

# MARCH 2024 PRAYER GUIDE

**“My whole strength lies in prayer and sacrifice; these are my invincible arms; they can move hearts far better than words, I know it by experience.” — Saint Therese of Lisieux**

## 1 SURREY, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

Holy Spirit, we thank you for your faithfulness to fill us with power, love, and self-control. We celebrate the ordination of Job Alimasi Ayuba. We ask that you continue to equip him for the ministry you have prepared for him.

## 2 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Lord, our Rock, we thank you for our pastors who faithfully serve you. We know of their faith in you and their love for all the saints. May we never stop giving thanks for them, always remembering them in our prayers. We will keep asking that you, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, will give them the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that they may know you better.

## 3 SURREY HILLS, OKLAHOMA, US

Lord God Almighty, we praise you for who you are and what you have done. We thank you for our Youth Culture lock-in. We pray that the youth who participated will continue to experience an awareness of Christ's love in their lives and to be filled with a desire to join him in ministry.

## 4 PSALM 19:12 (NLT)

Attending to what is going on within one's heart and mind is helpful, but it can easily become a self-centered, self-absorbed practice, which is not beneficial. It may be helpful to remember that whatever is lurking within the recesses of our being is already known by God, forgiven in Jesus, and in the process of renewal by the Holy Spirit. We participate in our transformation through repentance and faith in Christ, as we agree with what the Spirit reveals to us about our need for grace and as we open ourselves up to God's redeeming work. Jesus has done, is doing, and will do the heavy lifting of transformation. Ask him right now how he might want you to join in.

## 5 PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, US

Our refuge, we thank you for allowing us the opportunity to bring our neighbors together and foster community spirit within our building. We're grateful for the positive response and the chance to continue these gatherings in the future. As we reach out to our neighborhood with practical support and kindness, we ask for your guidance and blessing. Strengthen our relationships with each resident and help us to be a source of love and unity in our community. May our efforts continue to bear fruit and honor your name.

## 6 GOLD COAST, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

Our God who is a friend to all, we thank you for the joy and fellowship experienced during our youth camp last month. As we return from this enriching experience, we pray that each individual continues to deepen their relationship with you, finding strength, guidance, and comfort in your unfailing love. May the bonds formed at camp serve as a reminder of your presence in our lives, guiding us closer to you each day.



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INTERNATIONAL



## 7 RIVER ROAD, OREGON, US

As branches united to the vine of life, we lift our hearts in prayer for our connect group as we journey through The Chosen series. May the presence of your Spirit guide us as we deepen our understanding and relationships, illuminating the path of righteousness. Grant us discernment to recognize and cast away what is not of you and empower us to embrace the good work you have prepared for us in ministry.

## 8 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Father, we rejoice that your word is filled with women who played significant roles in your plan to draw humanity back to you and who taught crucial lessons through their faithfulness. We thank you for the faithful women in our fellowship and celebrate the way they show your image. May they know their value in your kingdom and in our lives.

## 9 PRAYER FOR PEACE

Holy God, in your perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness. By the power of your love, lead us to a clearer vision of your presence, and lead the nations into ways of unity and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## 10 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, US

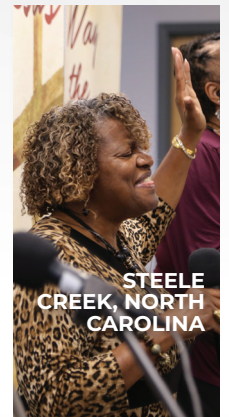
We are praising God for a wonderful time of fellowship together! Last month we hosted our annual Sweethearts Dance. We celebrate the ways our God of love shares his affection with us and through one another.

## 11 JOHN 3:20-21 (NET)

What is our response when the truth about what's going on in our inner life is exposed? When our faults or errors are made evident, do we try to find ways to hide them or excuse them? Our ability to be transparent or authentic may be dampened by relationships that do not allow for grace or compassion when we are less than perfect. Still, we have one relationship in which authenticity and transparency are always possible—Jesus, the light of the world, already knows us completely and loves us despite our shortcomings. He will be gracious when we come to him. Today, how will you practice truth-telling with Jesus?

## 12 DECATUR, GEORGIA, US

Father, we thank you for William Johnson and his answer to the call to serve in your body. We celebrate his commissioning as our local treasurer and pray that you give him wisdom, strength, and joy as he serves you through our fellowship.



## 13 QUEENS, NEW YORK, US

You are the one who unifies us all. We praise you for the inclusive community of our Love Avenue Team, where people of all ages join hands in engagement, planning, and prayer. It's heartening to see our Sunday School children actively involved in shaping our annual Back-to-School event, even contributing to its theme and logo. As we work together towards our shared mission in Christ, may our efforts reflect your guiding presence, drawing more hearts closer to you through acts of love and service.

