

# NOVEMBER 2022 PRAYER GUIDE

**“Prayer is the natural outgushing of a soul in communion with Jesus. Just as the leaf and the fruit will come out of the vine-branch without any conscious effort on the part of the branch, but simply because of its living union with the stem, so prayer buds, and blossoms, and fruits out of souls abiding in Jesus.” — Charles Spurgeon**

## **1 ALL SAINTS DAY**

Father, Son, and Spirit, we thank you for the ways you teach us through community. We are grateful for the ones who have shown us your love here on earth and are now worshipping you in heaven. We grieve many this year, but also hold to the hope that they are with you in glory. We hold space to remember them today.

## **2 DERBY, KANSAS, US**

We pray for receptive hearts to the good news of Jesus as we host a Bible club at our local elementary school. A team of our members are engaging with about 50 children who have joined the club. Please join us in praying for each young person to experience Christ's love in meaningful ways through our time together.



## **3 ST. MICHAEL, MINNESOTA, US**

With great excitement, we have started planning neighborhood engagement activities. Our desire is to connect with and share Christ's love with our neighbors. We participated in Family & Youth City Connection Street fair. God blessed us with a breathtakingly beautiful day. We solicit your prayers for the seeds that were sown at this event and that if there is anyone that topped by that could be blessed by participating in our congregation, that God would work in their lives to respond to our invitation to visit and participate with our fellowship.

## **4 MANILA, PHILIPPINES**

We are praising our faithful God for a wonderful time of refreshment and hope at our GCI-Asia Worship Celebration. During this time our new board was commissioned. We pray that the Spirit will continue to guide our leaders, strengthen the bonds of our members, and deepen our understanding of his love.



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## 5 HELENA, MONTANA, US

Merciful God, we thank you for the joy of ministering with you. We celebrate our Fall neighborhood day camp, where 45 youth attended and 5 made the decision to publicly declare their faith through baptism. Join us in praying for all who attended to have a continued experience of grace and a desire to pursue the call God has on their lives.

## 6 HEBREWS 13:8

Constant One, we celebrate your faithfulness to us.

Take a moment to think of times where God's faithfulness to you was evident.

Remind us throughout the day, dear God, that you're still good. That you are our source of help. That even when our faith falters, it doesn't change your faithfulness to us.

## 7 MEDITATION MONDAY: EPHESIANS 1:22B-23 (MIRROR)

We are reminded that the church is not a building, but a group of people brought into spiritual community by the Holy Spirit to make manifest Jesus Christ in this world. As members of the body of Christ we are meant to be a tangible expression of his life and love within our culture and society. Jesus doesn't ask this of us without first filling us with the fullness of his presence by the Holy Spirit. Today, how might the Spirit be wanting you to join with others in expressing God's love and compassion in your neighborhood?

## 8 MANILA (EAST), PHILIPPINES

Jesus, we rejoice in your presence in Maria Cielo Vidal dela Cruz's life and celebrate her ordination. Give Maria a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of her ministry.

## 9 RICHARDSON, TEXAS, US

God's presence was felt as we hosted a Mental Health seminar for our focus neighborhood. We had over 100 neighbors in attendance. Join us in praying for Christ's mercy and compassion will bring us all into wholeness.

## 10 PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, US

Father, we thank you for your faithful love for us that never ends and your mercy which never ceases. We are grateful for the opportunity to meet the needs of our neighbors through our food distribution partnership with our local Trader Joes. May all who benefit experience you as provider and see your caring hand working in their lives.

## 11 SUN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, US

We rejoice over the baptism of seven new members of the body. In their new life we celebrate the forgiveness, freedom, and love of Christ.

## 12 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Father, thank you for your love that permeates our precious fellowship. We are anticipating a Spirit filled gathering for our Denominational Celebration in July 2023. As we worship together, continue to knit together our body and help us to invite others into joyful union with you.

Registration for the Celebration opens December 5th visit [gci.org/DC/Dc2023](https://gci.org/DC/Dc2023) for more information.

## 13 PSALM 136:1

Father, thank you for your unfailing love that endures forever.

Take a few minutes to commune with God.

Breathe in: Abba Father  
Breathe out: I belong to you.

Repeat this for as many breaths as you need.

