

JULY 2022

# PRAYER GUIDE

**“Wisdom is not gained by knowing what is right. Wisdom is gained by practicing what is right, and noticing what happens when that practice succeeds and when it fails.” — Barbara Brown Taylor**

## 1 PRAYERS FOR GRADUATES

God, we lift up to you all of the recent graduates who are entering new seasons. We thank you for the ways you led them to this moment of achievement. As they enter their next chapter, we ask that you give them everything they need for what lies ahead. Help them to rest in your promise that with you all things are possible!

## 2 GLENDORA, CALIFORNIA, US

We are rejoicing over a meaningful Pentecost celebration last month. May God continue to be present to us and to usher forth renewal in and peace through the Church. Remind us that in and through you we are one.

## 3 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

God who is our refuge, we put all that we love in your hands. Without you, nothing is strong and nothing is holy. Help us trust you more and multiply your mercy in our lives. Jesus, with you as our Savior and with the Spirit as our guide, move in our worship gatherings today and in the hearts of your people to lose all that is temporary. Fix and root us in what is eternal. Amen.

## 4 MEDITATION MONDAY: COLOSSIANS 1:18

The supremacy of Christ encapsulates the ideas and teachings regarding the ultimate authority of Jesus and declares that he is indeed God. Jesus Christ reigns supreme in everything and has every right to exercise his ruling power over his creation, which he does ... through the sovereignty of perfect love. Unlike worldly rulers who suppress and exploit their citizens for their own agenda, Jesus chooses to display his Lordship over all through sacrifice and service. Through actions that seem powerless, God's sovereign goodness takes precedence over everything. God gets the final say about what happens to his creation, and God's love reigns supreme! In the end, God's love wins! Lord, show us how to put our full confidence in you and your magnificent goodness. Holy Spirit, expand our hearts to receive more and more of God's grace as we commune with Jesus, as our supreme ruler, healer, lover, and friend.

## 5 TORONTO (EAST), CANADA

Our congregation was refreshed through our Pentecost celebration last month. Join us in praying for continued transformation. For our hearts and minds to be captivated by Christ and moved to love our neighbors.





## 6 COLOMBUS, OHIO, US

Jesus, we thank you for your great goodness in calling us to know you and to put our trust in you. We celebrate the recent commitment to you demonstrated by baptism.

## 7 GCI GHANA

We pray for our brothers and sisters in Ghana. May they be filled with your Spirit as they joyfully and boldly proclaim Jesus as Savior in their communities.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1-3



## 8 EUGENE, OREGON, US

Ever Present God, you are with us wherever we go. Thank you for inviting us into mission with you. We lift up to you the Outside the Walls Missional Event that is being hosted in River Road (formerly Eugene) this weekend. We ask that you would deepen the connections made, unite your people, and draw all who attend closer to you.

## 9 PRAYER FOR UNITY

Lord, may the hate and rage of our world be replaced by the love and goodwill that comes by the power of the Holy Spirit. As we journey together through this fallen world, make us instruments of your peace.

## 10 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

God of grace, who never fails to help and direct the steps of those who seek your will, we ask that you keep us under the protection of your good purposes for us. During our Sunday services this week, we ask that you fill us with a love for you and deep desire to honor you in thought, word, and deed. Amen.

## 11 MEDITATION MONDAY: COLOSSIANS 1:15 (GNT)

If we want to see the God who cannot be seen, all we have to do is look to Jesus. Christ is the living, visible image of the invisible God. Instead of just telling us about the nature of God, God sent his one and only Son to show us an exact representation of his character through the life and ministry of Jesus. He demonstrated what a God of love truly looks like. Everything Jesus did while here on earth showed us the compassionate heart of the Father, who yearns to be the one to whom we run for comfort and forgiveness. Thank you, Jesus, for being the very image of our God, and showing us who we truly are. Thank you for making it possible for us to live in right relationship with our loving God. Heavenly Father, comfort us as we crawl into your lap for some much needed rest.

## 12 JACKSONVILLE, FL, US

We thank God for a fun, safe, and inspirational time for all at our neighborhood camp. Please join us in praying for continued opportunities to minister to and fellowship with all who participated. We ask that God would seal in their hearts and minds the closeness they felt with God and one another during their time as campers.

## 13 GLENDORA, CALIFORNIA, US

Lord God Almighty, we praise you for who you are and what you have done. We pray for our new women's connect group. 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.

## 14 BAGUIO, PHILIPPINES

We celebrate with our newly baptized members and their families: Jhayzhy, Irish, Shevonne, Kirstin, & Cameron!

