

"True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that—it is a spiritual transaction with the Creator of Heaven and Earth." — **Charles Spurgeon**

PRAYER FOR RESTORATION

Merciful Lord, in the wake of recent natural disasters, we cry out to you for mercy and restoration. Comfort those who mourn, strengthen those who rebuild, and provide for those in need. Let your healing presence be known in every place of devastation, bringing hope where there is despair and peace where there is chaos. Stir the hearts of communities to care for one another, that through love and generosity, your grace may be made visible.

2 EULESS, TEXAS, US

Faithful God, we give you

thanks for the gift of new life through baptism. We celebrate your calling of three baptisms into your love. May they walk in the fullness of your love, rooted in Christ and strengthened

by your presence each day.



3 MARK 1:35 NIV

Throughout the Gospels, we see that Jesus had a perfect balance between spending time with people and spending time alone with the Father. Even after a long, exhausting evening of healing many people, Jesus still makes the effort to get up before sunrise and commune with the Father in prayer. Jesus knew where to draw his strength from. He knew how crucial it was to recharge in solitude away from people, and he modeled for us what it looks like to prioritize pleasing God more than people. How often do you find yourself being tempted to please people more than God? Ask God for help to repent from this common temptation and turn back to him.

4 GCI-KENYA

Gracious God, as we celebrate the six youth baptisms, we also commit ourselves as a community to walk alongside them in faith. May we be a source of encouragement, wisdom, and love, pointing them always to your truth and grace. Knit us together as one body, that we may grow in Christ and bear witness to your kingdom. Help us to live out the baptismal calling we all share, reflecting your love in our words and actions.



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5 ASH WEDNESDAY

Merciful God, as we enter this season of reflection, we acknowledge our need for you and the ways we have turned to lesser things. Remind us of our dependence on you and call us to let go of all that distracts us from your love. Strip away our idols, renew our hearts, and reorient us toward Jesus, our true source of life. May this be a season of repentance and restoration, where we walk in your grace with renewed trust and devotion. In your mercy, draw us closer and shape us in your likeness.

6 SURREY HILLS, OKLAHOMA, US

Loving God, we thank you for the connect group that gathers to seek you through Scripture and story. As they watch and discuss "The Chosen" series, may your Spirit open their hearts to a deeper revelation of Christ's love, compassion, and calling. Let their conversations draw them closer to Jesus and to one another, shaping them to reflect your grace in their daily lives. May they be stirred not only to know you more but to join in your mission, sharing your love with those around them.

7 AKRON, OHIO, US

Gracious God, we lift up Joel Clevenger to you, entrusting him to your guidance as he steps into this role as facilitator. Fill him with wisdom, patience, and a heart attuned to your Spirit, that he may lead with humility and grace. May his words bring encouragement, his actions reflect your love, and his leadership foster unity and growth among those he serves. Strengthen him in moments of challenge, remind him that he does not lead alone, and equip him for every good work you have set before him. Bless and anoint him for this calling, that through his service, your kingdom may be made known.

8 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Faithful God, today we celebrate the women you have created in your image, each uniquely gifted to reflect your love and wisdom. We give thanks for their leadership, creativity, perseverance, and the many ways they contribute to the flourishing of communities. Strengthen those who work for justice, empower those who seek to bring change, and uplift those whose voices need to be heard. Heal the wounds of inequality and open pathways for every woman to walk fully in the calling you have placed on their lives. May we, as your people, honor and support the dignity, purpose, and contributions of all women as we seek your kingdom together.

9 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Father, we lift up our congregational ministry teams. We thank you for the volunteers who so enthusiastically participate with you in ministry. We pray that our teams will continue to be Team Based — Pastor Led, following the lead of the Spirit as they engage with their communities.

O ISAIAH 30:15A NIV

I once heard stress defined as "Striving To Remain Extra Self Sufficient." Every single day we are given a choice to be extra self-sufficient or to trust God to be all sufficient for us. Many of us are so accustomed to striving every day to protect and provide for ourselves we end up overthinking, worrying, and feeling anxious about things we have little to no control over. God wants us to stop striving and experience his salvation through resting and trusting in him. Pray for an uninterrupted block of time, like setting a timer for 10 minutes or longer, to intentionally tune your awareness and experience the presence of our ever-present God. Let the inner and outer noise go and simply be with God as you breathe deeply.



