

SEPTEMBER 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 NAIROBI, KENYA

Jesus, we rejoice in your presence in Bitulu Kavumbula Doudou’s life and celebrate his ordination. Give Bitulu a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of his ministry.

2 INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, US

Our loving Father, we thank you for our faithful fellowship in Indianapolis which celebrated its 60-year anniversary. Continue to guide the members as they shine your light and love into their community.

3 PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, US

We pray for our Connect Group going through the We Believe curriculum. 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.



4 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

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

5 MEDITATION MONDAY: 2 TIM 1:7 (CSB)

Nurturing our God-given gifts means knowing what God has given us in Christ. Not only has he given each of us unique gifts, strengths, and talents, but God has given every believer the same power, love, and sound judgment of his very Spirit. As we participate with Jesus in building his church and join him in making disciples, may we remain strong and courageous. We can do this because we have God’s power of love, discernment, and self-discipline we need from the Holy Spirit within us. Practice saying out loud the truths of who you are in Christ. Remember your true identity and what you have because the Holy Spirit permanently resides in you.



6 SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA, US

Lord, we pray your blessings over Phil Doele as we celebrate that he was commissioned as pastor. May he honor you as he joyfully joins with you in the ministry you prepared for him.

7 ROTORUA, NEW ZEALAND

Please hold us in prayer as we gather for our national celebration. It is a time of teaching and equipping, of worship, and of being strengthened spiritually for life and service. We pray that our relationships with Christ and one another continue to strengthen.

8 SURREY HILLS, OKLAHOMA, US

We are rejoicing over the six baptisms that we celebrated last month. We pray that our new members and church family will continue to grow in faith.

9 HYDERABAD, INDIA

We are so grateful for the quality time we spent with our youth in our summer camp. During the camp, the children learned important life lessons that God has a plan and purpose for each of their lives.

10 PRAYER FOR PEACE

God, who is more than we can ever comprehend, we turn to you during this time when there is suffering in this world that we cannot comprehend. We lift up to you the people in countries experiencing war. Protect them under your wing and help them feel the comfort and peace that only comes from your powerful presence.



11 GCI PASTORS

Lord, we thank you for our faithful pastors who serve you through our congregations. We pray for your love and the fruit of the Spirit to permeate their lives and ministry—that love, joy, peace, and patience will guide; that kindness and goodness will be companions; that faithfulness will be the motto; and that gentleness and self-control will be evident to all.

12 MEDITATION MONDAY: 2 TIM 1:9 (CSB)

How awesome is it that before you and I ever existed, God called us, and his purpose and grace were given to us in Christ. This is truly amazing grace, that we should be given these heavenly gifts before we even know God or say yes to Him! In Christ, we have divine purpose. In Christ, we have amazing grace. It is God's own calling, purpose, and grace that empowers us to nurture our God-given gifts and join Jesus in his ongoing ministry. What do you believe gives your life purpose or meaning? How much of it is temporal and how much of it is eternal?

13 HOHOE, GHANA

Loving God, we pray your blessings upon Francis Koku Dutorwovo as we celebrate his ordination. May his soul be refreshed with the love of Christ. Fill him with faith for the future.

14 TIEL, NETHERLANDS

We are starting a course for connect groups that show those interested in the Christian faith what the Bible is all about. Please join us in praying for connections to be made with our neighbors and for the good news of Jesus will be proclaimed.

15 GCI-CANADA

Lord, in you we see the beauty of community. We thank you for your presence with us at our national celebration last month. Help our congregation to reflect your unity and be led by the Spirit to participate in building your kingdom.

16 DERBY, KANSAS, US

Father God, we thank you for the ways you bless us and equip us to be a blessing to others. Through our food pantry collections, may we meet both physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors.



17 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Merciful God, as we enter storm seasons in many regions across the globe, we ask for your protection and provision of our members. Please continue to be a refuge and provide for us as we go through this season.

18 GCI - LEADERSHIP COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

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.



19 MEDITATION MONDAY: 2 TIM 3:16-17 (NIV)

Every follower of Christ has received Christ's righteousness as a gift, paid for by his own blood. Many of us are not accustomed to seeing ourselves as righteous, but that is the truth of who we are in Christ. Scripture tells us that we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Eph 2:10). We cannot expect to do good works without being guided by God, the source of all goodness. As his disciple, remember to keep your eyes on Jesus as you practice walking in his righteousness and salvation.

20 GLENDORA, CALIFORNIA, US

Father, we thank you for the opportunities you provide to connect with our neighbors. We celebrate the relationships that were developed at our back-to-school carnival. May all who attended continue to experience the Father's love and pursue his purposes.

21 GCI CONGREGATIONS

Pray that our church family will be united in our worship of God, fellowship with one another, and ministry to the community. Ask God to help believers confront and remove issues and problems that threaten this unity.

22 KALIBO, PHILIPPINES

Wise, loving, and merciful God, you invite us into ministry with you. Thank you for Heselyn Venturanza Teodosio. We celebrate her ordination and ask that you will continue to guide them in her ministry and in your way of truth and peace.

23 CLEVELAND, OHIO, US

Jesus, we rejoice in your presence in our neighbors and neighborhood. We celebrate the relationships we made during our Love Avenue picnic and back to school supply drive. May the kids carry the truths about God with them into the new school year.

24 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Jesus, it is your person and presence that compels us to love. Empower us through your love to listen, care, and engage with our neighbors. Help us to see the unique ways they bear your image and to be curious in discovering how you are working in their lives.



25 GCI-SOUTH AFRICA

We are so grateful for our international leaders. Let us remember our co-laborers in Italy 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

26 MEDITATION MONDAY: 2 TIM 4:2 (NTL)

In light of Christ's promised return and the coming establishment of God's kingdom, we are given this courageous charge to continue preaching the word of God in every season of life. The word of God is our main weapon in this real, spiritual battle ground. The battle must be fought in God's strength as we depend on his word and on God himself through prayer. Only by his strength can we preach his word with great patience and careful instruction. Our weakness and fragility are actually gifts from God, providing us with opportunities to be blessed by his presence. Thank God personally for the times of weakness and hardship when he taught you and blessed you.

27 SUVA, FIJI

Lord of all, in you alone dwells the fullness of wisdom and grace. We recognize your call on the life of Frank Boyd and celebrate his ordination. Set him apart and form him for the ministry you have for him. May it be your faithfulness and love that empowers him in his ministry.

28 PAMPANGA, PHILIPPINES

As we celebrate the upcoming anniversary of our congregation, we thank you, Jesus, for the joy you have given us through every prayer we have prayed, every song we have sung, and all we have learned. Please continue to guide us as we join you in building your kingdom.

29 MIRAMAR, FLORIDA, US

We are filled with joy as we wrap up our We Believe Connect Group. May our God who makes all things work together for our good, bless the word that was shared. May Father, Son, and Spirit continue to be glorified through the lives of all of our members.

30 WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, US

Giver of Life, we thank you for the ways you form us in your image. We celebrate the honor of blessing a baby during our worship services. We thank you for your great goodness in calling us to know you and to put our trust in you.



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