

"Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer; it is almost essentially connected with it."- John Wesley

ALL SAINTS DAY

Holy and gracious God, we give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us, faithfully reflecting your love and grace. As we remember the saints who have shaped our lives and congregations, may we be inspired by their example to live with courage, compassion, and hope. Strengthen us to carry forward their legacy, as we follow Christ, who unites us all in his love.

2 KENOCKEE, MICHIGAN, US

Loving God, we thank you for the beginning of a new school year and the start of a new Children's Church season at Kenockee. We ask for your continued blessings on the youth of GCI, that they may grow in wisdom, faith, and love as they embark on this journey. Bless the teachers and helpers, guiding them with patience and joy as they nurture the hearts of these children. We pray that your presence would surround them, and that they may walk confidently in your light.

て HEBREWS 13:8

Constant One, we celebrate your faithfulness to us. Take a moment to think of times when God's faithfulness to you was evident. Remind us throughout the day, dear God, that you're still good, that you are our source of help, that even when our faith falters, it doesn't change your faithfulness to us.

4 DEUTERONOMY 12:7

In our day-to-day lives, it can be easy to forget all the little blessing from God. Do you rejoice in everything you put your hand to? Not likely. We can get caught up in thinking about current challenges or other negative things happening in our lives. Our days are full of the blessings that God has bestowed upon us, big and small — but the best blessing of all is God's presence. How can you grow in awareness and gratitude for blessings? How can you cultivate a deeper appreciation for God's presence?

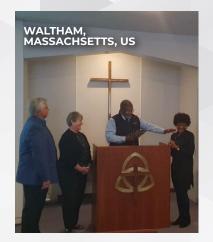
5 GCI-ZIMBABWE

Gracious God, we lift up the commissioning of the four new leaders in Zimbabwe—Mr. Xolan Mpande, Mr. Walter Taderera, Mr. Welcome Kashumba, and Ms. Carolina Mutasa. We thank you for their willingness to serve and ask for your guidance, wisdom, and strength as they step into leadership. May they lead with hearts attuned to your Spirit, bringing unity and growth to their congregations. Bless their efforts, and may they always reflect your love and grace in their service.



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6 LIMPOPO, RSA

God of hope, we gather with hearts filled with joy and gratitude for the fourteen 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.

7 SUN VALLY, CALIFORNIA, US

Faithful God, we thank you for the gift of our union in Christ, which binds us together across every ethnicity, nation, and tongue. We are especially grateful for the opportunity GC Sun Valley had to celebrate Hispanic Heritage, gathering in unity and joy to honor the rich diversity of cultures. Thank you for the volunteers and participants who brought this event to life, and for the food and fellowship shared by all. May these celebrations continue to remind us of your boundless love and the beauty of our shared humanity.

8 WOODBINE, GEORGIA, US

Heavenly Father, we lift up the youth in prayer, asking for your blessing to be upon them as they grow in faith and wisdom. May they be filled with boldness in proclaiming and demonstrating the love of Christ in their words and actions. Strengthen their hearts with courage, that they may reflect your grace in every space they enter. Guide them in their journey, and may they be beacons of hope and light in the world.

O PSALM 91

O God, my refuge, I offer my gratitude for your constant care and protection.

Take a few minutes to rest in your loving Father's arms. Inhale: Abide in the shelter of the Most High.

Exhale: Rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

Father, thank you for your unfailing love that endures forever.

Take a few minutes to commune with God.

Breathe in:Abba Father

Breathe out: I belong to you.

Repeat this for as many breaths as you need.

Do you enjoy being in nature? Nature is a physical reminder of the beauty that God provides. God could have created the world merely functional; God didn't have to make it beautiful. A hummingbird drinking nectar, a meadow of spring flowers, huge mountain ranges, turquoise alpine lakes — their beauty praises the Lord. Beauty can connect us to God when it is difficult feel God's presence in our life. Where and when do you experience God's presence the strongest?

12 STEELE CREEK, NORTH CAROLINA, US

Loving Father, we thank you for the ordination of Afrika Mills as Assistant Pastor, and for the call you have placed on her life to serve your people. We are grateful for her gifts, her faithfulness, and her willingness to lead with humility and love. Bless her in this new role, guiding her with wisdom, strength, and compassion as she ministers to those in her care. May she be a vessel of your grace, and may her work bring glory to your name and transformation to the lives she touches.



13 LEMON GROVE, CALIFORNIA, US

Merciful God, we give thanks for the opportunity to serve in reaching out to our unsheltered neighbors during the second annual Day of Dignity. May this act of service inspire continued efforts to share your love in our neighborhoods, bringing hope and dignity to all. Bless the hands and hearts involved, and may their work bear lasting fruit in the lives they touch.

4 MANILA, LUZON, PHILIPPINES

Gracious God, as we gather in celebration of our congregation's anniversary, we offer our heartfelt thanks for the shared memories and enduring love that have shaped our community over the years. May the spirit of unity and commitment continue to guide us into the future, as we reflect on the abundant blessings that define our collective journey.

