



**APRIL 2025
PRAYER
GUIDE**

“Jesus’ resurrection is the beginning of God’s new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven.” — N.T. Wright

**1 MELBOURNE,
FLORIDA, US**

God of new life, we rejoice in the recent baptism in our congregation. Thank you for the faith that has led them to this moment and for the Spirit’s work in their life. May they walk daily in the joy of your presence, growing in faith, love, and the calling you have placed upon them. Surround them with a community of encouragement and wisdom, that they may continue to reflect your light in the world. In your goodness, sustain and guide them always.

**2 SOUTH KIVU, EASTERN
DRC (CONGO)**

Merciful Christ, we lift up the people of South Kivu and all those affected by the conflict in Eastern DRC. Surround our brothers and sisters with your presence, granting them strength, courage, and safety in the midst of turmoil. Bring comfort to those who are displaced, healing to the wounded, and hope to all who suffer. We pray for peace to take root, for justice to prevail, and for your light to shine even in the darkest circumstances. In your mercy, Lord, be their refuge and restore their land.



**CLEVELAND,
OHIO, US**

3 GCI-KENYA BOARD

Wise and faithful God, we give thanks for your guidance in the transition of our board in Kenya. We honor those who have served with dedication, and we ask your blessing upon the newly commissioned members as they step into their roles. Grant them wisdom, unity, and a deep sense of your calling as they lead with discernment and faithfulness. May their work reflect your kingdom purposes, strengthening the church and bringing glory to your name. Fill them with your Spirit, that they may serve with grace, vision, and courage.

**4 STEELE CREEK, NORTH
CAROLINA, US**

We give you thanks for the joy and fellowship shared during the Black History Month celebration at the local retirement community where we serve. Thank you for the opportunity to honor history, uplift voices, and reflect the beauty of your diverse creation through our multi-ethnic congregation. May the stories shared continue to inspire understanding, unity, and a deeper appreciation of the ways you work through all people.



5 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, US

Loving God, your goodness was reflected in the joy and connection shared at the Valentine's Church Dance. Through laughter, music, and fellowship, we experienced the beauty of community and the love that comes from you. Thank you for those who organized, served, and participated, making this gathering a celebration of kindness and togetherness. May the love we shared not end with this event but continue to grow in our relationships, our church, and our daily lives. Let our love for one another always be a true reflection of the love you have first shown us.

6 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.



7 PSALM 51:10 NIV

David's prayer of repentance echoes the hearts of all who desire to know Jesus intimately as their Savior and Lord. No one can know Jesus and be known by him without being forever changed, for God's kindness is intended to lead us to repentance. Because of his great love and mercy, we can approach God just as we are with a broken and contrite heart. We can trust that he willingly purifies our hearts and restores us to the joy of his salvation. Think about your story of coming to Christ and surrendering your life to him. How has your life changed since then?

8 POLOKWANE, LIMPOPO, SOUTH AFRICA

Risen Lord, we celebrate the joy of new life as we celebrate our two newly baptized members into your love and grace. Through these waters, they have been embraced in your covenant, joined with Christ, and welcomed into the fullness of your family. May they walk in the power of your Spirit, growing in faith, wisdom, and the assurance of your presence each day. May their lives be a testimony to your faithfulness.

9 LEMON GROVE, CALIFORNIA, US

Compassionate God, we celebrate the love and dedication of our food donation ministry, where hands and hearts come together to serve those in need. Thank you for the faithfulness of our team, who willingly sacrifice their time and energy each month. Bless their efforts, and may every bag they prepare be a sign of your provision and care. We also lift up those who distribute the food, that their service may bring dignity, hope, and encouragement to those they meet.

10 CLEVELAND, OHIO, US

God of all nations and peoples, we give you praise for the beautiful diversity reflected in your creation and in the family of faith. Thank you for our celebration, where cultures, languages, and traditions came together in unity and joy. In Christ, we are one body, yet wonderfully different, each bringing a unique expression of your love and grace. Let our diversity be a testament to the richness of your kingdom, where all are welcomed and cherished.

11 TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the time of communion, learning, and renewal at the Ministerial Training Gathering in Honduras. You have strengthened your church across our Latin American region, reminding us that you are a God of relationship who calls us into your mission of love and reconciliation. May the wisdom received bear fruit in our lives as we reflect Christ's character in our communities. Unite us by your Spirit as we grow together in faith and boldly live out your mission.



12 GRACE COMMUNION MINISTRY TEAMS

Gracious God, it is a joy to join in your ministry. We thank you for all the volunteers 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. We pray for fresh starts after a year of many new challenges. Fill your people anew with energy and passion for your name.