## 14 GCI-HONDURAS

We lift our GCI community in Honduras. Let us pray for their fellowship today.

"I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him." Eph. 1:16-17

## 15 PASIG, PHILIPPINES

Almighty Father, we pray for your favor and an outpouring of your love, grace, and wisdom upon Joel Calmateo. We celebrate his commissioning as the new pastor and ask that he will have an assurance of your presence with him as he ministers to your children.

## 16 GCI-US REGIONAL GATHERINGS

Holy Spirit, as we prepare for our regional gatherings this summer, we seek your guidance and wisdom. May we grow in understanding of how the gospel shapes race relations in our fellowship and communities, enabling us to reflect Christ's love more fully. Through all the sessions, we lean on your constant presence with us, seeking your will and direction in all decisions. May our time together be blessed and fruitful, leading us closer to your perfect purpose.

## 17 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Oh Lord, your word declares that you are our good shepherd. Just as shepherds provide guidance for their sheep, we pray that you, Lord, provide shepherds who will nurture your flocks. Raise servant leaders who will flourish in relationship with you and the teams they lead.

## 18 PSALM 51:12 (NET)

Is there an area in your life that you have been wrestling with but have not yet experienced healing or growth? Setting our will in the right direction is helpful, but does not ensure our success, especially when our inner desires draw us in the opposite direction. In Jesus, we find the solution to our inner conflict, for the desire to do what is best and truthful lies in him alone. And he offers us his own right desires and perfect will by his Holy Spirit. As you admit how far you are from what God desires for you, ask Jesus not only for his deliverance but also for the desire to do the Father's will.



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## 19 CLEVELAND, OHIO, US

We lift prayers for the upcoming LiLY Women's Retreat hosted in our Cleveland congregation next month. May it be a blessed time of worship, fellowship, and deepening connection with Jesus for all who attend. Grant them moments of spiritual renewal and inspiration as they gather in your name. Amen.

## 20 GCI-MALAYSIA

We are so grateful for our leaders in Asia. Let us remember our co-laborers in Malaysia today and ask God to continue to make disciples in their fellowship.

"We have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God." Colossians 1:9-10

## 21 STEELE CREEK, NORTH CAROLINA, US

Lord of all, as Holy Week unfolds soon, we gather in reverence and anticipation. Bless our congregation's Maundy Thursday worship night and Good Friday small group dinners, guiding us to experience the profound meaning of this sacred time. May all who attend, along with their invited friends, encounter the depth of your love and sacrifice, drawing nearer to you and one another.

## 22 GCI- NEW ZEALAND

Emmanuel, we ask for a double portion of your presence with us during our equipping weekend for pastors. As we gather to focus on small groups and the vital role they play in our neighborhoods, we seek your wisdom and guidance. Bless our training sessions for small group leaders, granting them the tools and resources needed to nurture vibrant and supportive gatherings. May this time together equip us to better serve and support one another in fellowship and growth.

## 23 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Father, we lift our congregational ministry teams in prayer to you. We thank you for the volunteers who so enthusiastically participate with you in ministry. We pray that our teams will continue to be Team Based – Pastor Led, following the lead of the Spirit as they engage with their neighborhoods.

## 24 PALM SUNDAY

Almighty and ever living God, in your tender love for the human race, you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. \*

## 25 ISAIAH 50:9A (NRSV)

Guilt can hold us captive, enslaving us to our own efforts to eliminate it or escape it. The accuser likes to fasten our attention on those things we are guilty of, reminding us constantly of our faults and shortcomings. Even if we accuse ourselves, God knows the truth. God has taken all guilt and shame upon himself in Jesus, and he binds us to himself with cords of everlasting love and grace. Whatever guilt there may be, however deserving of it you may be, surrender it to Jesus and receive in its place his forgiveness and new life. How might you replace guilt today with Jesus' assurance of redemption and renewal?



PASADENA,  
CALIFORNIA, US

## 26 TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son, you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. \*

## 27 WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Lord God, whose blessed Son, our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. \*

## 28 MAUNDY THURSDAY

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. \*

## 29 GOOD FRIDAY

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. \*



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## 30 HOLY SATURDAY

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so may we await with him the coming of the third day and rise with him to newness of life, he who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. \*

## 31 EASTER SUNDAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.\*

**\*Holy Week Prayers are from the Book of Common Prayer: Episcopal Church. (1979). The Book of common prayer and administration of the sacraments and other rites and ceremonies of the church: together with the Psalter or Psalms of David according to the use of the Episcopal Church. New York: Seabury Press, Calendars with Holidays - USA**

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