



AUGUST 2022 PRAYER GUIDE

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

1 MEDITATION MONDAY: COLOSSIANS 3:15 (PHI)

In Paul’s letter to the church in Colossae, he cautions them to let Christ’s peace rule their hearts—much like an umpire rules a baseball game. When our hearts are out of tune with the love of God, we tend to become unkind, bitter, argumentative, cruel, and sometimes even violent. God did not design us to live in disharmony. Sometimes our relationships with one another seem to be the place where we experience the least amount of peace. People can be difficult, but if we allow the peace of Christ to guard our hearts, we can offer grace to each other when disagreements and misunderstandings occur. Lord, we are incapable of producing peace through our own efforts. Share your unearthly peace with us. Guide our hearts and grant us your peace as we navigate life and learn to fully appreciate and be truly thankful for our fellow human beings.

2 GCI-RSA

Almighty Father, we thank you and praise you for all our youth that we celebrated in our Youth Day service this summer. We pray that you will work in their lives to help them follow you and become closer to you. Bring them closer to your grace and grant them strength in their faith. May each of them continue to experience your grace and to walk in your Spirit and trust in your word.

3 TALISAY BATANGAS, PHILIPPINES

Loving God, we praise you for the 35 baptisms our congregation celebrated over the past two months. 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.

4 GCI-CANADA

Lord of all, we lift up our national conference occurring over the next few days. We thank you for those who have answered your call to share the good news of Jesus. We pray that our time together may be fully pleasing to you, and that we may bear fruit in every good work and grow in the knowledge of you. (Col. 1:9-10)

5 GCI-USA COACHING CLINIC

“Father, we read of Jesus asking bold and insightful questions of his disciples to facilitate their growth and learning, especially when they were out of step with you. We seek your blessing as we equip new ministry coaches to follow in Jesus’ tradition of bold and insightful question-asking. May you form our coaches into provocative question-askers that help ministry leaders draw out your will and gifting as they discern and follow your calling”



6 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

This is the season when we develop our budgets for the upcoming year. Join us in thanking God for his provision and asking him for wisdom and discernment in the stewardship of finances as we share the gospel across the globe.

7 GCI-YOUTH

As returning to school looks different than ever before, God, we pray for your protection and guidance for our children. May they experience your presence and see your hand working all for their good.

8 MEDITATION MONDAY: COLOSSIANS 1:21 (EXB)

The Apostle Paul tells us that the real problem is in our mind. We are the ones with the wrong-headed ideas about God. We have never been, nor will we ever be separated from Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, but when we turn away from God's life-giving love towards self-reliance and rebellion, we experience a feeling of disconnection on our side of the relationship. The real truth is that our feelings of separation are merely an illusion. Jesus did not come to earth to pacify the wrath of an angry, irritated, divine judge. He came to expose the true reality of a loving God who longs to walk in the garden in the cool of the day with us. God, you are closer to us than the air we breathe. Help us pause each day and intentionally choose to live our lives from a place of genuine connection and inclusion.

9 MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA, US

We are joyfully celebrating our partnership with the summer camps at the YMCA where we gather for our worship services. We have committed to provide a church-sponsored pizza party every Friday evening for every week of summer camp. It was well worth our investment of pizza, juices, and time to see the delighted faces of the young campers and their parents hanging out at the tables and on the grass with their families. 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.

10 MANCHESTER, UNITED KINGDOM

We commemorated our over 60 years of gathering to worship as a church family. The atmosphere was great and many visitors, including some from another denomination, mentioned how they felt uplifted and encouraged with a feeling of God's love being present. We praise and thank God for his faithfulness to us.



11 CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE, US

The Concord, New Hampshire Fellowship of GCI asks that we join them in rejoicing over the infusion of new growth via the Holy Spirit of our recently baptized young adults Clariz and Luis, as a result of our Young Adult Faith Talk/Connect group. Father, we thank you for these new young lives and ask for your blessing on their journey with Jesus as they grow through the exercise of spiritual disciplines to your glory.

12 RICHARDSON, TEXAS, US

Jesus, it is your person and presence that compels us to love. We praise you for the life-giving time we had at our picnic. We thank you for the food, fun, and games that were enjoyed by all. It was encouraging to see new faces from the picnic participate with us during our worship service the following day. Grant us peace, favor, and wisdom as we invite our neighbors into deeper relationship with you.

13 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Thank you for the way you have crafted our international fellowship. Thank you for your desire to see your love extend around the entire globe to each and every human being. Though we are far apart geographically, knit us closely together in your love as one community of believers.



14 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Lord, we lift up the senior members of our congregations. We are blessed by their example and ability to train us. Help us benefit from their wisdom and understanding. Help them receive the strength and power you've promised. May they put their hope in you and be renewed in the process.