13 PALM SUNDAY

Almighty and ever living God, in your tender love for the human race, you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. *

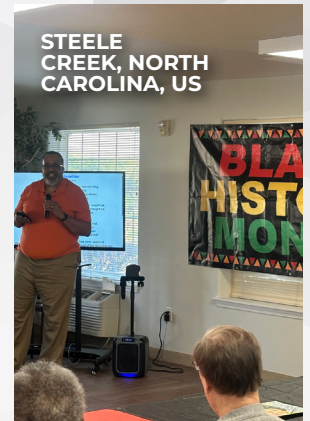


14 ISAIAH 55:7 NIV

The grace and mercy of God are like two sides of the same coin. Grace is when we receive what we don't deserve. Mercy is when we don't receive what we actually deserve. God's grace and mercy are evident all throughout Scripture, embodied perfectly in Jesus, the Lamb of God who purges the world of the poison of sin and death. No human being has earned God's eternal blessings, yet he delights in lavishing his children with his goodness and grace. Reflect on the truth that God sent his Son for you, to free you from pride and envy in your relationships. Seek our Lord Jesus, and find your freedom in him.

15 TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son, you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



STEELE CREEK, NORTH CAROLINA, US

16 WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Lord God, whose blessed Son, our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. *

17 MAUNDY THURSDAY

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. *

18 GOOD FRIDAY

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. *



GLENDORA, CALIFORNIA, US

19 HOLY SATURDAY

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so may we await with him the coming of the third day and rise with him to newness of life, he who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. *

20 EASTER SUNDAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. *

21 PHILIPPIANS 3:10-11 NIV

Without Christ's resurrection, our faith is pointless and hopeless. The entire Christian faith hinges on the truth of Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection from the dead. There is an amazing mystery of union between Christ and those who have been baptized in his name. Everything true of him now becomes true of us! He died our death and raised us with him to resurrection life as new creations. Not that we can gain God's perfection on our own but that we receive the righteousness of God through faith in Christ. Does resurrection from the dead with a transformed, glorified body seem too good to be true? Meditate on this truth and how his Spirit, who lives within you, guarantees it.

22 BIG SANDY, TEXAS, US

Everlasting God, we give thanks for your calling upon George Strub as he steps into the role of lead pastor. Strengthen him with wisdom, patience, and a heart that reflects your love as he leads and serves your people. May his ministry be filled with your Spirit, his words bring encouragement and truth, and his life be a testimony of your grace. Surround him with a community of support and unity, that together they may grow in faith and mission.

23 GCI- ZIMBABWE

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of marriage and for our ministry that nurtures couples in faith and love. Bless each couple as they grow together in prayer, drawing closer to you and to one another. May their time in your presence deepen their trust, strengthen their commitment, and fill their homes with your peace.



STEELE CREEK, NORTH CAROLINA, US

24 MIRAMAR, FLORIDA, US

Our Good Shepherd, we give you thanks for your guidance in leading this congregation to a new place of worship and ministry. May this space be filled with your presence, a home where your love is known, your Word is proclaimed, and your people are strengthened in faith. Bless every gathering, every act of service, and every person who walks through these doors, that they may encounter your grace and be drawn closer to you.



TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

25 GLENDORA, CALIFORNIA, US

God of joy and fellowship, we give you thanks for the beautiful time shared at the first Women's Fellowship of 2025. It was a blessing to see friendships rekindled, new connections formed, and hearts lifted in laughter, dancing, and conversation. Thank you for the hospitality of Redida Edwards, the generosity of Maureen, and the many hands that made this gathering possible. May the spirit of joy and community from this day continue to grow, drawing more women into meaningful connection and shared faith. We look forward with gratitude and hope for the gatherings yet to come, trusting in your goodness to sustain this ministry.

26 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Today we pray for the upcoming generation. Give them hope and a future. Remind these young people that no matter what their circumstances are, you knew and planned for them before they were even born. Give them the passion to live with a deep sense of purpose as your beloved children.

27 PRAYER FOR KINGDOM REVELATION

God of all grace, you have called us to be lights in the world, reflecting the love of Christ in both great and ordinary moments. May our lives be a witness to your kingdom—through acts of kindness, words of encouragement, and a spirit of compassion in daily life. Teach us to see every interaction as an opportunity to reveal your love, that in our workplaces, homes, and neighborhoods, others may encounter your presence.

28 LUKE 24:46-47 NIV

Easter celebrates the fulfillment of God's plan for salvation through Jesus' death and resurrection. His sacrifice made it possible for us all to repent, be forgiven, and receive God's gift of eternal life here and now. Jesus said that eternal life is knowing God and knowing Jesus Christ, whom God has sent. God sent his Son so that people of every nation would have a loving, personal, intimate relationship with him that endures forever. How have you experienced the life-changing love of God in your own life? How might God be leading you to witness and reveal this love to others?

29 RIVER ROAD, OREGON, US

Mighty One, we give thanks for the launch of these new connect groups, knowing that you are present wherever your people gather in your name. Bless these groups as they become places of fellowship, encouragement, and spiritual growth. May each conversation deepen faith, each prayer draw hearts closer to you, and each relationship reflect the love of Christ. Guide the leaders with wisdom and grace, and fill every gathering with your Spirit, that these groups may be a source of transformation and belonging.

30 GRACE COMMUNION SEMINARY

God of wisdom and truth, we lift up this upcoming semester and all who are preparing to embark on their journey of learning and formation. Bless each student as they register, that they may step forward with confidence, knowing you are guiding their path. Grant wisdom to the faculty and staff as they equip and mentor those seeking to grow in knowledge and faith. May this semester be filled with deep learning, spiritual renewal, and a greater understanding of your calling.

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

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