

"Learn to worship God as the God who does wonders, who wishes to prove in you that he can do something supernatural and divine." – **Andrew Murray** 

## APPLETON, WISCONSIN, US

Faithful One, we praise you for the success of the Good Neighbor Day Camp and for the joy shared among the 12 campers. We thank you for the fruitful partnership with the elementary school, allowing us to extend our love and care to the community. May the relationships formed through this camp continue to grow, leading to even greater kingdom impact in our neighborhood, all for your glory.

#### **7** GCI-MALAYSIA

Loving God, we ask for your wisdom as we partner to provide school supplies for children who have lost their parents or caregivers. Guide us in showing compassion and care, creating opportunities to reflect your love to these precious children. May this partnership be a source of encouragement and hope, helping to meet their needs and reminding them of their worth in your eyes.

## 3 WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS, US

God of grace, we ask for your blessing over this ministry and for Connie Martin as she steps into the role of Fellowship Group Facilitator. Grant her wisdom, grace, and strength as she leads, building a community rooted in your love. May her leadership bring encouragement, growth, and unity as she faithfully serves in this role.

#### 4 GCI-ITALY

Giver of life, we celebrate the recent baptism in our fellowship, marking a new journey of faith. As he continues to follow Christ, we pray for your guidance, strength, and wisdom to accompany him every step of the way, empowering him to live out his commitment with steadfast devotion and joy. May his life be a radiant reflection of your love and grace for all to see.

#### 5 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Loving God, we acknowledge that every good and perfect gift comes f rom you, and today we especially thank you for the gift of our pastors in GCI. We are grateful for their unwavering faith, selfless service, and the steadfast guidance they offer on our spiritual journeys. Their commitment to nurturing our souls and leading us closer to you is an immeasurable blessing. May your abundant grace surround and uplift them as they continue to serve your people with love and dedication. In this season of appreciation, we offer our heartfelt gratitude for their wisdom, care, and faithful leadership.



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## 6 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Faithful God, we thank you for your ongoing renewal work within our denomination and through it. Continue to shape our hearts to seek you more deeply and to serve you with greater devotion. Fill us with your joy and strengthen us as we join in Christ's ministry to the world. May we always reflect your love and purpose in all we do.

#### 7 MARK 4:26-29 (ESV)

In Christ, the kingdom in all its power is sown in this world and is at work in every human situation. The risen Jesus is alive and active as the king of the kingdom, right now, by his Spirit. Jesus assures us of the kingdom's completion, for the planting of his body in the grave and his bodily resurrection affirms this. We look ahead with hope to the kingdom's ultimate fulfillment in the new heaven and earth when God comes to dwell with us forever. Reflect on what it means that Jesus is at work in this world, in our everyday lives and circumstances. How might you participate more actively in what he is doing?



#### Q GCI-PHILIPPINES

Source of love, we thank you for the transformational work in the lives of our nineteen recently baptized campers at summer camp, and we pray that you continue to guide and sustain them on their journey of faith. Grant them strength and courage to walk in your ways, surrounded by your love and supported by your grace. May their lives be a testament to your power and your presence.

## **SAPE TOWN SOUTH,**

Merciful God, we praise you for the women's retreat and for the way you filled our time with inspiration and the Spirit's presence. Thank you for deepening our connection with you and with one another, allowing us to grow in faith and unity as sisters in Christ. We celebrate the bonds formed and the faith strengthened through this gathering, all for your glory.

## O CHURCH MULTIPLICATION MINISTRIES

Creator God, fill our time together with insight and inspiration as we share best practices. Open our hearts to learn from one another's journeys and challenges. Guide our discussions with humility and a spirit of collaboration. May the exchange of ideas fuel our passion to sow seeds of faith in new neighborhoods. Empower us to embrace innovation while remaining rooted in your unchanging truth.

## | LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, US

Gracious and ever-present Lord, we ask for your blessing over our congregation's spiritual retreat. May your Spirit fill every moment, bringing peace, clarity, and renewal to all who participate. Guide our hearts to draw closer to you and to one another, and may this time together deepen our faith, strengthen our unity, and empower us to live more fully in your love.

### 12 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Eternal Father, it is a joy to join in your ministry. We thank you for all the volunteers and ministry workers who have answered your call to serve in GCI congregations. We ask that you sustain them and may they experience your love in meaningful ways.

## 13 GCI-US CHURCH PLANTING RETREAT

Faithful shepherd, we ask for your blessing over this weekend's retreat for church planters across the U.S. Grant wisdom and clarity to each leader as they seek to follow your call in planting and growing new communities of faith. May your Spirit inspire their vision, strengthen their resolve, and guide their steps. Unite them in purpose and empower them to share your love and light in every place they are called to serve.

#### **AMATTHEW 13:44-46 (ESV)**

The kingdom of God at work in this world by the Spirit is a hidden reality, all-encompassing and universal in its scope. It is a treasure worth giving up everything of value to participate in. Jesus fills all of creation with his resurrection life and power by his Spirit. It's a process that one day will come to its full expression in the new heaven and new earth, and we are called to participate with him in all he is doing. Consider the price Jesus paid to hide the treasure of God's kingdom in this world and in us. What price are we willing to pay to participate with him in that heavenly kingdom even now?



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#### 15 GCI-GHANA

Source of all goodness, we ask for your blessing over the ministry offering free eye and health screenings to our neighborhood. May this act of service be a reflection of your love and care, bringing healing, hope, and comfort to those in need. Guide the hands of those providing care and open hearts to receive both physical and spiritual renewal. May this ministry strengthen the bonds within our community and shine your light in every life it touches.

