



# MAY 2025 PRAYER GUIDE

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms... — Ephesians 1:18–20 NIV

## 1 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Risen Lord, we pray for all GCI congregations as they continue connecting with guests and neighbors following Easter gatherings. May each conversation, follow-up, and shared moment be filled with your grace and guided by your Spirit. Let those who attended encounter the reality of new life in you and be drawn into deeper union with your love. Strengthen your church to be a welcoming presence, reflecting the hope of resurrection in every interaction.

## 2 GCI-US

God of wisdom and renewal, we lift up the pastors gathering this weekend at the Home Office in Charlotte. May this time of equipping fill them with fresh energy, insight, and deep encouragement. Strengthen their hearts and minds for the work of ministry, and remind them of your presence in every challenge and joy. As they return to their congregations, may they carry with them renewed vision and inspiration to lead with grace and love.

## 3 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL MEMBER

Gracious God, we thank you for our faithful members. We pray these verses from Romans over our fellowship:

“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”  
Romans 15:5–6 ESV

## 4 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Father, we thank you for our ministry leaders who love to serve the youth in our congregations. Please grant them clarity, strength, and joy as they disciple our upcoming generation.



GOLD COAST,  
AUSTRALIA



## 5 PHILIPPIANS 3:10-11 NIV

Saying yes to Jesus is the best decision we can ever make – but it's a yes that changes everything. Often, we don't count the cost. We don't consider all the lesser yeses we'll need to surrender – old patterns, comforts, even dreams. We may say yes to Christ with our lips yet still cling tightly to our own ways with our hearts and hands. This tension is real. Resurrection life is powerful, but in a broken world, it's inseparable from sharing in Christ's death. Think of a sunset – beautiful, yet final. That day will never return. If we keep looking west, grieving what's ended, we'll miss the rising light in the east. Resurrection isn't resuscitation; it's new creation. Not a return to what was, but a transformation into what God is building now. What are you still holding onto that may be keeping you from fully living in the resurrection life of Christ?

## 6 SURREY HILLS, OKLAHOMA, US

Loving God, we thank you for your calling upon Ceeja Malmkar and for the gifts you have placed within her. As she is commissioned as pastor, fill her with your Spirit, that she may lead with wisdom, compassion, and courage. Strengthen her for the journey ahead, and surround her with a community of encouragement and grace. May her ministry reflect your love and bring glory to your name.

## 7 GOLD COAST, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

Merciful One, we thank you for the years of faithful service this congregation has offered in partnership with their community. Through consistent care, compassion, and generosity, they have revealed your love to those facing hardship and crisis. May the seeds sown through these care bags continue to bear fruit in the lives of those in need, offering dignity, hope, and healing. Strengthen this ministry to endure and adapt, and let their witness be a reflection of Christ's heart for the overlooked and hurting.

## 8 QUEZON CITY AND PAYATAS, PHILIPPINES

Loving Savior, we are in awe of your faithfulness and steadfast love toward your people. We humbly express our gratitude for the provision and protection you have afforded each member, coming from different places to gather and worship you, with one heart, one mind, and one spirit. We were truly blessed to reconnect and engage one another in a lively fellowship, while enjoying the sumptuous meal provided after services. Truly we experienced the beauty of camaraderie, harmony and unity among your people, who you have called to experience kingdom living in the "here and now."



## 9 KHULNA, BANGLADESH

Faithful God, we rejoice in the gathering of women for the GCI Bangladesh Women's Conference in Khulna. Thank you for the 80 participants who came together to grow, encourage one another, and reflect on the call to "Live what you teach." May the wisdom shared and the connections formed bear lasting fruit in their lives, homes, and congregations. Strengthen each woman to walk boldly in faith, embodying your truth with grace and love. Let this time of fellowship and learning continue to inspire transformation and unity.

## 10 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Sovereign God, we acknowledge our need for discernment as we navigate the next steps. Grant us the humility to seek your guidance and the patience to wait upon your timing. Help us to discern the signs of your leading and to follow where you call, trusting in your faithfulness to guide us into your perfect will.

## 11 MOTHER'S DAY

Source of love, on this Mother's Day, we offer our heartfelt gratitude for the mothers and maternal figures who grace our lives with their care and compassion. Bless them with strength, wisdom, and joy as they continue to love and guide those entrusted to their care. May your grace also shine upon all who embody the spirit of motherhood, whether through biological ties, adoption, mentoring, or caregiving, showering them with your love and support.

