



SEPTEMBER 2024 PRAYER GUIDE

“Prayer is not overcoming God’s reluctance but laying hold of His willingness.” – Martin Luther

1 CINCINNATI, OHIO, US

We are grateful to be able to serve our community. We are wrapping up our summer community yard sales which allow neighbors to set up their own stalls to sell their goods. We pray that beyond these events, they will feel safe and welcome within our church community.

2 EPH. 6:10 (CEB)

Paul closes his letter to the Ephesians with a reminder to be strengthened by God. Sometimes, putting on the armor of God may feel more like a “have to wear it” rather than a “get to wear it” action. In truth, each piece of armor is exactly what we need to be strong in the Lord – rather than be strong in ourselves. Look at what God provides: the truth of God’s love; justice through Christ’s atonement; peace in Christ’s reign; faith in Christ’s defeat of devil; salvation gifted through Christ; and God’s word within us through the Holy Spirit. We get to proclaim all of this to the world every day because God gives us his strength to do so! We may not always feel strong in our own bodies, and God has still equipped us for great things. How would your day look different if you took time to rejoice, pray, and meditate on the armor God has given you?

3 BAGUIO, LUZON, PHILIPPINES

With hearts overflowing with gratitude and joy, we lift our voices to praise and thank you for the abundant blessings poured out upon our recent camp. You, the source of all goodness, have guided our efforts and granted us a time of fellowship, learning, and joy for the children of our community. Grant us the wisdom to discern the needs of these young souls and the humility to serve them with genuine hearts.

4 KABOMPO, ZAMBIA

Sovereign Lord, we thank you for the recent ordination of Vernon Zuze as Associate Pastor. Your divine call has been heard, and your chosen servant has answered with an open heart and willing spirit. May his life shine as a beacon of light, guiding others to your presence.





5 MARKET HARBOROUGH, ENGLAND, UNITED KINGDOM

Lord, we thank you for the laughter that echoed through the camp, for the bonds of friendship that were formed, and for the joy that radiated from each child's heart. Your presence was felt in every activity, every lesson, and every shared moment. We are grateful for the seeds of faith that you planted, for the seeds of hope that were sown, and for the seeds of love that were nurtured during this time. We also seek your wisdom in finding new and creative ways to serve beyond the camp. Show us how we can be a constant source of support and encouragement.

6 WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CANADA

Good shepherd, with humble hearts, we seek your wisdom and guidance as we gather for our strategic planning meetings. Grant us the gift of discernment, that we may be aligned with your purposes. Help us to yield to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. May our efforts bring glory to your name and further your kingdom.

7 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Loving God, we lift up to you the students and teachers in our fellowship. Open their eyes to see the blessings and opportunities you have put before them. Give them wisdom and courage for the challenges that will come their way.

8 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Merciful God, as we enter storm seasons in many regions across the globe, we ask for your protection and provision of our members. Please continue to be a refuge and provide for us as we go through this season.

9 JAMES 1:21 (CEB)

Jesus, the very word of salvation, has already been planted in you. Yes, life often brings with it some weeds, bugs, irritants which try to uproot God's word from you, but nothing is more powerful than what God has already given you – himself! It is too easy to see and highlight our mistakes, struggles, bad decisions. Next time you find yourself stuck pondering or dealing with "moral filth and the growth of wickedness," take a deep breath in and remember to whom you belong. Yes, it will take work to rid your life of weeds, bugs, and other irritants. And Jesus is right there with you and in you, and he has embraced you as his beloved. Don't fret when you cannot find the right words, for the Holy Spirit will guide you in what to say and when to be silent.



10 HYDERABAD, TELANGANA, INDIA

Loving Creator, we thank you for the one day Hope Avenue retreat held for all the worship team members in the Hyderabad congregation. As we reflected on what it means to be true worshippers and disciples of Christ, we ask that you deepen our understanding and commitment to these roles. May your Spirit guide us in our worship and service, helping us to lead others closer to you through our ministry.

11 KITWE, ZAMBIA

Gracious God, in perfect assurance of your presence among us, we pray your blessings upon Mary Bwale as we celebrate her ordination as Associate Pastor. May she honor you, as she joyfully joins with you, in the ministry you prepared for her.

12 SCARBOROUGH, ONTARIO, CANADA

Jesus, it is your person and presence that compels us to love. We praise you for the life-giving time we had at our picnic. We thank you for the food, fun, and games that were enjoyed by all. It was encouraging to see new faces from the picnic participate with us during our worship service the following day. Grant us peace, favor, and wisdom as we invite our neighbors into deeper relationship with you.

13 GCI-CARIBBEAN

Sovereign Lord, as our vision pastors gather today we ask for your wisdom and guidance. Grant them the gift of discernment and insights that they may understand how best to minister in their unique contexts. Help them to be sensitive to the needs of their neighborhoods and to follow the leading of your Spirit in all their decisions. May their efforts bring forth fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name.

14 CALOUNDRA, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

Loving Father, we offer heartfelt praise for the joyous gathering of our Friends and Family Day reunion happening today. As we cherish these moments of community, we earnestly pray for deeper connections and relationships to blossom among all who are gathered. May the bonds we form reflect the love and unity you create.

