

"God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world, the better the world will be." — E.M. Bounds

#### NEIGHBORHOOD CAMPS

Eternal Father, we hold in prayer the congregations opening their doors to host neighborhood camps this summer. We pray for your divine love to permeate every moment, touching the lives of campers and their families. May your beauty, evident in the wonders of creation and the kindness of community, captivate all who attend, drawing them closer to you. Grant that these experiences ignite a desire to follow Jesus, inspiring courageous next steps in faith for campers and their families.

# 3 MOUNT STERLING, KENTUCKY, US

Loving Shepherd, we rejoice in the baptism of these two beloved children of God, who have been united with Christ in new life. Thank you for the grace that has drawn them close and for the public witness to their faith. May your Spirit guide and strengthen them as they grow in love, wisdom, and trust in you. Surround them with a community that encourages and walks with them in discipleship. Let their lives shine as a testimony to your faithfulness and transforming power.

#### **7** EXODUS 40:38 ESV

In the Old Testament, we read about God's covenant relationship with his people, ancient Israel. Wherever they went as they wandered in the wilderness, God's presence was evident in the pillar of cloud by day and fire by night, which rested on the tabernacle. This tangible expression of the presence of God in and with his people directed their footsteps, telling them when to move and when to rest. Today we have the indwelling presence and power of God by his Spirit to guide and lead us. What are God's directions for our life in this moment? Is Jesus calling us to follow him somewhere? Are we paying attention and doing as the Spirit has asked?

# 4 CLEVELAND

Gracious God, we celebrate the joy, wisdom, and connection shared during the recent LiLY women's conference. Thank you for the ways your Spirit moved—in the teaching, the conversations, and the moments of quiet reflection. May the seeds planted continue to grow, deepening each woman's relationship with you and with one another. Strengthen their faith, renew their purpose, and bless the friendships formed to be sources of encouragement and grace. Let the impact of this time together extend far beyond the conference, bearing lasting fruit in their lives and neighborhoods.





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#### 5 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.

## 6 DERBY, KANSAS, US

God of grace and truth, we thank you for those faithfully serving the next generation through Bible clubs, local elementary outreach, and day camps. Strengthen their hands and hearts as they build relationships, offer care, and share your story with young people. May their service not only bless the children but also deepen their own spiritual formation and dependence on you. Knit them together as a team rooted in love, joy, and purpose. Let their presence reflect your goodness and plant seeds of hope and faith that will grow for years to come.

#### 7 ENGAGE

Creator God, we see your hand and intentionality in the ways you have made and uniquely gifted each of your children. Keep us open to those who you have placed in our lives. Grant us a sensitivity to how you are working in their lives and a willingness to provide opportunities for them to use the gifts you have given them.



#### 8 EQUIP

Eternal God, all that is good is from you. You so mercifully renew and transform us to Christlikeness. By your Spirit, reveal to us the opportunities you are providing for the equipping of your saints. Help us to be active participants in what you are accomplishing in and through your church.

#### 9 1 CORINTHIANS 2:4-5 ESV

As the Lord moves us to share with others the good news in Jesus Christ, we may be concerned about whether or not we will say things correctly or be able to answer questions well. We may feel inadequate to the task of sharing the gospel or showing others God's love through our care and concern for them. It is in this place where we step aside from the works of our flesh, for this is Jesus' work done in and through us by his Holy Spirit. Are we resting in Jesus, or are we counting on our own ability to get it right? How in this place, might we turn away from ourselves and toward Jesus?

## O JOHANNESBURG,

Almighty God, we rejoice with all of heaven over the five lives proclaiming their faith through baptism. Thank you for drawing them into your love, washing them in grace, and raising them to new life in Christ. Let their lives shine as testimonies of your transforming power and unfailing love.

#### GCI-ZAMBIA GCI

God of all generations, we praise you for the vibrant expressions of faith flowing from your church in Zambia. Thank you for the women who embraced their identity as daughters of the King, the youth who boldly stepped forward as kingdom-minded leaders, and the children who shone with joy and truth. May the seeds planted during these Easter preparations continue to bear fruit in their lives and communities. Strengthen each ministry to reflect your love, inspire growth, and draw others into the beauty of your kingdom.

#### 2 PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, US

God of unity and purpose, we praise you for the time set apart during this ministry team retreat. Thank you for the space to listen, dream, and align with your vision for the congregation. May the relationships strengthened and the insights gained lead to renewed clarity, deepened trust, and faithful action. Knit this team together in unity of heart and mind and empower them to carry out your mission with courage and grace. Let their shared vision bear fruit that reflects your kingdom and brings glory to your name.

#### 13 MANILLA, PHILIPPINES

God of calling and formation, we ask your blessing over this new group of MTC interns as they begin their journey of learning and ministry. As they step into orientation, fill them with curiosity, humility, and a deep sense of your presence. May this season be marked by growth — in knowledge, in character, and in community. Surround them with mentors and peers who encourage and challenge them in love. Guide their steps, shape their hearts, and prepare them to serve faithfully in the work of your kingdom.

## 14 EMPOWER

Father, give us your Spirit of wisdom and revelation to see how you are growing your disciples. Help us to provide spaces for others to joyfully participate in your ministry.



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## 15 FATHER'S DAY

Eternal Father, we thank you for our earthly fathers and those who fulfill the role of dads in our lives. We ask that you affirm and guide them. We ask that you would continue to give them wisdom, strength, and courage as they support those you have entrusted to their care.

