

# JANUARY 2025 PRAYER GUIDE

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”- Martin Luther

## 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

God of Grace, as this new year unfolds, guide our steps with Your wisdom and fill our hearts with trust in Your unfailing love. Open our eyes to the beauty of Your goodness around us and the blessings You provide each day. Teach us to walk in Your ways, to seek Your will, and to live as vessels of Your grace and light in the world.

## 2 MASTERTON, NEW ZEALAND

We rejoice and celebrate the gift of new life through the four baptisms today. Thank You for drawing these beloved ones into the embrace of Your love and marking them with the seal of Your Spirit. May their journey with You be filled with joy, growth, and a deep awareness of Your presence. Surround them with a community of faith to nurture and support them as they walk in Your grace.

## 3 BELTON, MISSOURI, US

Loving God, we celebrate the baptism of Your beloved child and the new life they now share in You. Thank You for the gift of faith and for surrounding them with Your love. Guide them as they walk with You, growing in trust and understanding of Your ways. May their life reflect the hope and joy found in Christ.

## 4 KINGDOM CULTURE PRAYER

Lord of the kingdom, we thank You for calling us to reflect our identity as followers of Christ in every part of our lives. As we embrace this year's theme, shape us more into the image of Jesus, fostering deep community and belonging within our congregations. Inspire us to share and demonstrate the gospel with boldness and love in our homes, neighborhoods, and spheres of influence. May our lives be a witness to Your grace and a reflection of Your kingdom on earth.

## 5 KINGDOM CULTURE PRAYER

Isaiah 60:1 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.  
(Book of Common Prayer, 1979)



CINCINNATI, OHIO



## 6 MATTHEW 2:1-2

Today we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany. Epiphany is a time to celebrate the light of Jesus that draws all people to Him. The magi's journey to worship Christ reminds us of the expansive love of God – a love that embraces every nation and person. Jesus came to reveal the Father's heart to all humanity. The light of Christ is one that illuminates and reveals God's personal presence in our lives. As you reflect on this, consider: Where do you see the light of Christ in your own life? Consider what gift of worship you can offer in response, whether it's your time, gratitude, or a simple act of kindness.

## 7 KAPETE, LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

Loving and faithful God, we praise You for the joy and transformation experienced during the children's weekend camp in Kapete. Thank You for teaching these young hearts about Your unwavering love and for surrounding them with the truth of Your care through the parables of Jesus. We are grateful for the relationships formed, the creativity expressed, and the seeds of discipleship planted in their lives. Help us to depend on You as we nurture the faith of our youth, guiding them to know and reflect Your love in their lives.



## 8 GCI-MYANMAR

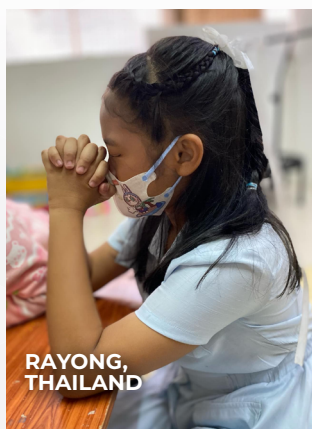
Gracious and compassionate God, we praise You for the opportunity to share Your love through our neighborhood engagement. Thank You for the 30 children who experienced joy, connection, and the warmth of Your care through the activities and the shared meal. We celebrate the seeds of love and hope planted in their young hearts and the relationships built during this day. Help us to continue depending on You as we reflect Your love and grace in all we do.

## 9 KENOCKEE, MICHIGAN, US

Merciful God, we praise You for the gift of community and the joy of shared meals like the Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner. Thank You for creating a space where no one has to be alone, where Your love is made tangible through fellowship and hospitality. We celebrate the connections formed and the opportunity to extend Your grace to family, friends, and those who might otherwise feel isolated. May this gathering continue to reflect the warmth of Your kingdom and draw others closer to Your heart.