]] GCI-USA

God of new beginnings, we rejoice in the time spent together, where your presence has shaped conversations, worship, and reflection during our recent Young Adult Retreat. Thank you for the friendships formed, the wisdom shared, and the ways you have drawn us deeper into your love. As we return to our daily lives, may the connections made here continue to strengthen, leading to mutual encouragement and discipleship. By your Spirit, continue to open the hearts of all who attended to follow your lead and give you glory.

12 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

God of wisdom and unity, we lift up the superintendents as they gather in the U.S. at the home office this week. Guide their conversations with clarity and discernment, that their time together may strengthen their shared mission and deepen their reliance on you. May they listen with humility, speak with grace, and seek your will in every decision. Fill them with your Spirit, that they may lead with courage, wisdom, and a heart for the people they serve. Let this gathering be a time of renewal, collaboration, and vision, all for the glory of your kingdom.

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13 MOHLAKENG, GAUTENG, RSA

God of calling and faithfulness, we rejoice today as we celebrate the ordination of Ronnie Medupe. Thank you for the journey that has led him to this moment, for the gifts you have placed within him, and for his heart to serve your people. Fill him with your Spirit, that he may lead with wisdom, compassion, and courage, always pointing others to your love. Strengthen him for the work ahead, surround him with support, and remind him daily that he does not walk this path alone. May his ministry bear fruit for your kingdom, bringing glory to you in all he does.

14 GCI-PHILIPPINES

Loving God, we thank you for the sacrament of baptism. May our recent baptized member be ever aware of your presence, your guiding hand, and your unfailing love. Let their life be a reflection of your grace, a witness to your goodness, and a light that draws others to you. Fill them with your Spirit, strengthen them in faith, and lead them deeper into the joy of belonging to you.

15 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Lord, our Rock, we thank you for our pastors who faithfully serve you. We know of their faith in you and their love for all the saints. May we never stop giving thanks for them, always remembering them in our prayers. We will keep asking that you, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, will give them the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that they may know you better.



16 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Oh Lord, your word declares that you are our Good Shepherd. Just as shepherds provide guidance for their sheep, we pray that you, Lord, provide shepherds who will nurture your flocks. Raise up servant leaders who will flourish in relationship with you and the teams that they lead.

7 JEREMIAH 29:12-13 NIV

God wants to be known. It gives him great joy when his children choose to come to him and speak to him, and he always has a listening ear. Because God is invisible and always with us wherever we are, we can be tempted to think that we will come to him "when we have time" or when it's "convenient" for us. But the truth is, God desires to have quality time with us more than anyone else. He wants us to seek him with all our hearts, free of distractions. What are some distractions in your life that may be inhibiting your quality time with God? Surrender them to God and ask the Spirit to guide you to have uninterrupted time together.

A HARARE, ZIMBABWE

God of purpose and renewal, we give you thanks for the fruitful time of learning and reflection in our recent Avenues workshop. We celebrate the dedication of each leader who has gathered to deepen their understanding of GCI's vision, mission, and the three Avenues, seeking to align their hearts and ministry with your work in the world. May the unity and passion ignited in these sessions continue to grow, strengthening their commitment to join Jesus in his ministry of love, reconciliation, and transformation. Keep them encouraged, connected, and equipped as they lead their congregations in faithful participation in your kingdom.

9 GCI-PHILIPPINES

Gracious and merciful God, we celebrate the seven recent baptized members. You have claimed them as your own, marked them with your love, and welcomed them into your family. May they always find their identity in you, their strength in your presence, and their hope in your promises. Lead them on paths of righteousness, and may their life be a reflection of your goodness and grace.



20 BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, US

Loving God, we give you praise for the work of the Faith Avenue in deepening our congregation's unity and sense of purpose. Through Bible study and prayer, you have strengthened our foundation, equipping us to grow in spiritual maturity and faithful engagement. We rejoice in the ways you have used this avenue to shape hearts, deepen understanding, and draw us closer to you. Thank you for the events that have fostered fellowship and expanded our outreach, reflecting your love in our neighborhood. May your Spirit continue to guide and bless this work, that it may bear fruit for your kingdom.

21 COTTMAN, POLANGUI, PHILIPPINES

God of provision and promise, we give thanks for the work being done to build this new church facility. May every brick laid and every space designed serve as a place where your love is known, your truth is proclaimed, and your people are formed in faith. Bless those who labor in its construction, grant wisdom to those who lead, and prepare the hearts of all who will gather here in worship, fellowship, and mission. May this place be a beacon of your kingdom, where lives are transformed and communities are renewed in your grace. In all that is built and all that is done, may your presence dwell richly, now and always.

