

# OCTOBER 2022

# PRAYER

# GUIDE

**“Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?”**  
— Corrie Ten Boom

## 1 TAGBILARAN CITY, PHILIPPINES

Loving God, we pray your blessings upon Virgie Galope Grace as we celebrate her ordination. May her soul be refreshed with the love of Christ. Fill her with faith for the future.

## 2 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL PASTOR APPRECIATION

Dear God, every good and perfect gift comes from you. We want to thank you for our pastors in GCI. They are an excellent gift to our church and the neighborhoods in which they serve. Fill them with wisdom and inspire them as they proclaim the good news of Jesus. Father, supply all their needs according to your glorious riches. May they always remember your deep and abiding love for them.



CHARLOTTE, NC

## 3 MEDITATION MONDAY: 1 TIMOTHY 4:8 (AMP)

Maintaining regular exercise throughout our lives can prolong our lifespan and improve our quality of life by strengthening the brain, heart and muscles. But what about exercises that strengthen our spiritual muscles? While training our bodies benefits us greatly in this life, spiritual training has even greater benefits - both in this life and in the next. Training in godliness entails listening to Christ and learning from him. It requires self-discipline, which the Holy Spirit has given us, to saturate our minds with Scripture and focus on walking close to Jesus. Consider how much time you spend in fear or worry. Ask God to show you how to spend your time and energy as he trains you in godliness.

## 4 BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

God of faith, hope, and love, we thank you for the ministry happening in and through our congregation in Bogota. As they begin to form a Ministry Training Center to raise up healthy leaders so the cycle of meaningful participation in Jesus' ministry continues with emerging generations, guide them forward and empower the twelve participants currently being equipped for ministry. Grow their theological understanding, capacity to disciple, and love for you.



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## 5 SOFALA, MOZAMBIQUE

Lord, we enter your courts with praise and thanksgiving. Thank you for the 424 members who gathered for a retreat. We were aware of your presence in the fellowship, worship, and equipping that occurred during our time together. Spirit, empower us to live out the theme "Transforming Towards Healthy Church." Transform our hearts, our churches, and our neighborhoods.

## 6 CEBU, PHILIPPINES

Father in heaven, we rejoice in what you have done in the life of Tim Rota, who was ordained last month. He has faithfully answered your calling. Our passionate concern, Lord, is that you will continue to bless his ministry beyond his highest expectation.

## 7 CINCINNATI, OHIO, US

Please join us in praying for the pumpkin patch that our congregation hosts for neighborhood engagement. We invite our neighbors to explore the patch, play games, take pictures, share a cup of coffee, and find a pumpkin to take home. Our hope is that God will draw us into deeper relationship with him and one another.



## 8 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Faithful God, we praise you for your work in and through our denomination. Please continue to create in us hearts that seek to know and serve you more. Fill us with your joy and uphold us while we participate in Christ's ministry to the world.

## 9 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL PRAYER FOR MINISTRY WORKERS

Eternal Father, 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.

## 10 MEDITATION MONDAY: 1 TIMOTHY 4:12 (NLT)

Whether we are young or young at heart, every believer is a representative of Christ to the watching world. Each of us is to be an example of Jesus' life and love to believers and non-believers alike. Through the indwelling of Christ, we have the power to live, love, and lead like Jesus in every aspect of our lives. This begins with the transformation of our mind through the renewing of our thoughts, from which all our actions flow. Ask the Holy Spirit to control your mind, since the mind controlled by the Spirit gives life and peace (Romans 8:6).

## 11 LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

Sovereign God, we know that you are the one who enlarges our tents and who builds the Church. We celebrate our national gathering focused on the theme, "Compelled by Jesus' love to build a healthy Church," drawn from II Corinthians 5:14. Continue to help us to grow in grace and wisdom as you provide opportunities for us to participate in the ways you are ministering in our neighborhoods.

## 12 GCI HOME OFFICE

Gracious God, in perfect assurance of your presence among us, we pray your blessings upon Elizabeth Mullins, as we celebrate her ordination. May she honor you as she joyfully joins in the ministry you prepared for her.

## 13 SOUTH KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, US

Jesus, we thank you that, united with you, we are united with one another. We are celebrating a great time of fellowship for our men's ministry. It was a great time of bonding with our brothers.

## 14 ACCRA, GHANA

God, who has called us into being through love, it is good and pleasant when your people join together in unity. We lift up all who participated in our Love Avenue Champion training. 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.

