



JULY 2024 PRAYER GUIDE

“To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world.” — Karl Barth

1 MARK 12:30-31 (NIV)

As we seek to love God with our whole being, we must remember that loving God and loving neighbor are inseparable. We love God by loving our neighbor, and we love our neighbor by loving God. Love is more than an emotion — it is action. So, loving our neighbor as ourselves comes with the assumption that we choose to care for ourselves in whatever way we need to, regardless of how we feel about ourselves. In the same way, choosing to love neighbor may mean simply obeying Jesus’ command first before feeling any positive emotion toward them. Ask God for the courage and compassion to love as he loves, and ask him how he may lead you to love your neighbor this week.

2 PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, US

Merciful God, we thank You for the joyous event celebrating our beloved seniors. We are grateful for the reminder that through every season of life, your presence and love are unwavering. We praise You for the fun, fellowship, and joy experienced during our time together, and we ask for your blessings as we share the message of Jesus with those who attended, especially the couples who are new to our church. May your love and grace continue to flow through all we do.

3 WOODBINE, GEORGIA, US

Lord of life, we praise you for the baptism in our congregation celebrated last month. As we welcome our newly baptized member into our fellowship, we thank you once again for your gift of grace and the forgiveness you give each of us.

4 GOODNA AND CARINA, AUSTRALIA

Gracious God, we thank you for our new youth connect group designed to share the truth of the Bible with those seeking to understand the Christian faith. We pray for meaningful connections to be made with our neighbors, that hearts may be open and receptive to your word. May the good news of Jesus be proclaimed boldly and clearly, transforming lives and drawing many closer to your love and grace.

5 HYDERABAD, INDIA

Gracious God, we ask for your blessing upon our VBS and on every child attending. May their natural curiosity lead them to a deeper understanding and yearning for a relationship with Jesus. We pray that their hearts and minds be opened to your love, igniting a lifelong journey of faith and discovery in them.

6 RIVER ROAD, OREGON, US

Sovereign Lord, we rejoice in the recent baptism in our congregation. We thank you for the promise of new life in Christ and pray that your love and guidance will lead them forward on their journey with you.





7 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Gracious God, we pray for a vibrant missional heartbeat to permeate GCI congregations. Guide our discernment process in identifying and sharing your love with our focus neighborhoods. We are blessed; help us to be a blessing to the world.

8 GENESIS 12:2 (NIV)

God's promise to Abraham in Genesis 12 reveals God's global purpose of blessing all the peoples of the earth through Abraham and his family. As Abraham's spiritual descendants, we have the sure hope of God's abundant blessings in our lives. God's promise to Abraham provides a compelling mandate for mission by being both a personal and global promise to and through Abraham. As we are blessed by God's generosity and goodness, that blessing overflows to others. In that way, we are a blessing to the world, and our lives are given significance in this divine purpose. Reflect on what it means for you to receive God's blessings and to also be a conduit of his blessings in the world.



9 GCI-PHILIPPINES

Jesus, we thank you that you are our good shepherd. We thank you for your guidance during our recent Healthy Church training courses. Equip all who attended with the tools and resources needed to strengthen our churches and serve our congregations effectively. May this time together be marked by a deep sense of purpose and a shared commitment to spreading your love and grace.

10 BIG SANDY, TEXAS, US

Gracious Lord, we thank you for blessing our outdoor movie event with success and for the wonderful time we shared with our neighbors. We are grateful for the relationships that were built and strengthened through this gathering. Holy Spirit, we ask that you continue to bring unity among us and provide more opportunities to witness to your goodness and love.

11 GCI-RSA

Almighty God, we are deeply thankful for the time of bonding and worship at our men's retreat, where 24 participants came together in faith, hope, and love. We praise you for the meaningful activities that drew us closer to Christ and to each other.



12 KENOCKEE, MICHIGAN, US

Holy One, we humbly seek your blessing on the commissioning of David Borum as associate pastor. Grant him wisdom, strength, and unwavering faith as he dedicates his life in service to your people. May your Spirit guide his path, and may his work be a reflection of your love and grace.

13 BAGUIO, LUZON, PHILIPPINES

Jesus, our provider, we are profoundly grateful for your provision of our new place of worship, and our hearts are overflowing with joy, thanksgiving, and praises to you, our triune God. As we, GC Baguio, gather in this new facility, we ask for a spirit of expectancy, anticipating the new things, new memories, and new God encounters that will unfold here. May your presence fill this space, drawing us closer to you and to one another.

14 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

Gracious God, we thank you for our faithful members. We pray these verses from Romans over our fellowship: "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 15:5-6 ESV

15 EPHESIANS 2:10 (NLT)

Every human being is God's unique work of art, and he desires to transform every work of art into a new creation that reflects his perfection. God sent his Son not only to save us from sin, evil, and death, but to save us for his global and eternal purposes, for his followers to be reborn of the Holy Spirit and to do the good things he designed each of us to do as agents of God's blessing to the nations. To be a new creation in Christ Jesus is to be spiritually transformed, renewed, and willing to be deployed for his purposes. Look in the mirror and thank God for how he made you so uniquely and intricately as his beloved masterpiece. Praise him for his faithfulness in your life.

