

JUNE 2023

# PRAYER GUIDE

“Christians pray because they have to, because the Spirit is surging up inside them.”  
— Rowan Williams

## 1 CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

Giver of life, we thank you for the gathering of women who worship, support, and show care for one another. We know that it is your Spirit who is empowering us to minister to one another. Enable us to embrace one another with love as we connect. Assist us in focusing on your forgiveness, love, and grace. Show us how these things might be extended to one another.

## 2 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, US

Lord of all, you invite us to be ambassadors of your love, sharing the good news of who you are with them. We thank you for the connections you fostered at our neighborhood fun day. We pray that all of our lives will be transformed by your grace.

## 3 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 to use the gifts you have given them.

## 4 TRINITY SUNDAY

Sovereign God, you are faithful Father, servant Son, and enlivening Spirit. You invite us into intimate unity with you, and transform us into wholeness. May the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Three in One and One in Three be on us now and stay with each one of us always. Amen.

## 5 MEDITATION MONDAY: 2 CORINTHIANS 13:11

Our God, as Father, Son, and Spirit, lives together in oneness which is full of joy, peace, and love. In Christ, we are created to live in relationship with our God. And we are intended, as the core of our personhood, to live in a way which is a true participation in God's life. Living as unique persons in other-centered love and oneness is life in the kingdom of God. Is there anything in your life today which may be distracting you from this beautiful, Christ-centered union with God and the other people in your life? What needs to happen to ensure your focus is on God's kingdom and living in right relationship with him and others?





## 6 ORDINARY TIME PRAYER

As we enter into the season of Ordinary Time, join us in this prayer: Jesus, the Living Word, you have brought us out of darkness into the light of your grace. Mercifully help us to walk in that light. Let it guide our steps and govern our hearts. Empower us to give faithful attention to your ministry and mission.

## 7 MANILA, PHILIPPINES

Praise the Lord for a meaningful weekend with student leaders. It was a time to rest, reflect, and refocus on our identity as children of God and how we live this out. God of our strength, we ask the you continue to impart your truth and wisdom to all who participated. May they experience your embrace and guidance as they continue to pursue your will.



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## 8 GCI-US CENTRAL REGION

God with us, we thank you for the neighborhood camps in our region, specifically in Surrey Hills and Big Sandy that are going on this week. Please bless every preparation, every interaction, every contact. Fill it with your genuine love and grace. Help all who participate in the day camps develop a deeper understanding of your love for them.

## 9 BLOEMFONTEIN, SOUTH AFRICA

God of wisdom and love, source of all good, we thank you for A. Makahiya, Kelebogile Sebolai, and Thabo Sebalai who were ordained last month. May they continue to share your love and truth with those you have placed in their pastoral care.

## 10 CINCINNATI, OHIO, US

We are grateful to be able to serve our community. We have resumed our summer engagement of hosting a community yard sale and allowing neighbors to set up their own stalls to sell their goods. We pray that during the events, they will feel safe and welcome in our church facility.

## 11 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.



MANILA, PHILIPPINES

## 12 MEDITATION MONDAY: MATTHEW 9:9

As you gaze into this next week, what is on your agenda? Your calendar may be full of work commitments, family plans, or community responsibilities. If you were to encounter Jesus today and he asked you to follow him, what would it look like for you to get up and follow him wherever he might lead? Reflect for a moment about what following Jesus would look like in your work, your play, your family life, and your community. Following Jesus impacts how we live our everyday lives—it impacts what the central focus of our lives is. With this in mind, how might your agenda need to change?



SOUTH AFRICA

## 13 RICHARDSON, TEXAS, US

We celebrate a successful men's retreat that was organized by Faith Avenue Champion Jared Santibaez. Pray that all who participated will continue to grow deeper in relationship with Jesus and pursue the good work he has for each of them.

## 14 BARNESVILLE, LIBERIA

Father, we thank you for Deddeh Browne and Gbellay Johnson and their answer to the call to serve in your body. We celebrate their ordination and pray that you give him wisdom, strength, and joy.



JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, US

## 15 SOUTH KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, US

Giver of all that is good, we thank you for the ways we experienced you and the lessons that we learned during our recent neighborhood Easter egg hunt. Please join us in praying for continued connections with the youth of our neighborhood.

## 16 WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS, US

We thank our great God for the opportunity to connect with our community. We participated in our local sheep shearing festival. It was a joyful time of building relationships with our neighbors.

## 17 EMPOWER

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

## 18 FATHER'S DAY

Eternal Father, we thank you for our earthly fathers and those who fulfill the role of dads in our lives. We ask that you affirm and guide them. That you would continue to give them wisdom, strength, and courage as they support those you have entrusted in their care.



## 19 MEDITATION MONDAY: PSALM 100:2 (NRSV)

Music has a powerful capacity to move and capture the human heart. Through music, we are able to express the depths and heights of our human experience. Our capacity to create and enjoy music comes from our Father, who calls us to “come into his presence with singing.” Like a loving parent loves to hear the songs of her children, our Father loves to listen to our voices raised in song. How are you moved to express your joy and thankfulness to God through music? How might you begin to use music in your life to focus on God’s kingdom and your relationship with your Lord?

## 20 PORTO NOVO, BENIN

Jesus, our high priest and light, we thank you for the ministry of Gustave Ahopke, Carmelle Adjibodoun, and Herbert Adjibodou who were ordained. We ask that you continue to guide their care of your people. Empower them to awaken hearts and minds to receive you and grow in grace.

## 21 GCI-WEST

Lord, we thank you for our annual combined gathering of congregations in Southern California. It was a joy to worship you and fellowship with one another. Please continue to be the center of our relationships, showing us how to love each other well.



SOUTH KANSAS CITY,  
KANSAS

## 22 LAGUNA, PHILIPPINES

Holy One, we thank you for equipping and calling elders to lead us. We thank you for Rinia Sotalbo and celebrate her recent ordination. We pray that you inspire her service to your body. May she act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly along the path you have set before her.

## 23 INTERNATIONAL WIDOWS DAY

Lord, as we lift up our widows today, we ask that you meet them at their point of need. Give them divine strength and a sense of belonging in our church family. Thank you, Lord, for the ways you provide for us all.



WALTHAM,  
MASSACHUSETTS

## 24 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.

## 25 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

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.

## 26 MEDITATION MONDAY: PSALM 69:8 (NRSV)

Jesus was filled with a passion by God to cleanse the temple in Jerusalem. He called his people to focus on what really mattered—their relationship with his heavenly Father. When you consider where Christ dwells today by his Spirit—in human hearts and lives, and within the body of Christ, the church—how devoted are you in your own relationship with the Father and to what matters most to him? The Spirit has given you unique experiences, abilities, gifts, and interests. How might these be put into the Lord’s hands so that he might further his kingdom work in this world?

## 27 CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, US

Wise, loving, and merciful God, you invite us into ministry with you. Thank you for Afrika Mills, Michelle Fleming, and Stacey Meade. We celebrate their commissioning as Faith, Hope, and Love Avenue champions and ask that you will continue to guide them in their ministry and in your way of truth and peace.

## 28 LANIPAO, PHILIPPINES

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

## 29 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

God, our Rock and Redeemer, thank you for your presence with us that spans the globe. As we participate in our Denominational Celebration today, we pray that your purposes will be accomplished. Give us clear minds and peaceful hearts as we gather together. May we experience the living hope of Jesus through the worship and sessions that are presented. Unify us as we worship you.



JACKSONVILLE,  
FLORIDA, US



CHARLOTTE, NC, US

## 30 INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, 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.

**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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