



GRACE COMMUNION
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PRAYER GUIDE

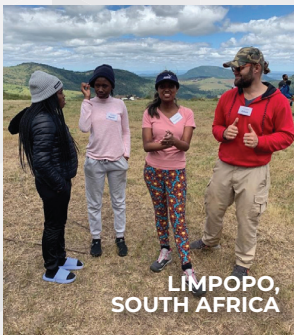
“Prayer is an act of love.” —Madeliene L’Engle

1 HYDERABAD, INDIA

Wise, loving, and merciful God, you invite us into ministry with you. Thank you for Sachin Nirale and Praveen Chintla who serve within GC Hyderabad. We celebrate their ordinations and ask that you will continue to guide them in their ministry and in your way of truth and peace.

2 MEDITATION MONDAY: PSALM 23:4 (NKJV)

As we go through life’s dark valleys, we can be confident that Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, is the one guiding us. God says that he will never leave us or forsake us, which means that God walks with us into and through our shadows of darkness. God is faithful to bring us to the other side, but we still need to do our part. It is important that we don’t give up and that we don’t stop walking. Although it may not feel like it at the time, valleys do have a beginning and an end. As we surrender and trust, we become more aware of God guiding us through the dark shadows into the glorious light. But we must continue to walk this journey, even if it’s only baby steps. Lord, share your eternal hope with us and help us not to set up camp in the valley of the shadow of death.



3 BAGUIO, PHILIPPINES

Our congregation reflected throughout the Easter Prep Season and celebrated on resurrection day! We continue to be formed by the God revealed in Jesus. We died with Christ, We rose with Christ, When He comes, we will share in His glory. We pray that throughout Eastertide, our members and GCI members across the globe experience new life in Christ.

4 RICHARDSON, TEXAS, US

We are rejoicing in a baptism of a new member. Holy Spirit, help them to continue to grow in faith and transform their lives for their good and God’s glory?

5 GCI - USA: NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Awesome God, we look to you and you alone for our hope. Help us to answer your call to love one another as you have loved us. Help us to be your instruments of peace, seeking unity always, in our circles of influence, country, and in our global community.



6 PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, US

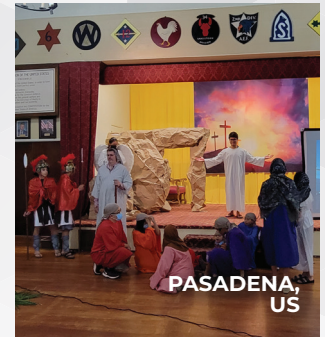
God of love, we thank you for the gift of life and for the young ones in our fellowship. What a gift it is to dedicate our youth to you! Our congregation celebrates the dedication we were blessed to participate in Easter Sunday.

7 PRAYER FOR PEACE

Jesus, you entered our world as a peacemaker. Yet in this world, we know that we will experience strife as we wait for your ultimate return. We know that through you the world will be rescued. We ask for your intervention, for your mercy, and for your wisdom in how we can honor you in being peacemakers. May the whole world know peace through you.

8 MOTHER'S DAY

Lord, we thank you for the gift of life and nurturing we receive from our mothers and those who mothers us. They image you as they care for us. We pray your blessings for them, asking that you extend your hands of grace over them today and always.



9 MEDITATION MONDAY: PHILIPPIANS 1:6 (CSB)

On the sixth day, with the creation of humanity, God saw that his work was "very good" (Gen. 1:31). God has been doing a "good work" in your life in one way or another, since before you were born. In fact, God has been present and at work with every single person since the creation of the world (Eph. 1:4). Everything that has taken place in your life, your spouse's life, your child's life, your neighbor's life, your co-worker's life, even your boss's life has happened within the framework of a good creation, where God's gracious intentions are ever present and at work for the purpose of each person's redemption and salvation. Lord, as I surrender to the good work that you are completing in me, help me to always point others to you and your goodness, grace, and mercy as they respond to the good work you are perfecting within them.

10 GRACE COMMUNION SEMINARY

As a new semester starts this week, Lord, we pray for the newly enrolled students. Grant them peace, love, and grace as they add schoolwork into their daily responsibilities. Inspire and equip them to apply what they learn to serve you.

11 KENOCKEE, MICHIGAN, US

God, we thank you for the creative ways you design for us to connect with you and one another. We celebrate a successful Snowball Extravaganza. We pray that our youth members and their friends who attended will cherish the joy that permeated our time together.

12 CLEVELAND, OHIO, US

We are celebrating a successful Community Chili Cook-off. As the co-sponsors, we enjoyed meeting community members and supporting our neighborhood groups that we partner with. We pray for more opportunities for fellowship, fun, and to share the love of Christ with our neighbors.

13 MUSONA, TANZANIA

Gracious God, we thank you for a successful conference for our pastors and leaders in Tanzania. We thank you for time away from the busyness of life to connect with you and one another.