22 CARINA, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

Good Shepherd, we thank you for the gift of baptism, marking our newest member as your beloved child. As they grow in years, may they also grow in grace, knowing your love and walking in your ways. May their life be a testimony of your faithfulness, and may they always find their home in you. In Jesus' name, we pray.

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23 GCI CONGREGATIONS

Pray that our church family will be united in our worship of God, fellowship with one another, and ministry to the community. Ask God to help believers confront and remove issues and problems that threaten this unity.

74 PSALM 37:7 NIV

It is all too easy to remain anxious and cynical when we are bombarded with daily reminders of how broken our world governments are. People still commit evil, the innocent die young, and the state of the world only seems to be getting worse. But God's word encourages us to stop striving to solve all our problems on our own strength and instead to be still in his presence and wait patiently for him. This may be counterintuitive, but God desires for his people to take delight in him and trust him especially when life doesn't make sense. When you find yourself feeling anxiety about current events, take a moment to stop, take a deep breath, and ask the Lord for peace over the situation and your mind.

25 CINCINNATI (WEST), OHIO, US

Lord of all, we give you praise for the generosity of all who have served in our recent neighborhood engagement event with open hearts. Thank you for the provision of food, warmth, and care for those in need on this bitterly cold night. We rejoice that your love was made tangible through shared meals, kindness, and the faithfulness of volunteers and donors. Bless each person who gave, served, and received, that they may know your presence and be strengthened by your grace. May this act of love continue to bear fruit, reflecting the light of your kingdom in the world.

26 LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

Renewing God, we lift our hearts in praise for the generosity and love poured out through our women's retreat. Thank you for the hands that prepared food, the hearts that gave freely, and the community that came together to care for those in need. Bless each guest, volunteer, and donor, that they may experience your grace in abundance. May this outpouring of love continue to shine as a reflection of your kingdom, where all are seen, valued, and embraced.

27 QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

Everlasting God, we give you praise for the Youth and Family Weekend and the many ways your presence was felt throughout. Thank you for the nearly 50 young people, parents, and staff who gathered, for the friendships formed, and for the laughter and connections that enriched this time together. We celebrate the fun and adventure of each activity, the moments of reflection in devotionals, and the ways you guided every detail, even providing indoor opportunities amidst the rain. May the experiences shared continue to strengthen faith and community, drawing each participant closer to you and to one another.

28 BAGUIO, LUZON, PHILIPPINES

Sovereign One, we ask for your blessing over the District Community of Practice as they come together in collaboration and shared purpose. Guide their conversations with clarity and discernment, that they may learn from one another and seek your direction in all they do. Strengthen their partnerships, deepen their trust, and fill their work with creativity and grace. May their efforts bear fruit in the lives of those they serve, fostering growth, connection, and kingdom impact. In all things, may they be led by your Spirit and shaped by your love.

29 CLEVELAND, OHIO, US

Loving Savior, we ask your blessing upon the Lily Conference and the women who will gather next month. May this time be filled with your presence, bringing encouragement, wisdom, and deepening faith to all who attend. Bless the speakers, organizers, and participants, that their conversations and connections may be life-giving and transformative. Open hearts and minds to receive what you have prepared, and let this gathering strengthen their sense of calling, purpose, and belonging. May your Spirit move powerfully among them, equipping them to return to their communities refreshed and empowered for your work.

30 LOGAN, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

Holy and loving God, we in our recent baptism. Pour out your Spirit upon your beloved child, filling them with your wisdom, strength, and peace. May they walk boldly in faith, trusting in your love and following your call. Let their life be a testimony to your grace, shining as a light in the world.

3] JOHN 10:27 NIV

As our good shepherd, Jesus knows and cares for each of his sheep, and his sheep know and recognize his voice. Listening to Jesus is like coming home to the security of being under the shepherd's care. By the presence of his Holy Spirit within us, we recognize the soothing, familiar voice of Jesus — the voice that leads us to quiet waters, lush pastures, and new life. Reflect on what Jesus has told you and taught you while reading and studying the Bible. Take time each week asking God to help you understand his word, seek his heart, and follow him with your whole being.

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

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