



AUGUST 2024 PRAYER GUIDE

“In prayer, real prayer, we begin to think God’s thoughts after Him: to desire the things He desires, to love the things He loves, to will the things He wills.” – Richard J. Foster

1 MANILA, LUZON, PHILIPPINES

Gracious God, we thank you for gathering of 20 interns from various congregations to embark on this journey at the Ministry Training Center in Manila. We pray that as they dive into Trinitarian Theology and GCI core beliefs, your wisdom and understanding will fill their hearts and minds. May their time here be transformative, deepening their faith, and equipping them to serve with grace and truth. Guide them with your Spirit, unite them in purpose, and bless their endeavors for your glory.

2 AWUTU-BREKU, AWUTU SENYA, GHANA

Almighty God, we are filled with gratitude for our new church building. May this sanctuary be a beacon of your love, a place where hearts are healed, lives are transformed, and your name is glorified. Bless all who enter with peace, joy, and a deep sense of your presence. Guide the leaders and congregation to serve with faithfulness and compassion.

3 PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY, US

Join us in praying for our Love Avenue event, Carnival for Christ, at the apartment complex in our focus neighborhood. We ask for the Holy Spirit to guide our members, helping us to see and participate in what Jesus is doing in the lives of our neighbors. May this event be a time of joy, connection, and sharing Christ’s love. Bless every interaction and open hearts to God’s transformative grace.

4 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Sovereign Lord, we thank you for the many congregations in GCI who have hosted neighborhood camps this summer. We pray that the connections made and ministry opportunities discovered will be deepened and bear lasting fruit. Bless all who participated with continued growth in faith and community. May the faith, hope, and love of Christ continue to guide and inspire them.

5 LUKE 10:40-42

Take a deep breath. Hold it for a couple of seconds. When you exhale, breathe out the stresses that you currently have. Do not dwell on the assignments that you have or the tasks that you have not completed yet. Take time to relax your body and meditate on a blessing that God has bestowed on you recently. God has provided us with gifts, blessings, and his presence; may we bask in all he has given to us. God gives us opportunities to talk with him and express our gratitude for his blessings in the present moment. Let us work on not being distracted from all that he has done for us. What is one blessing you have experienced this week?





6 PORT HARCOURT, RIVER STATE, NIGERIA

Loving Creator, we praise you for our new church building. Fill this space with your presence, drawing many to your love and truth. Bless this congregation with unity, wisdom, and a fervent desire to serve you and their neighbors. Let this building be a place of refuge, worship, and growth in faith.

7 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, US

Eternal God, we thank you for the successful completion of our neighborhood youth camp with 36 campers and 24 adult staff. We are grateful for the time spent in fellowship, learning, and fun. May the seeds of faith planted in the hearts of these young campers grow and flourish.



8 LAKE HURST, NEW JERSEY, US

Almighty God, we rejoice and give thanks for the two recent baptisms in our community. May your Holy Spirit fill these new members with grace, strength, and unwavering faith as they begin their journey with you. Guide them in your truth and surround them with a loving, supportive community. May their lives reflect your love and light.

9 GCI-US

Constant One, we lift up all who will be attending the West US Regional Gathering this weekend. We pray that all who attend would be immersed in Christ's shared faith, hope, and love!

10 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Thank you for the way you have crafted our international fellowship. Thank you for your desire to see your love extend around the entire globe to each and every human being. Though we are far apart geographically, knit us closely together in your love as one community of believers.

11 GCI-ASIA

Merciful God, we pray for your presence to be experienced at our retreat for our leaders in Thailand this weekend. We pray for its success imparting the fundamentals of Healthy Church concepts and for fostering a spirit of unity among the leaders. Bless the preparations and activities planned by GCI Thailand, and may this retreat be a time of growth, encouragement, and deepening connections. Guide and inspire all participants to serve with renewed vision and strength.

12 NUMBERS 6:22-27

One thing that is important in our day-to-day lives is to take a moment to be present within our bodies. It could be meditation, prayer, meaningful silence, or some other form of centering ourselves in the present moment. God has given us many blessings and acknowledging them and expressing gratitude for them is a good practice. When Jesus performed miracles or helped the people around him, he acknowledged the Father's involvement in his actions. Similarly, we should strive to thank God when he gifts us with something. Our connection to the Lord gives us the benefit of conversing with him at any point in our day-to-day lives. Think about this the next time that something surprising happens in your life, even if it feels bad in the moment. Contemplate on that event. How is God showing himself in your life at that moment?



13 APPLETON, WISCONSIN, US

Join us in praying for our Good Neighbor Day Camp for K-2nd graders in Appleton. We pray that every child and volunteer experiences the joy, love, and peace of your kingdom throughout this camp. May these young hearts be touched by your presence and grow in faith and community. Bless the leaders with wisdom and patience as they guide these little ones.

14 BOKOD, LUZON, PHILIPPINES

We celebrate the ordination of Roque Bolide. 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.



15 KENOCKEE, MI, US

Loving Creator, we lift up our community yard sale this week on our church property. We pray that our neighbors will experience our campus as a safe and welcoming space, where the love of Christ is evident to all. May this event foster connections, build community, and reflect your grace and hospitality.

