



NOVEMBER 2023 PRAYER GUIDE

“Prayers are tools, but with this clarification: Prayers are not tools for doing or getting, but for being and becoming.” – Eugene Peterson

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 PRAYER FOR PEACE

Compassionate and righteous God, with heavy hearts we seek your divine intervention in the tumultuous lands of the Middle East. As we stand witness to the strife and suffering, we pray that the words you have given us in Psalm 7:9. Bring to an end the violence of the wicked and make the righteous secure— you, the righteous God who probes minds and hearts.”

3 HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT, US

We celebrate the ordination of Martin Connelly. Grant him wisdom, strength, and unwavering faith as he embarks on this new journey of ministry. May your Holy Spirit guide his every step, empowering him to be a source of inspiration and guidance to all he serves. We ask for your blessings and anointing upon him, that he may faithfully carry out your work and bring glory to your name.

4 DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Gracious God, we gather with hearts filled with joy and gratitude for the three precious souls who responded to your loving embrace and were baptized. We celebrate the new life they have found in Christ and the promise of redemption that baptism symbolizes. May their journeys be filled with faith, hope, and love, and may their lives be a shining testament to your grace.

5 HEBREWS 13:8

Constant One, we celebrate your faithfulness to us. Take a moment to think of times when 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.

6 1 THESSALONIANS 5:18 (NRSV)

In times of uncertainty, we may find ourselves asking God what his will is for our lives. In verses 12 – 22, Paul describes what life in Christ Jesus is like. In particular, he points us to gratitude: rejoice always, never stop praying, and be thankful in every situation. Gratitude doesn’t just come to us. It is a powerful spiritual practice that is a daily, conscious choice. We can be joyful and pray continually precisely by choosing to thank God in everything. Pause and reflect on the past year, month, day, or hour. How has God shown himself to you in the good, the bad, and everything in between? Choose to thank God for his presence with you in all of it.

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7 AMARILLO, TEXAS US

With thanksgiving, we remember the recent commemoration of our congregation's anniversary. We thank you for the countless blessings, guidance, and growth we've experienced as a community. As we reflect on our past and look to the future, we pray for your continued presence and grace to sustain us in our mission to serve and worship together. May our congregation continue to be a source of love, hope, and support for all who come through our doors.

8 BRIDLINGTON, UK

We come before you with hearts full of gratitude for the recent Celebration, where we gathered to explore Ephesians 5:1-2. We thank you for the wisdom and inspiration shared, as we were reminded to follow your example, living lives of love just as Christ did. May the lessons and insights from the conference continue to resonate in our hearts, shaping our actions and interactions in the days ahead. Empower us to be fragrant offerings of love and sacrifice in our communities, reflecting your boundless grace.

9 TOOWOOMBA, AUSTRALIA

Giver of life, we thank you for the precious baby dedicated in your presence. May your love and guidance be with this new life throughout their journey. We thank you for the legacy of faith and love that continues to thrive in their family and our fellowship. And we pray for your enduring presence to be a source of strength and unity.

10 PASIG, LUZON, PHILIPPINES

Generous God, we celebrate the conclusion of our stewardship series, "Participating with Jesus." May the lessons we've learned inspire us to continue abounding in good works, to be instruments of your generosity, and to bring glory to your name. We thank you for the privilege of being your stewards, and we ask for your guidance as we strive to reflect your love in all that we do.

11 PSALM 91

O God, my refuge, I offer my gratitude for your constant care and protection. Take a few minutes to rest in your loving Father's arms. Inhale: Abide in the shelter of the Most High. Exhale: Rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

12 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.



13 PSALM 103:2 (NLT)

It is easy for us to forget that God is taking care of us, and that he's always with us. No wonder many of the Psalms instruct the people of God to intentionally praise him with our entire being. God cares for us and protects us in ways we don't even realize. He blesses us with basic needs and good relationships because our heavenly Father delights in providing for his children. We give thanks to God not only because of his blessings toward us but because of who he is—the great giver. Gratitude springs from our delight in God, his goodness, and for his presence with us and within the world. Read all of Psalm 103. Believe in and receive God's everlasting love for you; then share his love with others.

14 CLEVELAND, OHIO, US

With hearts full of gratitude, we thank you for the joy of participating with you in ministry in our Park Pop event. We celebrate the blessings of laughter, fun, and connection, as families enjoyed the activities and the generosity of our community partners. We are humbled by your guidance, and we trust that your ways are higher than our own. May we continue to see your presence in new ways, trusting you completely, and spreading the love you've shown us to all.

15 CHICHIRI, BLANTYRE, MALAWI

Loving Father, we thank you for the transformative experience of this women's conference. We ask for continued guidance and strength as we take the lessons learned here and apply them in our daily lives. May the connections forged during this time be a source of support and encouragement for us all.