#### 6 BIG SANDY, TEXAS, US

Lord of our lives, we lift up to you the weekly fall youth connect groups as they begin. Bless each gathering with your presence, guiding the leaders and youth in meaningful discipleship that shapes their hearts and minds. May this time together plant seeds of faith and wisdom that positively influence the direction of their lives. Draw each young person closer to you, and may they grow in love, grace, and a deeper understanding of their identity in Christ.

#### 7 GCI-MALAYSIA

With thanksgiving, we remember 50 years of our denomination's ministry in Malaysia. We are grateful for the countless blessings, guidance, and growth experienced over these decades. As we reflect on this rich history, we celebrate the ways you have worked through your people to serve the community and glorify your name. As we look to the future, we pray for your continued presence and grace to sustain us in our mission, that we may remain a beacon of love, hope, and support for all who encounter this ministry.

#### **18** PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Holy and compassionate One, we ask for your blessing over the missional engagement of our members in Papua New Guinea. We thank you for their generosity and creativity, especially through the women's ministry and their work ] with bilum bags. Bless their efforts as they raise funds to support their neighbors in times of grief and need. May their love and compassion continue to be a powerful expression of your grace, bringing comfort and hope to those they serve.

## 19 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Loving Lord, we lift up the senior members of our congregations, recognizing the incredible blessing they are to us. Their lives and experiences offer us a wealth of wisdom, guidance, and faithfulness. Help us to truly learn from their insights and to honor their contributions. We ask that you fill them with your strength and the power you've promised, renewing their spirits as they continue to place their hope in you. May they feel your presence in every step of their journey and find joy in sharing their wisdom with us.

## 20 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Lord, in you we witness the beauty and power of true community. We ask that you guide our leadership teams and communities of practice across the globe to embody your unity and grace. May they be led by your Spirit as they join in the work of building your kingdom, creating spaces where your love, peace, and justice flourish. Help them to collaborate with hearts aligned with your will, always seeking to reflect the unity found in you.

#### **7** LUKE 15:8-9 (ESV)

What we often forget about lost things is that they have a home where they are treasured. In the kingdom of God, those who are lost are of great value, for the price paid to find them and bring them home is the death of God's Son. It is in Christ we find ourselves treasured, and carried home to our heavenly Father, and rejoiced over in the Spirit. Is there someone in your life who needs to be reminded they are of priceless value in God's eyes today? Make a point to tell them this good news.

## 22 STEELE CREEK, NORTH CAROLINA, US

Jesus, we thank you for the connections and friendships that were strengthened during our recent neighborhood "Mystery" dinner. We thank you for the laughter, camaraderie, and the opportunity to come together as a community. We pray for your guidance as we seek to maintain and nurture these newfound connections. May the bonds formed tonight continue to grow and remind us of the importance of unity and support in our neighborhood.

## 23 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Loving Creator, we ask for your blessing over the strategic planning meetings for our denomination. Fill the minds of all who participate with wisdom and discernment as they seek your guidance for the path ahead. May every discussion and decision be shaped by your Spirit, leading us to align with your mission and vision. Strengthen our unity and purpose, that we may serve your people and your kingdom with faithfulness and grace.

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## 24 KENOCKEE, MICHIGAN, US

We are filled with gratitude for the evening of testimonies and music that touched the hearts of all who attended. We praise God for the powerful stories of faith and the uplifting music that encouraged all who participated. We celebrate the way the Spirit moved through this event, drawing us closer to the Lord and to one another. May the impact of this evening continue to resonate in our hearts as a reminder of God's grace and faithfulness.

#### 25 GCI-ASIA

Merciful Lord, we praise you for the gathering of GCI leaders from across Asia at the leadership retreat in Korat, Thailand. Thank you for the meaningful discussions and reflections on cultivating Healthy Church, and for the updates that highlighted your work in each region. We celebrate the unity and wisdom shared, knowing that we are better together. We trust that these leaders will continue to guide their communities with faithfulness and grace.

# 26 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Gracious God, we ask for a vibrant missional heartbeat to flow through GCI congregations. You have blessed us abundantly, so help us to be a blessing to the world.

## 27 RAYONG,

We praise the Lord for our recent team-building event and for the connections and unity that were strengthened through it. We thank God for the joy and collaboration shared, and we ask that this same spirit of joy and togetherness continue to flourish in our work together. May we carry forward a sense of purpose and delight in serving alongside one another, always guided by grace.

#### **28** MATTHEW 13:33 (ESV)

A baker, when attempting to make a loaf of bread, pushes the leaven into every part of the lump of dough as it is kneaded. Only when this is done is the dough formed into a loaf and set aside to rise before it can be baked. Likewise, in Jesus Christ by the Spirit, the kingdom of God is spread into every part of the cosmos. As we share the good news of his grace with others, we participate as the Lord ensures every part of his creation is permeated with his life in the Spirit. How can your actions and words bear witness to Jesus' saving grace and love today?

#### 29 GCI-NIGERIA

Ever-present Lord, we praise you for the recent national gathering and the ways you moved among us during this time of fellowship and equipping. We thank you for the wisdom and tools provided, and we ask that the equipping received will bear fruit in ministry, transforming lives and communities. May this gathering inspire a community of believers that continues to grow together toward becoming a Healthy Church, united in purpose and love as we serve you.

#### 30 GCI- MYANMAR

Holy One, we humbly seek your blessing on the ordination of Chan Thleng. 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.

## 31 HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, US

God of hope, we gather with hearts filled with joy and gratitude for the five precious souls who responded to your loving embrace and were baptized. We celebrate the new life they have found in Christ and the promise of redemption that baptism symbolizes. May their journeys be filled with faith, hope, and love, and may their lives be a shining testament to your grace.



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

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