15 CINCINNATI WEST, OHIO, US

Almighty Lord, we praise you for the joy and fellowship experienced during the fall festival. Thank you for the fun, laughter, and the sense of community shared by all who attended. We are especially grateful for the neighbors who joined us, and we ask for your blessing on the relationships that were formed and strengthened through this event. May these connections continue to grow, and may we reflect your love and grace as we build deeper relationships with those around us.

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6 EPHESIANS 2:10

Be present, merciful God, and protect us through this day. We thank you for the opportunities to participate with you in ministry and share the good news of Jesus with those who you have put in our path. Give us words of encouragement and fill us with your joy as we do the good works you have prepared for us.

17 PSALM 103

Generous God, you pour out kindness and mercy upon your people.
Take a moment to remember the ways you have experienced God's kindness this week.
Breathe in: Generous God.
Breathe out: You crown me with loving kindness and tender mercies.

1 1 CORINTHIANS 2:11-12

God has freely given us so many blessings. The greatest of these is God's presence. God has given us the Holy Spirit; and by the Spirit, Jesus is revealing the Father. Do you have questions about God? Are there things that confuse you about God? Ask the Spirit. What a blessing that the Spirit teaches and guides us! In what ways do you experience the Spirit's presence? Are there intentional practices that deepen discernment from the Spirit?



9 GROVE CITY, OHIO, US

Ever-present God, we thank you for the joy and community spirit shared during the Harvest Party. We praise you for the fun, fellowship, and festivities that brought families and friends together in celebration of this season. Bless the connections that were made, and may they grow into lasting relationships rooted in your love. As we continue to share moments like these, may your presence guide us in reflecting your grace and hospitality to all.

20 RIVER ROAD, OREGON, US

Merciful Redeemer, we thank you for the time of bonding and creativity shared by church members at the pottery shop. We are grateful for the opportunity to connect, laugh, and grow closer as a community in this joyful experience. May the relationships formed and strengthened during this time reflect your love and unity, and may these moments of fellowship inspire deeper connections in the life of the church. Guide us as we continue to build a community that reflects your grace and care.

21 GCI-US

Eternal Shepherd, we seek your wisdom and discernment as the US team gathers for their meetings. Guide their discussions with clarity and insight, that they may make decisions aligned with your will. Bless them with unity of spirit and purpose, fostering collaboration and trust among all members. May their work together bring glory to you and strengthen the mission they share in Christ.

22 BULAWAYO, ZIMBABWE

We rejoice with you, Jesus, and celebrate the 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.

23 GCI LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Lord, as seasoned believers and new believers continue to grow in grace and truth, we ask for new leaders to continue the mission and vision you have for GCI. Please continue to equip and raise servant leaders to build up your church.

24 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Almighty Lord, on this Christ the King Sunday, we exalt and honor Jesus as the King of kings and Lord of lords. We thank you for his reign of love, grace, and justice, and for the peace he brings into our lives and the world. May we, as followers of Christ, reflect his kingdom in our words and actions, living as faithful servants under his rule. Strengthen us to share his love and hope with all, as we await the fullness of his kingdom.



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25 JAMES 1:17

If every good and perfect gift is from above, does that mean getting out of a speeding ticket is from God? Someone could likely make an argument for this. But what gifts in our lives are from God? Rather than the what question, the who question is always the best place to start. Who is the perfect gift? Jesus, of course. What a blessing that Jesus is responding on our behalf to the Father — perfectly! How can you express your gratitude today for your union with our loving, triune God?

26 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, US

Loving God, we praise you for the five youth baptisms our congregation celebrated last month. As we welcome our newly baptized members into our fellowship, we thank you once again for your gift of grace and the forgiveness you give each of us.



27 MOOROOLBARK, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

God of grace, we give you thanks for the beautiful connections being made through the People's Pantry at GC Mooroolbark. We are grateful for the hearts opened to receive your Word, for the prayer requests shared, and for the opportunity to come together in both study and fellowship. May these moments of connection continue to grow, and may we always be ready to live and share the gospel with compassion and love. We pray for your continued blessings on this missional movement, that it may bear fruit in the lives of all who participate.

28 THANKSGIVING DAY, US

Good Good Father, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude for your countless blessings in our lives. We thank you for your unending grace, your love that sustains us, and the many ways you provide for our needs. May we always recognize your hand at work, and may our hearts overflow with thankfulness, even in the smallest moments. Guide us to live with grateful hearts, reflecting your goodness to all around us.



29 MELBOURNE, FLORIDA, US

Faithful Creator, we thank you for the partnership between GC Melbourne and their local elementary school, and for the joy it brings to serve and meet their needs. We ask for your continued blessing on this ministry, that it may be a source of support and encouragement to both the teachers and students. Bless all involved in this work, and may the love of Christ be evident in every act of generosity. Guide this partnership to grow even stronger, reflecting your kindness and care in the community.

30 WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS, US

Father, Son, and Spirt, we thank you for Connie Martine-Wilson and her willingness to serve in your name. As she is commissioned as a facilitator, we ask for your blessing upon her, filling her with wisdom, strength, and compassion for the journey ahead. May she lead with grace, always guided by your Spirit, as she ministers to your people. Bless her work and her heart, that she may reflect your love in all she does, bringing glory to your name.

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

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