15 MEDITATION MONDAY: COLOSSIANS 2:8 (NLT)

Our lives are constantly being bombarded with distractions designed to confuse us with counterfeit thoughts and ideologies in an attempt to trick us into believing the lies of the evil one. Any idea that would lead us to feelings of guilt, shame, and self-rejection are not coming from Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God does not merely love. God is love. He is only capable of love. Holy Spirit, teach us how to tune into our inner voice of love. Remove any remnants of bitterness and hate. Heavenly Father, we don't just want to know the truth about you, let us truly come to know you as Jesus does. Jesus, you have empowered us to be who we really are, reveal to us how to live it.

16 SURREY HILLS, OKLAHOMA, US

We celebrate the new members who were baptized during our New Beginnings Weekend 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 forever.

17 BICOL, PHILIPPINES

Lord, we thank you for your presence, your inspiration and blessing during our recent camp. The campers enjoyed a wonderful time of worship, fellowship, and fun activities. When one camper was asked what was the most important lesson he learned from his camp experience, his reply was simple but profound, "to pray." "Pray without ceasing, but in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thes. 5:18). May all who attended continue to commune with our triune God and in Christian fellowship.





18 BUNDA, MALAWI

Our congregation is excited to serve our community by being part of healthy and happy families. The church's surrounding neighborhood has chosen the church's premises to be a meeting point for Family Planning Government Officers and the Community Members. Please join us in praying for our ministry and mission to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community and abroad.

19 CALOUNDRA, AUSTRALIA

This weekend, leaders from our region will be gathering for a pastor's conference. Please pray for our time together, that you will guide them as they shepherd their congregations and lead their teams. Pray that they will engage with new disciples, and that their congregations will grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

20 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Gracious God, we thank you for the ministry teams in our congregations. We pray that you will continue to raise up team members who are faithful, available, teachable, and enthusiastic. Help us make space for new leaders and integrate them into unified and diverse teams.

21 GRACE COMMUNION SEMINARY

Join us in praying over the students starting a new semester of classes in GCS. We pray for wisdom and strength for the students, teachers, and administrators. May they be equipped for the good works you have for each of them.

22 MEDITATION MONDAY: COLOSSIANS 2:15 (NIV)

Jesus was betrayed, ridiculed, beaten, stripped naked, and nailed to a cross, all the while the crowd continued to mock him and most of his friends deserted him. The "King of the Jews" appeared lost, vulnerable, and helpless. The powers and authorities were completely clueless as to what part they were to play in this magnificent, eternal plan unfolding before their very eyes—a rescue operation foreseen before the foundation of the world, where God would beautifully redeem his glory in man and secure Christ's ultimate triumph over evil through his sacrifice on the cross. By his death, Jesus won our victory! Lord, help us never doubt God's power, the same power that raised Christ from the dead also resides in us. Holy Spirit, help us see that every dark force has been canceled and every lie has been exposed. We will no longer allow guilt and condemnation to control our lives.

23 BIG SANDY, TEXAS, US

Our congregation hosted a car maintenance workshop. We pray for continued opportunities to connect and build relationships with our neighbors.

24 PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY, US

Loving God, we thank you for the joy of your presence with us during our church picnic last month. We ask that you continue to connect us to you and one another. Show us how we can contribute to sharing your good news in the neighborhood to which you have called us.

25 HARVEY, ILLINOIS, US

Creator, we praise you for our flourishing community garden. We look forward to sharing the proceeds of the garden with the community.

26 HOUSTON, TEXAS, US

Lord God Almighty, we praise you for who you are and what you have done. We pray for our Connect Group focused on equipping our members to engage with their neighbors. 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.

27 GRACE COMMUNION MALAYSIA

We are so grateful for our leaders around the world. 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

28 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Please join us in praying for our leaders and members to have enthusiasm for serving our focus neighborhoods and sharing the gospel with our neighbors, and that the Holy Spirit would equip us to share the source of our hope.

29 MEDITATION MONDAY: COLOSSIANS 3:1 (NIV)

When Jesus died, we died; when he was buried, we were buried. When he rose again, we were raised with him to a new life. When Jesus ascended to the right hand of the Father, we ascended with him. At this very moment, you are embraced in this eternal love relationship between the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit because you were placed inside Christ. We have entered into God's very own life and therefore have been included in God's eternal existence, which continues outside of space and time. We are royal sons and daughters living in the palace of the Great King! Holy Spirit, show us where our souls are distracted by this world. Help us to engage our thoughts on heavenly realms and set our hearts on things above. Guide us on how to truly live authentic kingdom lives.

30 MANILA, PHILIPPINES

Loving Father, we praise you for who you are and for the ways you have invited us into relationship with you. The beauty of who you are was evident during our congregational retreat last month. Jesus, our High Priest, we thank you that we are united with you and invited into your mission of ushering in the kingdom. Holy Spirit, continue to equip and empower us to participate in ministry in the neighborhood to which you have called us.



31 SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, US

Thank you, God, for the body of believers you have drawn together. Your presence was felt among us at our annual church BBQ last month. We pray for continued unity among us and for a corporate desire to proclaim the good news of Jesus. Help us to encourage and challenge one another as we grow in community together.

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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