14 CINCINNATI, OHIO, US

We are grateful to be able to serve our community. Today, we resume one of our summer engagement activities—hosting a community yard sale and allowing neighbors to set up their own stalls to sell their goods. We pray that during the event, they will feel safe and welcomed in our church facility.

15 GCI VOLUNTEERS

Jesus, we thank you for the ways you have gifted each of us as a priesthood of believers. Strengthen and sustain us as we serve in our congregations and neighborhoods. May your Spirit fill us with joy as we share in your ministry of living and sharing the gospel.

16 MEDITATION MONDAY: PSALM 34:4

Have you ever considered your deepest desires may correspond with God's desires for you? Psalm 85:12 says "the Lord will give what is good;" if God gives you the desires of your heart, they must be good. The desires of your heart may help you discover God's will for you. When we believe God's will for us is unpleasant, we are lured into searching for happiness and fulfillment from something else, rather than the one and only source of joy. Lord, help us know your unending goodness and mercy. Help us understand how your greatest pleasure comes from watching us play in your glorious gifts. Reveal to us the longings and desires of our heart, so that we may enjoy all that you wish to bless us with.

17 LIMPOPO, SOUTH AFRICA

God we thank you for our youth and for the mountaintop experience of our recent weekend camp. As our campers return home, fill them with a deeper sense of who God is and how he is calling them to engage in their neighborhoods.

18 LONDON, KENTUCKY, US

Loving God, we praise you for the four baptisms our congregation celebrated last month. As we welcome our newly baptized members into our fellowship, we thank you once again for your gift of grace and the forgiveness you give each of us.

19 GCI NEW ZEALAND

Lord, thank you for the technology that allowed us to gather for an online weekend of equipping. Give us insight into the ways you have intentionally formed each of us and unite us into one body as we participate with you in ministry.

20 GRACE COMMUNION EL SALVADOR

Let us remember our co-laborers in El Salvador 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

21 WINNIPEG, CANADA

Lord of all, in you alone dwells the fullness of wisdom and grace. We recognize your call on the lives of Solomon and Georgina Okene and celebrate their ordinations as assistant pastors. Set them apart and form them for the ministry you have for them. May it be your faithfulness and love that empowers them in their ministry.



22 LOVE AVENUE PRAYER: RELAUNCH

Loving God, thank you for the privilege of participating in your ministry. Spirit, helps us to discern the community you are calling us to share your love with. Inspire and equip us to connect with our neighbors in meaningful and intentional ways. May our church be known as a bright light in our community.

23 MEDITATION MONDAY: ROMANS 5:5 (GW)

The basic tenant on which the Christian faith is built is the knowledge and feeling that we are loved by God, who not only loves us unconditionally but actually takes pleasure and joy in our very existence. Our invitation is to learn to live in this overwhelming love that has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, with the deep confidence and assurance that nothing we do can make God love us more. We are already loved to the full, we just need to accept it. Holy Spirit, thank you for drenching us with God's love. We surrender our hearts to the Lord for the purpose of removing any barriers that we have set up in our hearts and renounce any lies we have believed that would cause us to doubt God's unwavering love for us; allow love to take root and flourish in our hearts and lives.)

24 LLORIN KWARA, NIGERIA

Join us in holding in prayer our local congregation as we regather. We pray you bring to mind the sweet memoirs that were made, and the conversations shared. May their faith be formed and they draw closer to you, as they return to fellowship in their local congregations.

25 WOODBINE, FLORIDA, US

We are joyfully celebrating four new attendees, who connected with our fellowship though our engagement with their apartment complex. There, we hosted yard sales, pizza parties, and a connect group. We ask for your continued prayers that God would help us be intentional about making a space to connect and learn from one another. God, fill us with a genuine love for our neighbor.

26 ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength; indeed, the world is established, firm and secure. Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity. Psalm 93:1-2
Inspire us to share your love in word and deed, according to your will.



27 GCI-MALAWI

Please join us in praying for our youth group. May all who participate experience their Father's love, be open to his call for their lives, and experience a sense of belonging.

28 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

Gracious God, we thank you for our faithful members. We pray these verses from Romans over our fellowship: "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 15:5-6

29 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Father, we thank you for our ministry leaders who loving to serve the youth in our congregations. Please grant them clarity, strength, and joy as they disciple our upcoming generation.

30 MEDITATION MONDAY: PSALM 42:2

Through the mystery of prayer, we can anticipate meeting the living God and have faith that it is possible for the Lord to speak to us, as he spoke to Moses, face to face as a friend. How awesome is it that through prayer we can experience a loving, intimate relationship with our risen Lord? Prayer can be described as our soul in communication and connected awareness with the One who knit our soul together. It is God—in communion with us and within us. Holy Spirit, share your eternal knowing with us and help us become more mindful of your presence and more attentive to joy as we encounter and commune with God.

31 LEMON GROVE, CALIFORNIA, US

Our congregation is grateful for a young member who answered the call to get baptized. Let us welcome our new brother in Christ! "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)



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