15 GCI-LEADERSHIP COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

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



16 JAMES 2:8 (CEB)

Those five words, “love your neighbor as yourself,” are packed with a lifetime of learning, growing, and trusting in Christ through all things. Every human has struggled to love themselves. We all go through seasons of doubts. Am I really worthy of love? I’m the worst! My friends stopped talking to me; there must be something wrong with me. How can I be sure God loves me if I don’t even love myself? Precious sibling, when these doubts creep in, read again (and again, and again) the words of Jesus in John 15, “love each other just as I have loved you ... I chose you.” And know that you are loved unconditionally, wholly, by the one who created you. As you allow yourself to be enveloped by God’s love for you, may you begin to recognize and share that same love with your neighbor.

17 GCI-PHILIPPINES

Giver of life, we celebrated the six baptisms within our fellowship last month. As these new disciples 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.

18 RICHARDSON, TEXAS, US

Light of the world, we thank you for the opportunity to share your light and love through our neighborhood camp. As we bask in the glow of this successful camp, we ask for your continued guidance and provision. We long to create more opportunities to walk alongside these children and families as they grow in their understanding of your word and their relationship with you. Open doors for us to build relationships with them in ways that are engaging, relevant, and transformative.

19 CHONGWE, LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

Merciful Father, we gather in celebration and gratitude for the ordination of Alex Kachimwa as Assistant Pastor. 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.



20 LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, US

We joyously celebrate the baptism of two 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.

21 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Creator, we are grateful for all our Avenue champions. Thank you for the gifts you have given them. Help them as they develop, equip, and lead the ministry workers on their team. May your love and grace overflow from them as they minister in your name.

22 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Please join us in praying for our leaders and members to have enthusiasm for serving our communities and sharing the gospel with our neighbors, and that the Holy Spirit would equip us to share the source of our hope.

23 JAMES 3:10 (CEB)

All we need is provided by God. And all have sinned, made waste of God’s provisions, or misrepresented God in some way. We do not receive more provisions when we curse those who make mistakes. Someone does not get extra blessings when they curse another. All we need – and often abundantly more – is provided by God. Not so we can compare, be jealous, or haughty with one another. Rather, so we can rejoice together – shout blessings to our God! They are easy words to type, to read, difficult words to put into practice. While your blessings may not stop another person’s cursing, what difference could you see if you stopped your cursing and replaced them with blessings? The world has given us many opportunities for cursing, but what would it look like if we chose to give blessings instead? May your heart be transformed by the blessings God abundantly gives.

24 LUSAKA CENTRAL, LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

We celebrate the ordination of Alex Musonda as Associate Pastor. 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.

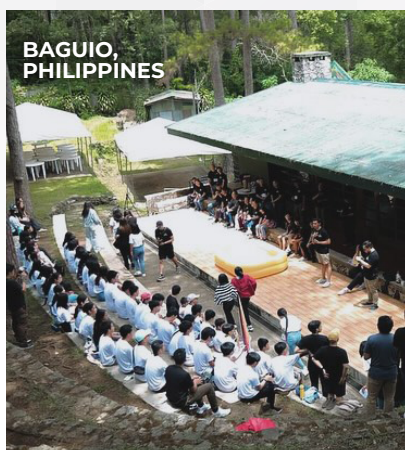


25 RIVER ROAD, OREGON, US

Lord, we ask for your continued presence and guidance as we seek to deepen our relationships and foster growth within our weekly trivia connect groups. May our trivia nights be more than just a game; may they be opportunities to open our hearts, share our stories, and build bonds of trust and understanding.

26 COTMON, VISAYAS, 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.



27 GCI-AFRICA

Loving Creator, we offer our heartfelt gratitude for the national gatherings held last month in Nigeria, Ghana, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. We pray that all who attended are now equipped, empowered, and encouraged in their journey of living and sharing the gospel. May the seeds sown during these gatherings bear abundant fruit for your kingdom.

28 HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT, US

Eternal God, we thank you for the opportunity to gather once again for our worship service in the park. We ask for your presence to fill this space, touching the hearts of all who attend, especially our guests. May this time of worship draw us closer to you and to one another, fostering new and deepening relationships. Bless our fellowship as we share a meal together, and may our connections reflect your love and unity.

29 GCI-MEDIA

With grateful hearts, our Media team gathers this week for strategy meetings to develop our production calendar for 2025 resources. Guide our efforts to create materials that form us more into the image of Christ, foster community and belonging within our congregations, and encourage active participation in sharing the gospel, working for justice, and serving others. May our work respond faithfully to the feedback from our surveys and focus groups, emphasizing tangible ways to live out our theology.

30 JAMES 3:17 (NLT)

There are many who claim to be wise, sometimes freely sharing their wisdom, other times charging those who want their special knowledge. As we journey through life with Christ, we would do well to be mindful of "our" wisdom and how we share it. Do we start with what God has taught us in his word, shown us through Jesus, and gives us through the Holy Spirit? Or do we start with what we "know" or "remember learning," or with what an internet search tells us is wise? Rejoice when your answer is yes to the first question and thank God for the gift of his wisdom. Rejoice, also, when you realize you've answered yes to the second question because it is a chance to change your thinking and ask for wisdom from above. May each day bring opportunities to receive, rejoice, and repeat God's wisdom with love, peace, and sincerity.



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