



GRACE COMMUNION
INTERNATIONAL

FEBRUARY 2023 PRAYER GUIDE

“The first kernel of wisdom to start with is to let our dependence and trust in God permeate all our worries of today.” — C.S. Lewis

1 GCI MANILA EAST

Gracious God, in perfect assurance of your presence among us, we pray your blessings upon Atty Cielo & Peter Ben Dela Cruz as we celebrate their ordinations. May they honor you, as they joyfully join with you, in the ministry you prepared for them.

2 RICHARDSON, TEXAS, US

Father, Son, and Spirit, we follow your lead and answer your call as we share your love with our neighbors. We thank you for the ways our American Heritage Girls Troop allows us to engage with our neighbors. May our girls continue to grow in grace and knowledge of you through the time they spend as a troop.



MARKET HARBOR, UK

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Lord, we thank you for the connections we made during our Christmas neighborhood meal. We ask that you have your way as we continue to connect with our neighbors and relaunch our congregation. Give us wisdom in discerning our next steps. Jesus, may our love for you, our neighbors, and one another grow throughout the process.

4 GCI PASTORS

Jesus, you are the good shepherd. We pray that you inspire our pastors and leaders with your vision for each flock. Give them eyes to see your provision and ears to hear where their communities are calling in need. Lead our congregations where you would have us go.

5 ENGAGE

Creator God, we see your hand and intentionality in the ways you have made and uniquely gifted each of your children. Keep us open to those who you have placed in our lives. Grant us a sensitivity to how you are working in their lives and a willingness to provide opportunities for them use the gifts you have given them.



6 MEDITATION MONDAY MATTHEW 17:5

The transfiguration is a miraculous moment, where the natural has a personal encounter with the supernatural. Heaven and earth intersect within the person of Jesus Christ, and humanity is granted a glimpse of the Divine. How does the transfiguration story speak to us now? Who are you listening to? Take a moment and ponder what words you hear and receive most on a daily basis. Is it the news, which is mostly negative, or is it Jesus, who only speaks good news? Imagine yourself covered in a bright, white cloud. You are completely enveloped in God's over-shadowing, loving presence. Can you hear the Father's voice calling you to listen to his Son? What good news does Jesus want to share with you today?

7 LOGAN, AUSTRALIA

Your Spirit fills heaven and earth and your word reaches the ends of the world. We are grateful for the guidance and provision of your Spirit in our efforts to engage with our neighbors. We are beginning to be known in our community and have connected with families in our focus neighborhood. We pray that 100 guests who attended our previous event, will join us for our upcoming movie night.

8 MT. STERLING, KENTUCKY, US

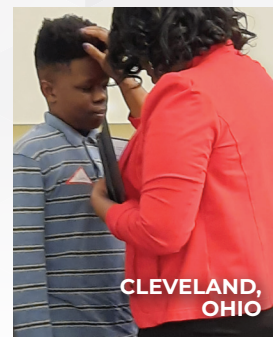
Father, Son, and Spirit, we follow your lead and answer your call as we share your love with our neighbors. We thank you for the connections we have made and for the fruit of our efforts we are experiencing. We rejoice over the two baptized members of your body that we connected with through our neighborhood event. May they experience new and abundant life in you.

9 RAYONG, THAILAND

We rejoice over the commissioning of eight new members onto our pastoral team. Give them faith to draw near to you and love to serve the congregation and community. Help them to live out the calling you have for them.

10 LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, US

We thank you, Jesus, for the ways you meet our needs and answer our prayers. We are grateful for the facility you have provided for our congregation to gather in for worship. As we engage with our new 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.



CLEVELAND,
OHIO

11 GCI CHURCHES

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.

12 EQUIP

Eternal God, all that is good is from you. You so mercifully renew and transform us to Christlikeness. By your Spirit, reveal to us the opportunities you are providing for the equipping of your saints. Help us to be active participants in what you are accomplishing in and through your church.

13 MEDITATION MONDAY 1 TIMOTHY 4:10

Paul, the apostle, tells Timothy that God is the Savior of ALL. This "all" is the same "all" used in Romans 3:23 where it says that "all" have sinned. Either, "all" have sinned, and "all" have been saved or only "some" have sinned, and only "some" are saved. All means "ALL," and that's all that all means. God has saved everyone. But for those that trust and believe they are truly saved, it has a much more profound meaning and greater significance. What invitation do you sense from God in this passage of scripture? Is the Holy Spirit highlighting any specific words for you to ponder?