## 12 LUKE 9:23 NIV

We long for the power of Christ's resurrection in our lives – the hope, the healing, the transformation. But we often don't account for the reality that resurrection always follows death. To be made new in Christ means allowing parts of our old selves to die – habits, identities, and attachments that no longer reflect who we are in him.

Jesus invites us into this daily surrender, not as a burden, but as the path to true life. Paul reminds us that what we gain through faith – righteousness, belonging, and freedom – is worth far more than anything we lay down. Still, surrender often feels like loss, and our loving God meets us in that space with compassion. He grieves with us, walks with us, and gently reshapes us into new creations.



## 13 CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA

Gracious Lord, we give thanks for your calling upon Daniel Naval and for the journey that has led to this sacred moment of ordination. Fill him with your Spirit as he steps into this role, equipping him with wisdom, compassion, and strength to shepherd your people faithfully. May his ministry reflect your love and truth, and may his life be a witness to the grace of Jesus Christ. Surround him with a supportive community and sustain him in every season of service. Bless his leadership, that through him, others may be drawn closer to you.

## 14 GLENDORA, CALIFORNIA, US

God of mission and mercy, we lift up this BELLS connect group and the journey they are sharing together. May each member grow in love for their city, seeing it through your eyes – with compassion, hope, and purpose. Stir in them a deeper missional heart, that their everyday rhythms would reflect your presence and peace. Let their practices bear fruit in relationships, hospitality, and bold witness to your kingdom. Guide them as they live out your love in tangible, transformative ways.

## 15 GCI-UK

Loving Shepherd, we lift up Peter and Jackie Mill and the congregations they have faithfully served. As they step into a season of transition into retirement, may your peace guide their hearts and your wisdom lead every step. Bless the congregations in this time of change, that they may remain united in love and anchored in your purpose. Strengthen the Mills with grace and joy as they discern what's next, trusting in your faithfulness. May your presence be felt in every conversation, decision, and new beginning.

## 16 ARUKA, RSA

Holy Redeemer, we give you praise for the meaningful experiences created during the Kingdom Culture pastoral conference. Thank you for igniting hearts with renewed purpose and for the Spirit-filled unity among those called to lead your people. We celebrate the deep encouragement, clarity, and calling that emerged through worship, teaching, and fellowship. May the vision of your kingdom continue to shape every pastor, every church, and every act of ministry. Let your reign be revealed more fully through the lives of those who gathered.

## 17 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY WORKERS

Jesus, we thank you for the ways you have gifted each of us as a priesthood of believers. Strengthen and sustain us as we serve in our congregations and neighborhoods. May your Spirit fill us with joy, as we share in your ministry of living and sharing the gospel.

## 18 BELTON, MISSOURI, US

Christ our Savior, we thank you for the meaningful conversations and spiritual insight emerging from "An Evening with The Chosen." As participants watch and reflect on your life and ministry, may they grow in understanding of what it means to live out Kingdom Culture in everyday life. Let the connection between your story and our mission, vision, and values become ever clearer and more transformative. May each gathering inspire a deeper desire to imitate you in love, grace, and truth. Bless this time together to shape hearts, strengthen community, and glorify your name.



## 19 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 NIV

There's something powerful about a fresh start – the chance to begin again, unburdened by what came before. The resurrection of Christ offers us this kind of beginning. In him, we are made new. The old ways, mistakes, and false identities no longer define us. Through Christ's death and rising, we step into a transformed identity – one shaped by grace, not guilt.

This new life isn't earned through effort; it's received in relationship. As we trust Christ, the Spirit works within us, forming us more and more into his likeness. Even when we stumble, his faithful love keeps calling us back to who we are in him.

During this Easter season, we remember: Christ is risen, and we rise with him into a life of hope, purpose, and renewal.

Where do you long for a fresh start? How is Christ inviting you to live into the new creation he has made you to be?

## 20 NOTTINGHAM, UK

Ever-present Lord, we thank you for your calling upon Tony Goudie and for the journey that has brought him to this moment of commissioning. As he steps into pastoral leadership, fill him with your Spirit – granting wisdom to guide, compassion to shepherd, and courage to serve with humility and grace. Surround him with a loving community, and may his ministry reflect the heart of Christ in every word and action. Strengthen him to be a faithful witness to your kingdom, and may his life and leadership bring glory to your name.