16 GCI - LEADERSHIP COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

Lord, in you we see the beauty of community. Help our leadership teams around the world reflect your unity and be led by the Spirit to participate in building your kingdom.

17 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Sovereign God, you know that many of our congregations are small in number but full of passion for you. Continue to be present to us and to usher forth renewal and peace through the church. May your Holy Spirit lead and guide all we say and do. May we be changed more and more into the image of Jesus as we seek to follow his command, to love as he has loved us.

18 GCI-GHANA

Almighty God, we rejoice and give thanks for the 60th anniversary of this GCI church in Ghana. We are grateful for the six decades of faithful service, love, and witness they have offered to their community. As they celebrate this milestone, we pray for renewed strength, vision, and unity to continue shining your light. May their ministry flourish and bring many more into your loving embrace.

19 PSALMS 69:13-16

Today, it feels challenging to not continually be thinking of the next things that we need to get done. Whether it be the next deadline at work or the next monthly bill that needs to get paid, we have earthly concerns that can dominate our thinking. Let us not be so concerned about our earthly problems that we do not spend time with our heavenly Father. God provides us with everything, and he has plans for us that we cannot yet contemplate. He is always watching over us; he makes sure we have what we need. What is a practice that you can implement into your schedule to give thanks to the Lord?



20 BAGUIO, LUZON, PHILIPPINES

We celebrate and give thanks for this congregation's anniversary. We are grateful for the countless ways they have shined the light and love of Christ in their neighborhood over the years. As they look to the future, we pray for continued guidance, strength, and unity in their mission. May they keep growing in faith and service, reflecting your grace in all they do.

21 GCI-YOUTH

Loving Father, as our children return to school, many to new and unfamiliar places, we pray for your protection and guidance over them. May they feel your presence daily and witness your hand at work in their lives for their good. Grant them wisdom, courage, and peace in their new environments.

22 GLENDORA, CALIFORNIA, US

Gracious God, we thank you for the completion of our 7-week interactive study on the Shema prayer in Deuteronomy 6:4-5. We are grateful for the insights and deeper understanding of your command to love you with all our heart, soul, and strength. May the truths we've learned transform our lives and deepen our relationship with you. Guide us as we continue to live out these teachings in our daily walk.



23 MARKET HARBOROUGH, ENGLAND, UK

Gracious Lord, we pray for our Adventure Camp that is occurring this week. We seek your care and guidance. We ask that it be a time of joy, learning, and community for all participants. May your presence be felt strongly, fostering new friendships and deepening faith in everyone involved. Bless the leaders and volunteers with wisdom and patience, and let your love shine through every activity and interaction.

24 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

This is the season when we develop our budgets for the upcoming year. Join us in thanking God for his provision and asking him for wisdom and discernment in the stewardship of finances as we share the gospel across the globe.



25 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Gracious God, we thank you for the ministry teams in our congregations. We pray that you will continue to raise up team members who are faithful, available, teachable, and enthusiastic. Help us make space for new leaders and integrate them into unified and diverse teams.

26 HEBREWS 7:26-28

In this time of advanced technology, we rarely take the time to separate from our phones and TVs to enjoy the natural world. When was the last time you walked through nature and appreciated what God has bestowed upon us? God has given us such beauty in the world, but it can be challenging to pull away from screens and spend time in God's creation. God blessed us to start each day with the bird's song; he has given us the air we breathe and the bodies that we live in. The natural world is exquisite and offers a deeper connection to the Lord. There are benefits to our screens, but something even more meaningful is the natural world that we live in. What beauty has God created in your surroundings that you admire?

27 CLEVELAND, OHIO, US

Loving God, we thank you for your presence during our recent neighborhood ice cream giveaway. We are grateful for the opportunity to live as sent people, sharing your love with our neighbors. We pray that the connections made during this event will deepen our roots in the community and foster meaningful relationships.

28 QUEENS, NEW YORK, US

Merciful Lord, we praise you for the impact of our recent karaoke night and movie night. We are grateful for these opportunities to live as sent people, sharing joy and building relationships within our church and neighborhood. Thank you for the connections made and the sense of unity strengthened through these events. May the love and fellowship experienced continue to enrich the life of your church.

29 RICHARDSON, TEXAS, US

With grateful hearts, we celebrate the Rooted Connect Group as we conclude our 10-week journey together. We thank you for the daily devotions, prayer rhythms, service, shared stories, scripture discussions, and fellowship we've experienced. As we celebrate this milestone, we ask for your blessings upon each member. May the bonds we've formed continue to grow, and may we be strengthened and inspired to live out our faith with renewed purpose and joy.

30 GRACE COMMUNION SEMINARY

Join us in praying for the students starting a new semester of classes in GCS. We pray for wisdom and strength for the students, teachers, and administrators. May they be equipped for the good works God has for each of them.

31 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Lord, we lift up the senior members of our congregations. We are blessed by their example and ability to train us. Help us benefit from their wisdom and understanding. Help them receive the strength and power you've promised. May they put their hope in you and be renewed in the process.



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

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BURIAS ISLAND, LUZON, PHILIPPINES



AWUTU-BREKU, GHANA