16 GCI-NIGERIA

Giver of life, we celebrate the four baptisms performed last month, marking new journeys of faith. As your children continue to follow Christ, we pray for your guidance, strength, and wisdom to accompany them every step of the way, empowering them to live out their commitment with steadfast devotion and joy. May their lives be a radiant reflection of your love and grace for all to see.



17 SUVA, FIJI

We celebrate the commissioning of Epeli Nakautoga as Hope Avenue Champion, Eugene Panuve as the Love Avenue champion, and Jason Raki as the Faith Avenue champion. Grant them wisdom, strength, and unwavering faith as they embark on this new journey of ministry. May your Holy Spirit guide their every step, empowering them to be a source of inspiration and guidance to all he serves. We ask for your blessings and anointing upon them, that he may faithfully carry out your work and bring glory to your name.

18 PORT HARCOURT, NIGERIA

Sovereign Lord, we thank you with full hearts for providing us with this beautiful new church building in Port Harcourt. We celebrate this moment with joy and gratitude, lifting praises to you. As we dedicate this sacred space, we look forward to the new opportunities for worship, fellowship, and divine encounters that await us. May your Spirit richly bless this place, drawing us ever closer to You and to one another.

19 GCI-US REGIONAL GATHERING

Eternal Father, we bring before you all those attending the Central U.S. Regional Gathering this weekend. We pray that each attendee would be deeply immersed in Christ's faith, hope, and love, and leave renewed and strengthened.

20 RIVER ROAD, OREGON, US

Gracious God, we hold in prayer our church as we open our doors to host a day camp for neighborhood kids this summer. We pray for your love to permeate every moment, touching the lives of the campers and their families. May your joy, evident in communal activities and the kindness of our community, captivate all who attend, drawing them closer to you. Grant that these experiences ignite a desire to follow Jesus, inspiring courageous steps in faith for both the children and their families.

21 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Jesus, it is your person and presence that compels us to love. Empower us through your love to listen, care, and engage with our neighbors. Through the summer engagement events hosted by our congregations, help us to see the unique ways they bear your image and to be curious in discovering how you are working in their lives.

22 1 CORINTHIANS 13:3 (NIV)

In everything we do to engage our neighbors, especially the neighbors who are yet to know Jesus personally, we must not forget the significance of participating in God's love. The love of God is paramount in everything we do as his disciples. Actions of charity, sacrifice, and even physical suffering amount to nothing if it is not undergirded by the love of God working in and through us. Only divine love will make an eternal impact in our world for God's glory. Are any of the good things you do motivated by anything other than love for God and God's love for neighbor? Ask for his divine, perfect love to permeate every aspect of your life – including your thoughts, actions, and motivations.

23 GCI-BENIN

Our loving Father, we thank you for our faithful fellowship in Benin. As we celebrate one year of our new house church located six kilometers from our main Porto Novo congregation, we ask for your continued guidance. Help the members to shine your light and love into their community, bringing hope and transformation. Strengthen us in our commitment to disciple new members, nurturing them in faith and service.

24 GCI-TOGO

We rejoice with you, Jesus, and celebrate the two baptisms in our congregation last month. As they emerge from the depths, may your Holy Spirit infuse them with strength, courage, and unwavering devotion. May their lives be testimonies of your redeeming love.

25 CLEVELAND, OHIO, US

We give thanks for the joyous gathering hosted by Grace Communion Cleveland, where children and families celebrated the start of summer vacation. We are grateful for the abundance of laughter, fun, and community shared in your name. May the memories created, and the connections made continue to reflect your love and grace in our neighborhood.

26 TIEL, THE NETHERLANDS

Gracious God, in perfect assurance of your presence among us, we pray your blessings upon Maarten de Moei as we celebrate his ordination. May he honor you, as he joyfully joins with you, in the ministry you prepared for him.





27 MANILA (SOUTH), PHILIPPINES

Merciful Father, we gather in celebration and gratitude for the ordination of Eric Absalon. We thank you for the gifts and calling you have bestowed upon him, and we pray for your blessings as he steps into this new ministry. May your Spirit guide and empower him, filling him with wisdom, compassion, and courage as he serves your people and shares your love.

28 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

God of grace, who never fails to help and direct the steps of those who seek your will, we ask that you keep us under the protection of your good purposes for us. During our Sunday services this week, we ask that you fill us with a love for you and deep desire to honor you in thought, word, and deed. Amen.



29 MARK 8:35 (NIV)

It can be easy to live self-centered lives and love ourselves too much. If all or most of our time, energy, and resources go into providing only for ourselves and our families, we will have little left to give to others. But healthy discipleship involves rhythms of engaging with neighbor and retreating with God, giving and receiving blessing, working and resting. Ironically, the more we strive to control our lives, the less content we become. Jesus Christ saves us from our selfish tendencies by empowering us with his Spirit to live sacrificially while resting in his victory. Pray for God's kingdom come and will be done on earth as in heaven. Ask the Spirit to help the global church truly live as Jesus incarnated on earth!

30 GCI-TANZANIA

Giver of life, we joyously celebrate the baptism of three new believers. 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

31 GCI-MEDIA

Our media team will be hosting planning meetings in Charlotte and brainstorming content for the upcoming year. Please pray for creativity and discernment as we follow the lead of the Spirit.

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

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