## 10 PALM BEACH, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

Ever present God, we lift up the upcoming youth camp weekend to You, asking for Your presence to be deeply felt by everyone involved. Fill the hearts of the youth with a sense of wonder and awe as they experience Your love and truth in new and meaningful ways. Bless the leaders and volunteers with wisdom, patience, and joy as they guide and nurture these young lives. May this weekend be a time of transformation, connection, and growth in faith, leaving lasting impressions of Your grace and goodness.



## 11 KINGDOM LIVING PRAYER

Lord of all, we thank You for calling us to a life of Kingdom Living, reflecting the love, grace, and justice of Your reign. Teach us to embody the values of Your kingdom in our daily lives, showing compassion, building community, and sharing the hope of the gospel. Shape us into the image of Christ, that we might be a light in our homes, neighborhoods, and beyond. May our lives honor You and draw others into the joy of Your Kingdom.

## 12 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Lord of all grace, we praise You for the baptism of Jesus, revealing Him as Your beloved Son and marking the beginning of His ministry to redeem and restore the world. Through His baptism, we see Your love poured out and Your Spirit at work, calling us to follow in His footsteps. Help us to remember our own baptism, embracing our identity as Your children and living as faithful witnesses to Your Kingdom. May we walk in the light of Christ, empowered by Your Spirit, to reflect His love and grace to the world.

## 13 MALACHI 3:2-3

The season of Epiphany draws us into a deeper encounter with Jesus. It's a time to see Him with fresh eyes, enlightened by His presence and shaped by His love. When we place ourselves in the loving presence of our triune God, we are refined, transformed to become more like Christ. This is a time to engage His story with expectation, asking for new revelations – epiphanies that awaken us to His ongoing work in our lives. Pause and reflect: What might Jesus be inviting you to let go of in this season? How can releasing these things allow His presence to shape you more fully into His likeness?

## 14 GLENDORA, CALIFORNIA, US

God of hope and joy, we celebrate the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus through our Christmas weekend event. Thank You for the chance to retell the story of Your love and the hope we have in Christ through the play and the shared meal. May the concert overflow with songs of joy that lift hearts and draw all who gather closer to You. Bless every guest and participant with the light of Your presence, and may this weekend bring glory to Your name.



## 15 GCI-INDIA

Good Shepherd, we praise You for the blessing of the GCI India Convention and the fellowship shared among Your people. Thank You for the inspiration and renewal experienced through worship, teaching, and connection. We celebrate the theme "Vessels of Honor" and the call to live with purpose, embodying faith and service in our daily lives. Continue to guide and strengthen each attendee as they grow in their commitment to reflect Jesus and live missionally in their communities.

## 16 LADSON, SOUTH CAROLINA, US

God of love and connection, we thank You for the opportunity to share Your joy through the outdoor movie and chili cook-off. We are grateful for the partnership of our Love Avenue and Hope Avenue teams, working together to create a welcoming space for our community. Thank You for the families who returned and for the new connections formed during this event. Let this gathering bear fruit in our neighborhood and reflect Your glory.

## 17 KHULNA, BANGLADESH

We praise You, Lord, for the success of the camp and the blessing of 60 campers coming together to experience Your love. Thank You for the moments of growth, connection, and joy shared during this time. We ask for continued opportunities to deepen these relationships and for each camper to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Strengthen the seeds of faith planted during the camp, that they may flourish and draw hearts closer to You.

## 18 GCI CONGREGATIONS

Jesus, you are the good shepherd. We pray that You inspire our pastors and leaders with Your vision for each flock. Give them eyes to see Your provision and ears to hear where their communities are calling in need. Lead our congregations where You would have us go.

## 19 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Psalm 40:1-3

Epiphany Season reminds us that Jesus is the perfect representation of the Father. The Son of Man reveals, manifests the Father's heart for us. The Father is not angry with you. He inclines his ear to you and hears your cry. He puts a new song in your mouth.

## 20 ISAIAH 43:1B-2

These words from Isaiah remind us of the steadfast presence of our God. In Christ, we have a light that leads us through every shadowed path and turbulent storm. His light doesn't promise a life free of challenges but assures us of His unwavering guidance and care. Take a moment to reflect: Where is Jesus leading you? How might His light be inviting you to trust in His faithful guidance, even when the way feels uncertain?



