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.

1 ALL SAINTS DAY

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.

2 DERBY, KANSAS, 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.

3 ST. MICHAEL, MINNESOTA, US

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.

4 MANILA, PHILIPPINES

“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
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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, 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 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 4:35B-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.
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.

BUNDA, MALAWI

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!

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

Advent

“Ye shall all know me, for I am not a God that doth change; why then ye also are become unfaithful unto me, saith the Lord. For there is no difference between the light and darkness, saith the Lord God. As I live, saith the Lord God, it shall be even so to you: your carcase shall be as the carcase of a day; ye shall be as the carcase of the day, and shall fall one by one as carcases.

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.

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.

Church Picnic

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.

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?