## 15 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL MISSIONAL MOVEMENT

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

## 16 GRACE COMMUNION SENIOR MEMBERS

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.

## 17 MEDITATION MONDAY: 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-7 (NIV)

With Christ in us, we have everything we could ever want or need, though it may seem too good to be true. He gives us the deepest desires of our heart because it was, he who placed those desires in the first place. Our deepest desires are not just for what this life can give us, but for what eternal life with God will give. Christ's life within us is our most precious treasure, and he lovingly teaches and trains us in the everlasting ways of godliness, if we choose to listen. How often do you find yourself complaining to God? Take some time to be quiet and still to hear what he has to say in return.

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## 18 GCI-BANGLADESH

We lift up our growing church in Bangladesh with five house churches and over 100 baptized members. 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



## 19 KABANGA, MALAWI

Loving Father, we thank you for all the ministries within the life of your church. As we gather as men, women, and children to grow in relationship with you, captivate our hearts and minds until we are set free from self-centeredness and set free to be your servants to our neighbors.

## 20 EVIAN, FRANCE

As the pastors and members from around the region gather for Team Based – Pastor Led Training, please join us in praying for their time together. Grant them wisdom and direction. May their time together equip, empower, and encourage them in their ministry.

## 21 GCI- LATIN AMERICA LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

Creator God, we thank you for our leaders in Latin America. As they gather this week in Mexico City, we pray that you guide their time together. May the time be pleasing to you and create an even greater sense of unity and movement toward your vision for our congregations.

## 22 MANILA, PHILIPPINES

We are celebrating the commissioning Joel Calmateo at GC Crossway. We are delighted Joel answered the Lord's call to serve. May the Lord bless his ministry. Praise God for His continued faithfulness in Joel's life and in the life of our congregation!

## 23 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

### 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.

## 24 MEDITATION MONDAY: 1 TIMOTHY 6:11

What good is it to gain everything the world has to offer, but lose our soul? Through the indwelling of Christ, we have the power and authority to resist the love of money, which Paul described as the root of all evil (1 Tim 6:10). The residing Holy Spirit emboldens us to abandon the world's definition of security and to embrace our enduring security in God. Christ's wisdom teaches us to seek after what really matters, in this life and in the next. How have the ways and teachings of God become more attractive to you as you've chosen to follow him?

## 25 WINNIPEG, CANADA

Eternal God, we pray your blessings upon Alexander Brandt as we celebrate his ordination. May he honor you as he joyfully joins in the ministry you prepared for him.

## 26 HARVEY, ILLINOIS, US

Father Almighty, thank you for the privilege of blessing children within our congregation. We pray that you would continue to guide them throughout the course of their life. May they experience your abiding love and protection with them always.

## 27 GCI HOME OFFICE

Jesus, as our GCI and GCS boards gather today, we ask that you guide the conversation and decisions made so that they will be pleasing to you. Unite us together by your Spirit and give us the strength to carry out your will.

## 28 RICHARDSON, TEXAS

Join us in praying for our new small group. We have meaningful conversations about life as we search for answers together from the truth of God's Word.

We pray that through this time together we will encourage one another and draw closer to Jesus.

## 29 SURREY HILLS, OKLAHOMA, US

We are preparing for our neighborhood trunk or treat. There will be trunk competitions, costume contests, carnival games, food trucks, and more! Please pray that the Lord will bless and guide our efforts and provide opportunities to deepen our relationships with our neighbors.

## 30 RIVER ROAD, OREGON, US

Almighty God, you graciously hear all our prayers, and you promise that when two or three agree together in your name, you will grant their requests. Fulfill our desires and prayers, and make all things work together for our good. We pray for your presence and protection over our trunk or treat and drive-in Halloween movie event tomorrow night. May it be a joy-filled time for everyone who participates.

## 31 MEDITATION MONDAY: 2 TIMOTHY 2:22

As followers of Christ, we belong to him. Since we belong to Christ our sinful nature, with its passions and desires opposed to God, are crucified with Christ (Gal 5:24). Therefore, we live by the power and authority of the Holy Spirit within us, who helps us live more fully in our newness of life. God not only gives us himself, but a diverse family of believers, so we do not love God and pursue him all on our own. Reflect on the special people in your life. How has God revealed himself to you through these people? How is he transforming you through specific people today?

**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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