MANILA,
PHILIPPINES

14 DERBY, KANSAS, US

Jesus, we thank you for the joy of participating with you in ministry. We celebrate our recent day camp, and the ways we experienced your presence with us. May both the children and parents come to know a bit more about our gracious God through our time with them.

15 GCI HOME OFFICE

Gracious God, as our mangers 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.

16 BICOL, PHILIPPINES

We are thanking God for the joyful anniversary celebration our congregation hosted. It marked many years of faithful service of our members and the faithfulness of our wonderful Father, Son, and Holy Spirit working in and through his church. We join with Paul recognizing Jesus Christ as head of the body and the precious role or part each member has within it: "From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

17 INTERNATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

God of love, we thank you for the sacrament of marriage and how it reflects your commitment to us. We pray that you fill those who have entered this covenant with the strength to honor the promise they have made to each other, to love each other as Christ loves the church. We pray for your supernatural healing and joy to permeate these relationships.

18 EMPOWER

Father, give us a Spirit of wisdom and revelation of how you are growing your disciples. Help us to provide spaces for others to joyfully participate in your ministry.



19 TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the world. Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

20 MEDITATION MONDAY TITUS 2:11 (AMPC)

God's kindness was manifested or revealed to humanity in the person of Jesus Christ, who in turn brought salvation to all people through his life, death, resurrection, and ascension. The Greek word for salvation here is "sōtēriōn," which suggests a Savior who saves simply because that's what a redeeming God does. The actions of Jesus are completely congruent with who he is as the Father's beloved Son. He is the One who redeems and delivers his creation. It is God's eternal rescue plan revealed in the Son of God, but salvation isn't a one-time event, it's a continuous journey to wholeness. What themes are you noticing in your life with God lately that are moving you towards healing and wholeness?

21 CLEVELAND, OHIO, US

Children are a blessing and a reason to rejoice. For this reason, we follow Jesus' example in blessing the small children in our congregation. When one of us rejoices, we all rejoice, and it was our pleasure today to join in celebrating these precious children. We prayed together to affirm God's love for them and to thank God for his blessing and presence with them as they grow throughout life.

22 ASH WEDNESDAY

Dear Father, how priceless is your unfailing love. You have fearfully and wonderfully created us. You have ordained all our days and written them in your book before we were born. All your thoughts towards us are precious. We wholeheartedly return to you during this season. In our returning, may we find rest in you.



23 GCI-AFRICA

Please join us in attending to the Holy Spirit's leading in praying and seeking guidance on our movement forward in ministry through the three Avenues, as well as the important role the worship calendar plays in forming us in Christ's Faith, Hope, and Love.

24 BAGUIO, PHILIPPINES

Our congregation participated in a consecration week of prayer and fasting. We pray that our glorious God will continue to reveal himself to us.

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people, and His incomparably great power for us who believe." - Ephesians 1:17-19a

25 GCI-AUSTRALIA

Eternal Father, you draw us together as one family. As our board gathers for our retreat this weekend, bind us together by your Spirit and give us wisdom as discernment as we seek to follow your lead.

26 ENCOURAGE

Gracious God, we thank you for the presence of your Spirit upon this church. Reveal to us the ways we can support and challenge one another.

27 MEDITATION MONDAY MARK 1:12-13 (LIVING BIBLE)

Easter Prep (Lent) is a 40-day season of preparation time leading up to Easter. It typically commemorates Jesus' forty days of fasting in the desert when he endured several temptations by Satan, before beginning his earthly ministry. During this time, Christians traditionally foster a more contemplative attitude regarding self-examination practices. Perhaps Holy Spirit is urging you into "the desert" to refocus on who you are in Christ. The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert immediately following his baptism. It occurred right after the Father said to him, "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Our world can be so noisy and chaotic. Give yourself some space this Lent season to slow down, be quiet, and rest in your heavenly Father's warm hug of infinite grace as his dearly loved child.

28 LEMON GROVE, CALIFORNIA, US

Lord, in you we see the beauty of community. We celebrate our recent block party, where we connected with 35 neighbors. We pray that all who attended will be encircled by your love.



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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