"Sharing in his death by our baptism means that we were co-buried with him, so that when the Father's glory raised Christ from the dead, we were also raised with him. We have been co-resurrected with him so that we could be empowered to walk in the freshness of new life." Romans 6:4 TPT

## 15 GCI UNITED KINGDOM

We are grateful for our members in the United Kingdom. Let us remember our co-laborers in the UK today and ask God to fill them with hope and guide their ministry.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." Romans 15:13

## 16 GCI - HOME OFFICE

This month, we plan ahead for our 2023 fiscal year. We thank God for his faithful provision and care for our fellowship. Join us in praying for wisdom as we steward the gifts he has given us to join him in building his kingdom.

## 17 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Many of our congregations are continuing to look for a facility where they can connect with a community and be involved with them. Please lift up their searches and ask God to continue to equip them to love the people God is calling them to love. Ask God to go before them to make the crooked places straight in finding a new home, and that he would grant them the wisdom to make good decisions.





## 18 MEDITATION MONDAY: COLOSSIANS 2:9 (AMPLIFIED BIBLE, CLASSIC EDITION)

In Jesus Christ, all the fullness of God physically resides in a human body. Somehow, Jesus is one hundred percent God and one hundred percent human ... at the same time. There is no other person, place, or thing where God and humanity are together, embraced in genuine, authentic communion. There is no other way to God but through Jesus, because there is no other place where God is known or can be known by human beings. Lord, we are grateful for the inspired scriptures recorded for us but help us to never substitute words for a tangible encounter with the Word. Jesus, we relinquish any false beliefs about what a real relationship with you should look like. Holy Spirit, share with us a new, deeper relationship with Jesus and show us what it means to truly abide in Jesus.

## 19 LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, US

We celebrate the two baptisms in our congregation last month. They stand free and whole, loved and forgiven within the kingdom of God. Father, cover and protect them now, encircle them with your promises and fill their hearts with joy. May this day be one they cherish and remember.

## 20 PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, US

What a blessing to celebrate Pentecost with church family in one of our member's backyard. Thank you Lord for giving us your Holy Spirit. Thank you for what you have done, what you are doing, and will be doing in the church.

## 21 EULESS, TEXAS, US ANNIVERSARY

Our congregation is celebrating an anniversary. This marks over 50 years of faithful service of our members and the faithfulness of our wonderful Father, Son, and Holy Spirit working in and through his church. Paul's love and prayers for the church, as expressed in his letter to the brethren in Ephesus, are always an inspiration to read as he recognizes Jesus Christ as head of the body and the precious role or part each member has within it: "From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." Ephesians 4:16

## 22 ARIMA, TRINIDAD & TABAGO

Spirit, we thank you for being our helper and for the ways you equip and empower us for ministry. We pray for the discipleship workshop being hosted today. May the participants discover new ways to share your truth and love with their neighbors.

## 23 GCI

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

## 24 GRACE COMMUNION MINISTRY TEAMS

Gracious God 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: COLOSSIANS 2:10 (BEREAN STUDY BIBLE)

As Paul wrote, we are complete in Christ. There is nothing you can add to who you already are in Christ. The words of Jesus from the cross said it best, "It is finished!" You are already made glorified and complete. It is only our perception and experience of that completeness that we lack. In our union with Christ, we have the fullness of the entire Godhead inside of us. The God who created and upholds the universe lives right inside of you. You have an unlimited and eternal source of power, authority, and boundless joy. Lord, help us to actually believe and live this incredible news! Holy Spirit, show us how the Father only sees our perfection in Christ and fill our hearts with immeasurable gladness as we seek to honor and glorify God.

## 26 GCI HOME OFFICE

Gracious God, we lift up to you our superintendents from across all six regions, as they gather on a group video call. Be at the center of their conversations, leading them forward toward the purposes you have for their regions.

## 27 SURREY HILLS, OKLAHOMA, US

We lift up today all the campers and workers who participated in our annual neighborhood camp. We pray for continued opportunities to connect and share the love of the Father with our youngest neighbors.

## 28 GCI HOME OFFICE

Our Media Team will be hosting planning meetings in Charlotte and brainstorming content for 2023. Please pray for creativity and discernment as we follow the lead of the Spirit.

## 29 IIORIN KWARA STATE, NIGERIA

All who participated in our youth camp last month were filled with the joy of Jesus. Let us pray that all who were in attendance enjoyed the recreation of camp and returned home with a deeper sense of who God is and how he is calling them to engage in their communities.

## 30 GCI 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

## 31 GCI

Pray for all of our pastors as they pursue the high calling of shepherding, disciplining, and living out the Great Commission!

**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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