#### **16 EPHESIANS 4:15-16 ESV**

The Holy Spirit draws us together into spiritual community. As the Body of Christ, we are gathered together to build his Church up in love, growing up in every way into Christ. This can be a struggle when some are not fully participating in Christ and are not responding to the lead of the Holy Spirit. Or they may have been given gifts by the Spirit and are refusing to put them to work in accomplishing Jesus' mission in this world. Are we being the joint, the limb, the organ, or part of the body the Holy Spirit is calling us to be? Or are we resisting the will of the Spirit in our lives?

## 7 GCI-MALAWI

Sovereign Lord, we give you thanks for your faithful calling upon Marshall Dube and for the joy of his commissioning as Regional Director for Central Africa. As he steps into this new role, fill him with wisdom, compassion, and strength rooted in your Spirit. May he lead with humility and courage, serving your church with a heart aligned to Christ and a vision shaped by your kingdom. Bless the relationships he will build and the communities he will support, that unity and growth may flourish throughout the region.

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God of presence and renewal, we praise you for the meaningful time of retreat during the Refresher Weekend in Waikanae. Thank you for the focus on becoming a house of prayer and for the ways your Spirit moved through each exercise, conversation, and moment of reflection. We celebrate the deepened awareness of your presence and the willingness of your people to step out in faith beyond comfort and familiarity. May this renewed passion for prayer and mission continue to grow and bear fruit in every corner of the community. All glory and honor be to you, who faithfully equips and sends your church.

#### 19 HARARE, ZIMBABWE

Merciful Christ, we praise you for the beautiful gathering of Women's Ministries in Harare. Thank you for drawing together 63 women from Central Africa, South Africa, and Ghana to share in a time of worship, learning, and connection. We celebrate the joy, unity, and strength that flowed through their time together, and the encouragement it brought to each heart. May the relationships formed, and the insights gained continue to bear fruit in their lives and ministries. You are faithful to meet your people when they gather—and for that, we give you all glory.

## 20 PORTO NOVO, BENIN

Loving Father, we praise you for the 81 precious children who worship you with us, each one known and cherished by you. Thank you for the joy and life they bring to their families, church, and community. May these young hearts grow in the knowledge of your grace and walk in the light of your truth. Bless this generation to rise with faith, courage, and purpose in your kingdom.

#### 21 ENCOURAGE

Gracious God, we thank you for the presence of your Spirit upon and within this church. Reveal to us the ways we can support and challenge one another.



## 22 SALEM, OREGON, US

Loving God, thank you for the opportunity to gather around your story and grow in faith together. We praise you for the meaningful conversations sparked through watching The Chosen, and we ask your blessing on the new group forming to explore the We Believe series. May these gatherings be filled with your Spirit, drawing each participant into deeper relationship with you and with one another. Use these moments to shape hearts, strengthen faith, and build a community rooted in your love.

## 23 CORINTHIANS 1:23-24 ESV

Our conversations about our faith often center on things we do or don't do, days we observe or don't observe, or churches we attend or don't attend. But the center of our faith is Jesus Christ, the one who lived our life, died our death, rose again, and sent his Spirit. It is the life of Christ at work in and through us by the Spirit, which gives us power and wisdom in the sharing and living out the life of Christ in this world. How might we need to redirect our words and actions so that Jesus Christ is the central focus? How might we need to recenter on Jesus instead of on our particular traditions and preferences in worship, religious belief, and practice?

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# 24 LUZON, PHILIPPINES

God of unity and purpose, we thank you for the gathering of district directors and the national ministry team in Luzon. Bless the time they shared in retreat—may the relationships formed, and the vision clarified lead to lasting fruit in their ministries. Knit them together in love, humility, and shared commitment to your calling. May your Spirit guide them with wisdom and joy as they serve your people and build your church. Let this time of connection and reflection bring renewed strength and unity for the work ahead.

# 25 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, US

Gracious God, we celebrate the joy, laughter, and meaningful connection shared at the ladies' tea. Thank you for the beauty of fellowship, the warmth of conversation, and the encouragement that comes from gathering in your name. May the time together continue to strengthen friendships, uplift hearts, and reflect your love. Bless each woman who attended and let the joy of this occasion carry into their daily lives. You are the source of every good gift, and we give you all the praise.



#### 26 CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

Humble King, we praise you for the joy and wonder shared during the Palm Walk as the children walked in your footsteps. Thank you for their eager hearts and the opportunity to help them experience your story in a tangible, lifegiving way. Bless their journey of faith as they continue to follow you with trust and joy. All glory to you, who welcomes the little ones and leads us in peace.

## 27 GLENDORA, CALIFORNIA, US

Risen Lord, what a joy it was to welcome 74 neighbors into a space filled with laughter, warmth, and connection. We thank you for the 16 faithful volunteers who gave their time and hearts to create a meaningful experience. For each conversation shared, each smile exchanged, and every guest who lingered over refreshments, we give you praise. You are the God who draws us together — and we celebrate your presence in it all.

## 28 LUZON, PHILIPPINES

Joyful Savior, thank you for the energy, laughter, and connection that filled this festive youth weekend. We celebrate the friendships deepened, the memories made, and the moments where your presence was felt. As these young people return to their daily lives, may the joy they experienced turn into lasting faith and a desire to walk more closely with you. Strengthen their relationships with one another and with you, that they may continue to grow in love, wisdom, and purpose.

# 29 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

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.





#### **ろ**() 1 JOHN 2:8-9 ESV

Jesus, as the Light of the world, entered into our darkness, became human as we are, to die our death and rise again. In his resurrection and ascension, he moved our human existence from this place of darkness into the marvelous light of his own glorious relationship with his Father in the Spirit. We can continue to live in the darkness of unbelief. We can choose the dark avenues of unforgiveness and rebellion against God. But the Light is even now shining in our hearts by his Spirit. What is the Light-shed path the Spirit is leading you down today? Who may you need to forgive? Who may you need to welcome with God's love and grace?

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