**KHULNA,  
BANGLADESH**

## 21 TORORO, UGANDA

Glorious God, we lift our hearts in praise for the 39 souls who have entered the waters of baptism and risen into new life in Christ. What a joy to witness your Spirit moving so powerfully, drawing hearts into your grace and love. We celebrate each life transformed, each story redeemed, and each step taken in faith. May their journey with you deepen daily, and may their witness shine brightly for your kingdom. All glory to you, the one who makes all things new.

## 22 ARIMA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Gracious Redeemer, we praise you for the joy and fellowship shared at the women's breakfast. Thank you for the laughter, conversation, and the sacred space created for connection and encouragement. We celebrate the bonds strengthened and the hearts lifted by your presence among sisters in Christ. May the inspiration and love shared continue to bear fruit in each life and in the community as a whole. You are the source of every good gift, and we give you all the glory.

## 23 PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY, US

Joyful Creator, we praise you for the fellowship shared over a meal and the joy of gathering for the Easter craft event. Thank you for the laughter of children, the warmth of conversation, and the creativity expressed in celebration of the risen Christ. These moments reflect the beauty of your community – united in love, joy, and purpose. May the connections formed continue to grow and the memory of this day remind us of the life and hope we have in you. To you be all praise and glory.

## 24 LEMON GROVE, CALIFORNIA, US

Faithful God, we lift our voices in praise for the gift of a new facility and the fresh beginning you've provided for this congregation. Thank you for your provision, your guidance, and your presence through every step of this journey. As this church relaunches in this new space, may the space be filled with joy, welcome, and the transforming power of your Spirit. Let it be a place where lives are renewed, community is built, and your kingdom is made visible. To you be all glory for the new things you are doing.

## 25 APPLETON, WISCONSIN, US

We rejoice in the gift of new life celebrated through baptism. Thank you for drawing this beloved one into deeper union with you and marking them with your grace and love. We praise you for the transformation taking place, and for the joy of witnessing your Spirit at work. May their life be a reflection of your faithfulness, and may they grow daily in trust, hope, and love. All glory to you, the one who makes all things new.

## 26 COLOSSIANS 3:1-4 NIV

Spring reminds us that what once looked dead can burst into vibrant life. Buds bloom, branches stretch toward the sun, and what was hidden beneath the surface begins to show signs of beauty and growth. The resurrection of Christ images this same kind of renewal. In him, we are made new – called out of death and into a life shaped by his love. Paul reminds us that we were buried with Christ and raised to new life in him. We are no longer defined by who we once were. Our identity is now found in Christ. In this Easter season, we are invited to remember not only that Christ is risen, but that we, too, have been raised. His resurrection is not just an event, it's an invitation. His light now sustains us, energizes us, and guides us. Consider, how is Christ's resurrection shaping the way you live today?

## 27 BULAWAYO, ZIMBABWE

God of truth and revelation, we praise you for stirring a deep hunger for your Word within our connect group. Thank you for hearts that long to know you more and for the joy that comes from discovering your presence in Scripture together. As they open your Word, may it come alive – shaping their minds, softening their hearts, and transforming their lives. We celebrate the Spirit's work among them and the bond formed through shared pursuit of your truth.

## 28 MOUNT STERLING, KENTUCKY, US

Generous Father, we praise you for the faithfulness of the Front Porch Hot Dog Ministry and for the love it extends to the neighborhood. Thank you for the simple yet powerful ways this ministry creates space for connection, care, and community. We rejoice in seeing more volunteers step forward, responding to your call to serve with open hearts. May each gathering be a reflection of your hospitality and grace, drawing neighbors closer to one another and to you. Bless this ministry as it continues to grow in love and impact.





## 29 ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Risen and Exalted Christ, today we lift our hearts in awe and praise as we remember your ascension into heaven. You, who walked among us in humility and love, are now seated in glory, reigning with authority and grace. Thank you for the promise that you are with us still – through your Spirit – and that you are preparing a place for us in the fullness of your kingdom. As we gaze toward heaven, fill us with purpose here on earth, that we may live as your witnesses with joy, hope, and boldness.

## 30 GCI-USA

Gracious God, thank you for the gift of learning and the faithful pastors who gather through webinars and communities of practice. May these spaces be filled with insight, encouragement, and Spirit-led wisdom as they sharpen one another in love and truth. Strengthen their hearts for the work ahead, and renew their passion to serve your people with clarity and grace. Let the connections formed bring lasting support and shared joy in your mission. May all that is sown in these moments bear fruit for your kingdom.

## 31 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP TEAMS

We pray that teams in every area of our humble denomination will be REAL teams: Relationally connected (to Jesus and one another), Enthusiastically engaged, Affirming, Liberating Leaders.

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

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