## 14 MEDITATION MONDAY: EPHESIANS 4:15B-16 (NASB)

The church as the body of Christ is meant to be the full expression of all Christ is. This means every person has an important role to play. When one part of the body isn't able to contribute fully, the body isn't the fullest expression of the love of God in Christ that the body of Christ could be. How has God uniquely formed and shaped you? How have you placed yourself into Jesus' hands to participate in what he is doing in this world to share God's love and serve those who are suffering or are in need?

## 15 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, US

Gracious God, we thank you for the relationships you have blessed us with. We thank you for the fun-filled family fun day we hosted for our neighbors last month, may they experience your love in new and personal ways. Help us to build on connections that bring new commitments to journey with you.

## 16 GCI-EUROPE

Gavin's Commissioning  
Eternal God, with great joy and gratitude we thank you for Gavin Henderson and celebrate his commissioning. May he point others to you. Give him endurance and fill him with trust as you lead him to the good work you have prepared for them.

## 17 KAKUMA, KENYA

Last month, Regional Director Anthony Gachanga along with Superintendent Kalengule Kaoma, visited our refugee churches for equipping of ministry leaders and ministry to our members in the camp. Join us in asking our almighty and merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own. look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger. To bless those who work to bring them relief, and to inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts.

## 18 GLENDORA, CALIFORNIA, US

Father, we thank you for this time of year where we celebrate your incarnation. Your desire to be in relationship with us fills us with hope. We pray for the live nativity we have planned for next month. May all who attend be inspired by your deep love for us all.

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## 19 CHILLICOTHE, OHIO, US

God, we thank you for your divine blessings and for the gift of fellowship. We celebrate a successful church picnic that helped boost joy and participation in the church, extending fellowship to others in the community through their families and contacts.

## 20 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, you pour out your power for the powerless and your salvation for all. We look forward to living in peace with you in the presence of the Holy One, to whom be all honor and glory, through you, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

## 21 MEDITATION MONDAY: EPHESIANS 5:29-30 (NASB)

Jesus Christ is not indifferent to his body. He cares for it tenderly, going to great extent to cleanse his body from its bondage to evil, sin, and death. United with him in his death and resurrection, our existence mirrors his, reflecting the loving nature of the Father and Son in the Spirit in all we think, say, and do. We give tangible expression of Jesus Christ in the everyday aspects of life most powerfully when we come together as people from different walks of life in unity and love, showing compassion and care for others. What barriers are you willing to cross in order to join others in showing God's love to the world?

## 22 KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, US

We partnered with our local HOA to participate in their Halloween event. It was a joyful, fun event for the families and children who came through and also the church members who participated!

## 23 HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, US

We joyously celebrated the baptism of two new members of the body. "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." - 3 John 1:4

## 24 PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

"To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything He has given us... and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him. Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise of the goodness of God. For the grateful man knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference." - Thomas Merton

Father, Son, and Spirit, help us to experience your goodness and be filled with gratitude throughout this day.

## 25 BUNDA, MALAWI

Almighty God, we thank you for making us in your image, to share in the ordering of your world. Thank you for leading us through our regional women's retreat. Continue to guide our lives and ministries, to the praise and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## 26 GCI LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Lord, as seasoned believers and new believers continue to grow in grace and truth, we ask for new leaders to continue the mission and vision you have for GCI. Please continue to equip and raise servant leaders to build up your Church.

## 27 ADVENT

Jesus, whose second coming in power and glory we await, create within us hope, peace, joy, and love. May the Sun of Righteousness shine on us and scatter the darkness from our path.



## 28 MEDITATION MONDAY: ROMANS 13:11 (MIRROR)

It can be difficult to get out of bed in the morning when we have nothing to look forward to. What a difference it makes in our ability to get up when we are anticipating a visit from a favorite friend, or we smell the fragrance of our favorite breakfast! In Christ, we have been given such a hope. We can look forward to a seat at God's table, tasting of the delights of his redemption and salvation, while conversing in joyful companionship with our Friend. In what way might Jesus want you to wake up to this reality in your life right now, in this moment?

## 29 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

God of Truth, prepare the hearts and minds of the GCI Superintendents and leaders who are meeting via Zoom today. Bless each person who is gathered and equip them for the work you have for them. May everyone leave with clear next steps to participate with you as you lead our fellowship forward.

## 30 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, US

We joyfully celebrate two baptisms of youth from within our congregation. We pray for the new season of their lives with you. Thank you that in your great love, you have called us to know you and to trust you.



**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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