16 LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, US

Compassionate Creator, we thank you for the blessing of our On Being Connect Group and the community it has cultivated. We pray for every participant, each unique soul seeking understanding, connection, and growth. May your guidance and grace be with us as we explore the depths of our existence and relationships, deepening our connection to you and one another.

17 COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA, US

In joy and unity, we give thanks for the bonds of friendship and the strength of family. Bless our gathering with love, laughter, and cherished moments. May our connections deepen, our faith grow, and our hearts be filled with gratitude for the community you've provided. We ask for your continued guidance and protection over our loved ones, near and far.

18 EPHESIANS 2:10

Be present, merciful God, and protect us through this day. We thank you for the opportunities to participate with you in ministry and share the good news of Jesus with those who you have put in our path. Give us words of encouragement and fill us with your joy as we do the good works you have prepared for us.

19 PSALM 103

Generous God, you pour out kindness and mercy upon your people. Take a moment to remember the ways you have experienced God's kindness this week. Breathe in: Generous God. Breathe out: You crown me with loving kindness and tender mercies.

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20 PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7 (NLT)

Perhaps Paul encouraged the members in Philippi not to worry precisely because worry is a typical reaction to the danger, suffering, and uncertainty we all face. Yet worrying will not help solve our problems, and it can waste energy and deprive us of joy and peace. God did not create human beings to be self-sufficient and isolated. He intended for us to be in constant intimacy and communication with him. What is worrying you today? Talk to God about it, and tell him what you need. Then thank God for what he has done to reveal his undying love and concern for you in Jesus. Ask his Spirit to fill you with his heavenly peace in every circumstance.

21 PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, US

Holy One, we humbly seek your blessing on the ordination of Elisabetta Bussier. Grant her wisdom, strength, and unwavering faith as she dedicates her life in service to your people. May your Spirit guide her path and may her work be a reflection of your love and grace.



STEELE CREEK, NORTH CAROLINA

22 QUEENS, NEW YORK, US

With thanksgiving and hope, we thank you for the opportunity to extend our ministry's reach and for the hundreds of lives touched by our efforts. As we move into this new school year, we ask for your guidance and protection for each child who received a backpack and school supplies. Bless our diverse community, Richmond Hill, and may our church continue to be a beacon of love and support for all.

23 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.

24 DUMAGUETE, NEGROS ISLAND, PHILIPPINES

With hope rooted in Christ, we offer a prayer of thanksgiving for our congregation's anniversary. Thank you, Lord, for the years of faith, growth, and community that we've experienced together. May your guiding hand continue to lead us on this sacred journey, strengthening our bonds and deepening our faith. Bless our church with love, unity, and purpose in the years to come, as we remain steadfast in our commitment to serve you and one another.

25 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.

26 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.

27 PSALM 28:7 (NIV)

In this verse, the psalmist reassures us of God's strength, and as we receive God's help, our trust is renewed. Trusting God can transform our awareness of the current situation. Our perspective changes from trusting in our own limited strength and wisdom to trusting in God's unlimited strength and wisdom. What is currently occupying your mind and heavy on your heart? May you trust that Jesus' faith shields you. May you rest in the assurance of all he has accomplished for us in Jesus Christ. Jesus is faithful in every situation. Ask his Spirit to bring to mind the word of God to help you wield the sword of the Holy Spirit. Depend on the Spirit in prayer and submit yourself to him who empowers you.



DUMAGUETE, PHILIPPINES



28 HOBART, TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA

God who entered our world, we long for your return. During our Advent retreat, we ask that you meet us in our longing and waiting. May this sacred time of reflection, prayer, and anticipation prepare our hearts to be filled with the hope, peace, love, and joy of this season. Let this retreat be a source of spiritual growth and a deeper connection with you.

29 GLENDORA, CALIFORNIA, US

Lord of life, our hearts are brimming with gratitude and praise for the successful neighborhood carnival that brought joy and togetherness to our community. Thank you for the unity, laughter, and positive connections forged during this event. May your love continue to shine through our actions, reminding us that we are all part of your diverse family. Bless our neighborhood with ongoing harmony and goodwill, and may the spirit of this carnival inspire us to be a beacon of love in our community.

30 STEELE CREEK, NORTH CAROLINA, US

Jesus, we thank you for the connections and friendships that were strengthened during our recent neighborhood "Murder Mystery" dinner. We thank you for the laughter, camaraderie, and the opportunity to come together as a community. We pray for your guidance as we seek to maintain and nurture these newfound connections. May the bonds formed tonight continue to grow and remind us of the importance of unity and support in our neighborhood.



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