and being busy. Take a deep breath and pause. Ask God to help you slow down and savor this very moment, the present, where life is actually happening and where God remains ever-present and available to us. Bless God with your attentiveness to him in your life, and thank him for Jesus, who shows us how to seek solitude in the presence of God, the lover of our souls.

22 SURREY HILLS, OKLAHOMA, USA

Our congregation is joining our neighbors and community to collect 2,000 pounds of non-perishable food items to benefit our neighbors. We have seven different drop-off locations throughout our community. Please join us in praying for this ministry and that all who are involved will experience God's abundant love.

23 GCI- PHILIPPINES

Father, we thank you that you are always with us. We thank you for the meaningful ways we experienced you during our online youth retreat last month. Across the generations, may we seek to know you and make you known.

24 GCI-WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Our Father in Heaven, guide your people in the way of mercy and establish among us the fruit of your kingdom. We lift up to you our doll makers, who have shipped over 25,000 dolls to recipients in South Africa. May those who receive the dolls be comforted by the gift and by your presence.

25 CAMEROON, AFRICA

Father, thank you for the diversity that enriches our precious fellowship. We thank you for our congregation in Cameroon. We are grateful for their leaders and members. Thank you for the work your Spirit does through them as they witness to your Son, Jesus Christ.

26 LOVE AVENUE PRAYER

During this year's theme of Compelled by Love, Triune God, we ask that our neighborhood engagement events would have the transformative presence of Christ. May we build communities that are signs of your presence, and may we share the good news of Jesus with our neighbors.

27 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

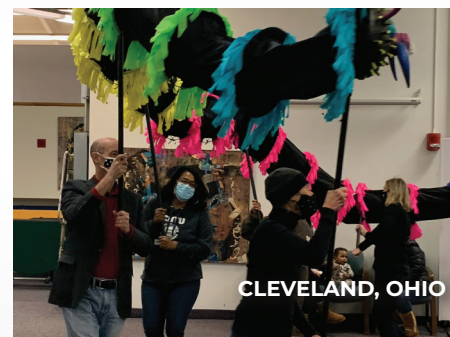
Lord, in you we see the beauty of community. Help our leadership teams around the world to reflect your unity and be led by the Spirit to participate in building your kingdom.

28 MEDITATION MONDAY: MATTHEW 6:21 (NLT)

As we continue to identify with Jesus during Easter preparation, let us remember to store up treasures for ourselves not on earth, but in heaven. Trust that our triune God is the source of all our needs. May we follow Jesus' sacrificial example of surrendering his will and desires for the will and desires of the Father. Instead of trying to maintain control over our lives, may we surrender ourselves daily to the good and perfect will of God. Although it may feel terrifying, or even threatening, know that the safest place to be is in God's will.

29 COTMAN, PHILIPPINES

God, you are a provider. We thank you for the restoration of our facility after the recent natural disaster. We rededicate this place to be a place for worship that honors you. We thank you for doing more than we ask or expect. May your Spirit of grace permeate this place.



CLEVELAND, OHIO

30 LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, USA

This week we participate in a Walk for Life that provides resources for moms and families with unplanned pregnancies. God, we entrust these lives into your never-failing care, knowing that you are doing more for them than we can imagine.

31 GCI-HONDURAS

We lift up our GCI community in Honduras. Let us pray for their fellowship today.

"I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him."
- Eph. 1:16-17



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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