



# FEBRUARY 2024 PRAYER GUIDE

**“Prayer is continuing a conversation that God has started through his Word and his grace, which eventually becomes a full encounter with him.” — Timothy Keller**

## 1 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.

## 2 MARKET HARBOURGH, UK

Lord, we thank you for the connections we made with our 60 guests 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.

## 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 SUN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, US

Emmanuel, we thank you for your presence and the joy experienced during our live nativity. We thank you for the neighbors who joined us, and we pray that the bonds formed during this celebration deepen into meaningful relationships.

## 5 ISAIAH 40:26 NLT

When we pause and look up into a clear night sky, we see an amazing display. Consider the magnitude and wonder of this glorious sight—the endless array of stars, each individually known by its Creator. And the Creator sees every individual particle which makes up a star, while attending to every single detail of you and your life. More than that, God knows you intimately and loves you completely. Rest quietly in God’s presence and allow God’s love of you to sink deeply into your being. How does this realization change the way you see yourself and your current circumstance?

## 6 GCI-PHILIPPINES

Almighty God, we rejoice in the installation of our new national director in the Philippines, Audie Santibanez, recognizing this as a significant moment in his ministry. We seek the guidance of your Spirit as he embarks on this new season of leadership, trusting that your wisdom and grace will accompany him in his service to our fellowship.



## 7 GCI-US STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETINGS GCI HOME OFFICE

Gracious God, as our managers gather this week, 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.

## 8 LOGAN, QLD, 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 50 guests who attended our Christmas Sausage Sizzle event, will continue to experience your love through our engagement.

## 9 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, US

Light of the world, we thank you for the joy that filled our annual Christmas party. We deeply appreciate the hands that served and the hearts that gathered, creating a space where love and fellowship flourished. As we reflect on the shared moments and connections formed, we acknowledge the gift of togetherness as a reflection of your abundant love among us.

## 10 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.

## 11 TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Luminous Creator, on this Transfiguration Sunday, we stand in awe of the radiant revelation of Jesus. We thank you that you are a God who does not let things remain the same when in your presence. As we reflect on the transformative moment of the unveiling of Christ's identity, we pray that we would be transformed in your presence – revealing our identity as your children and radiating your love and grace in our daily lives.

## 12 2 CORINTHIANS 4:6 NRSV

What a precious gift it is to be able to see light in the midst of a dark night! We often come to dark places in our lives and in our relationships. There we wonder when we will ever be given even the smallest ray of light to brighten our world. In these dark moments, we can stubbornly cling to our own perception of what is happening, or we can open ourselves up to the light given to us in the person of Jesus Christ. In what way does Jesus want to enlighten our darkened vision today with the penetrating light of his presence, peace, and power?



## 13 GCI SUPERINTENDENTS

God of abundance and grace, you are faithful to provide loving leaders in GCI. We thank and praise you for our six superintendents who serve in GCI. As they meet today, guard their steps, and grant them peace beyond understanding as they bear the mantle of leadership. May they rest in the assurance that you, Jesus, build your church.

## 14 ASH WEDNESDAY

Loving God, as we embark on this season of inner examination, we ask for the illumination of your Spirit to reveal your work in our lives. Make known to us the profound truth of your love manifested in the world. Grant us the grace to turn away from our false sources of hope and security and to turn toward you and the ministry you are inviting us into. May this be a season of communion with you.

## 15 RAYONG, THAILAND

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the love and joy that permeated our kids' Christmas party. We're grateful for the joy, laughter, and togetherness shared by our little ones. May the gift of your presence with us continue to fill us with hope and joy.

## 16 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.

## 17 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.



## 18 GCI CONGREGATIONS

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.

## 19 PSALM 25:9 NRSV

Sometimes we come up against a difficulty and are unable to see a way forward. One of the reasons may be because we are entirely focused on a certain direction or method of going ahead. What may be keeping us from allowing God to guide and direct us in this particular circumstance? Perhaps it may be helpful to view it through the lens of humility, realizing our need for God's direction and assistance. We may need to receive from Jesus by his Spirit the grace of a humble willingness to be instructed, guided, and directed down a new, better path.

## 20 STEELE CREEK, NORTH CAROLINA, US

We celebrate the commissioning of Dishon Mills. 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.

## 21 WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS, US

Gracious God, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude for the opportunity to participate in the Waltham Boys and Girls Club Supply Drive Programs event last year. We thank you for the abundance of blessings that allowed us to share love and support with the club kids and families in Waltham. As we reflect on the photos and memories of our engagement, may the spirit of giving and community resonate in our hearts, reminding us of the profound joy that comes from sharing the love of Christ.

## 22 KENOCKEE, MICHIGAN, US

We joyously celebrate the recent baptism within our congregation. So, in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.  
Galatians 3:26-27

## 23 GCI-RSA CAMP

Jesus, we thank you for the joy of participating with you in ministry. We celebrate our recent 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.



## 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 GOLD COAST, QLD, AUSTRALIA

Gracious God, as we gather in celebration of our 50th anniversary, we offer our heartfelt thanks for the shared memories and enduring love that have shaped our community over the years. May the spirit of unity and commitment continue to guide us into the future, as we reflect on the abundant blessings that define our collective journey.

## 26 MARK 8:32B-33 NASB

What does it mean to set our mind on our own interests rather than God's? We may be diligently doing what we believe is good, helpful, and just, when in reality we are taking a position in opposition to the will and purposes of God. When Peter rebuked him, Jesus wasn't choosing the path towards comfort and safety Peter thought was best. Rather, Jesus was walking the path towards death and resurrection—for all our sakes. What if Jesus had done what Peter desired? Thankfully, he didn't. Ask Jesus to align your desires with his desires, so that God's ultimate will and purposes will be furthered, not hindered.

## 27 SURREY HILLS, OKLAHOMA, US

Holy One, we humbly seek your blessing on the Commissioning of Ceeja Malmkar. 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.

## 28 BALATAN, BICOL, PHILIPPINES

God of wisdom and love, source of all good, we celebrate the ordination of Ariel Mendones Roman. Send your Spirit and guide him in your way of peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

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## 29 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.

Would your church like to be included in a future Prayer Guide?

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