## 21 CGI-RSA

Everlasting Father, we praise You for last month's youth camp and the ways You revealed Your love and truth to those who attended. Thank You for the joy shared, the lessons learned, and the connections made during this special time. We trust that the seeds of faith planted will grow and flourish under Your care, guiding these young hearts closer to You. May the impact of this camp inspire lives that reflect Your glory and grace.

## 22 GCI-MALAYSIA

Rock of Ages, we praise You for the faithfulness and grace that have carried this congregation through 50 years of ministry. Thank You for the countless lives touched, the worship lifted, and the community built in Your name over these decades. We celebrate the legacy of faith and service that continues to reflect Your glory and love. Guide this congregation into the future with the same steadfast presence that has brought them this far, as they remain rooted in Christ and committed to Your Kingdom work.

## 23 NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, US

Faithful God, we praise You for the joy and relationships formed during the drum camp. Thank You for the opportunity to engage with the community, to learn and create together, and to share a meal in fellowship. We are grateful for the presence of our neighbors and for the time spent worshipping together, celebrating Your goodness. Guide us as we continue to reflect Your love and grace in our neighborhood.

## 24 HMAWBI, YANGON, MYANMAR

Merciful Lord, we thank You for the vibrant children's ministry of this congregation and the faithful hearts of those who serve. Bless the weekly Sunday School service and the special camps that provide opportunities for children and youth to grow in faith and community. Thank You for the dedication of the Sunday school teachers and members who lead with love and purpose. Guide these young ones to know You more deeply and walk in Your ways, shaping them as faithful followers of Christ.

## 25 GCI SUPERINTENDENTS

God of abundance and grace, You are faithful to provide loving leaders in GCI. Guard their steps and grant them peace beyond understanding as they bear the mantle of leadership. May they rest in the assurance that You, Jesus, build Your church.



## 26 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Psalm 27:1-4

Jesus, You are the epiphany, the manifestation of above! You have revealed the Father to be our light and salvation. Whom then shall we fear? Thank You for being our stronghold. You are a beauty to behold! And we seek to live in You all the days of our lives.

## 27 JEREMIAH 17:7-8

In Christ, we find the source of all we need. His light and love sustain us, just as the waters nourish the roots of a thriving tree. His presence energizes us for the ministry He calls us to, empowering us to bear fruit in every season. Take a moment to reflect: How are you drawing strength from Jesus today? How is His light sustaining and energizing you to participate in His work?

## 28 CINCINNATI, OHIO, US

Light of the World, we praise You for the way Your love and grace shone brightly through the festival, even in the midst of challenges. Thank You for providing a warm and welcoming refuge for our neighbors, where they could share a meal, enjoy time with family, and experience the fellowship of Your church. We celebrate the conversations and connections made, knowing that Your Spirit was at work in every moment. Let the warmth of that day continue to draw hearts closer to You and to one another.

## 29 BIG SANDY, TEXAS, US

Prince of Peace, we praise You for the opportunity to participate in the town Christmas parade and to share the joy of Christ's coming with our neighbors. Thank You for the connections formed and the seeds of relationship planted during this event. We ask for Your blessing over these new and growing connections, that they may lead to deeper relationships and opportunities to reflect Your love. Use this time to build bridges of trust and community, drawing hearts closer to one another and to You.

## 30 RAYONG, THAILAND

King of our hearts, we lift up this children's ministry to You, asking for Your blessing over every child and youth involved. May Christ reign as King in their hearts, guiding their thoughts, decisions, and lives with His love and truth. Bless the leaders and teachers with wisdom and grace as they nurture these young ones in faith. Let this ministry be a place where Your kingdom is made known, shaping hearts to follow You and reflect Your light in the world.

## 31 CARINA, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

God of hospitality, we ask Your blessing over the ongoing "Communi-Tea" gatherings, a space for refreshment and connection. Fill this place with Your presence, making it a sanctuary of warmth, welcome, and meaningful relationships. Bless every conversation and interaction, that they may reflect Your love and grace. Use this event to deepen connections within the community and draw hearts closer to one another and to You.



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