

SEPTEMBER 2025 Prayer Guide



GLENDORA,
CALIFORNIA



LEMON GROVE,
CALIFORNIA

"The reality is, my prayers don't change God. But, I am convinced prayer changes me. Praying boldly boots me out of that stale place of religious habit into authentic connection with God Himself."

Lysa TerKeurst

01 Hebrews 13:21

The author of Hebrews wraps up with a call to believers to follow Christ obediently each day of their lives. We are reading this verse a millennia after it was written, and the message still rings true. We have an opportunity every day to acknowledge God's abundant goodness in our lives and to make choices about how we will obediently follow Jesus. On the days we feel less than equipped to do God's will, we remember this truth: we are equipped by God with all we need. We don't have to earn God's favor. We can ask for wisdom and lean into Jesus' presence in every decision while we seek to make him known. What a beautiful reminder that we are not alone, nor are we expected to be perfect!

03 Surrey Hills, Oklahoma, US

Faithful God, we celebrate the joy and connection shared during the water balloon battle and block party. Thank you for the laughter, the new friendships formed, and the spirit of welcome that filled the day. May the relationships built through this fun and meaningful time continue to grow and reflect your love in the neighborhood. Use these moments to draw people closer to one another, and to you.

02 Carina, Queensland, Australia

Ever-present God, we thank you for the joy and energy shared among the young people at the recent Bible study and games evening. We praise you for their eagerness to gather, learn, and grow in faith together. May this space of connection and discipleship continue to flourish, and may your Spirit nurture the emerging leaders among them. Guide every step as the community invests time and resources in the next generation.

04 Mindoro, Philippines

Lord of life, we rejoice in the ten baptisms that we celebrated last month. Thank you for your mercy that restores and your love that welcomes us home. May these beloved ones walk forward in faith, covered by your grace and led by your Spirit. Let their life be rooted in your truth and filled with your joy.



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05 Steele Creek, North Carolina, US

God of new beginnings, we praise you for the official launch of this congregation and for the faithful journey that has led to this moment. Thank you for every person who has prayed, served, and believed in your vision for this community. May this new congregation be a beacon of your love, grace, and truth in the neighborhood. Strengthen the leaders, draw hearts near, and let your Spirit move powerfully through their gatherings.

06 Grace Communion International

Loving God, we lift up to you the students and teachers in our fellowship. Open their eyes to see the blessings and opportunities you have put before them. Give them wisdom and courage for the challenges that will come their way.

07 Grace Communion International

Merciful God, as we enter storm seasons in many regions across the globe, we ask for your protection and provision of our members and all who are affected. Please continue to be a refuge and provide for us as we go through this season.

08 Psalm 139:1, 5

If we are stuck with feelings of shame, replaying our mistakes on repeat, this psalm might not sound like good news. We start to wonder what God will "do to us" since he knows all we have done wrong. Dear friend, may this reflection bring you peace and comfort. Realize this psalm is filled with love. God knows your heart and your desire to be like him. Jesus knows all about you and journeys with you through all life's struggles. Follow his lead as you build connections and deepen relationships with those around you. Take time to rest in the truth of love on repeat in your mind, then go out and show love as God has equipped you. Let go of judgment, hurt, and anger as often as you can. Bring grace, mercy, and kindness to your interactions with others as often as you can.



09 Lilongwe, Malawi

God of grace and calling, we give thanks for the ordination of Dinganie Soko as an elder in your church. May your Spirit guide and sustain him as he serves with faithfulness, humility, and love. Strengthen him in his ministry to the Lilongwe and Dzaleka congregations, and let his leadership be a reflection of your care and wisdom. May his service bring encouragement to your people and glory to your name.

10 Big Sandy, Texas, US

God of wisdom, we ask for your blessing on the launch of our connect groups as we gather around your Word and follow your Son. May your Spirit lead every discussion and shape every heart. Help us to listen well, grow in faith, and live out your teachings together. Let these groups be places of transformation, where disciples are formed and your presence is known.

11 Glendora, California, US

Joyful Lord, we praise you for the fun, laughter, and fellowship shared during the bunco event. Thank you for the joy of community and the meaningful connections and conversations. May the relationships formed continue to grow and reflect your love. We celebrate the gift of lighthearted moments that bring us closer together



12 GCI-UK

God of mission and presence, we give you thanks for the faithful steps taken by these two congregations as they relocate to dwell more fully among their neighbors. We praise you for the desire to embody Christ's love in their communities and to be a living expression of your grace. Bless this new chapter with unity, joy, and purpose. May their shared presence bring hope, deepen relationships, and reveal your kingdom in everyday ways. Let their witness be a light that draws others to you.

13 GCI-Leadership

Communities of Practice Lord, in you we see the beauty of community. Help our leadership teams around the world to reflect your unity and be led by the Spirit to participate in building your kingdom.



14 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 in your name.

15 1 Timothy 1:12

It is not an easy task to love those who hurt us or show kindness to those who respond with meanness. Even so, we, like Paul, can thank Christ Jesus our Lord for the strength he has given us to do his work. He has appointed us to serve, to walk with him, and to share love in the face of hate. As we surrender the hurts and struggles of this world to the foot of the cross, may we remember that hate has an end. Love has won and we share in Christ's victory! We can build healthy connections and healthy boundaries and use the discernment of the Holy Spirit to determine how best to show love to those we meet. When we walk with our Savior, the task of loving others gets a little bit easier because we are doing it together.

16 Ladson, South Carolina, US

God of all generations, we thank you for the gift of Youth Sunday and for the voices, energy, and faith of the young people in our church. We praise you for the ways they lead, serve, and remind us of your presence in every generation. May they continue to grow in wisdom, confidence, and love as they follow you. Strengthen our commitment to walk alongside them, celebrating that they are not just the future, but a vital part of your church today.

17 Mexico City, Mexico

Holy Comforter, we thank you for the beautiful evening of fellowship, learning, and connection shared among couples. We praise you for the way faith and love came together to strengthen marriages and create space for new relationships to grow. Thank you for every couple who attended — those from the church and those newly connected — and for the seeds of community and discipleship being planted. Bless the steps ahead as couples continue this journey together, and may your grace guide every relationship toward deeper unity, trust, and joy in you.



18 Leeuwarden, Netherlands

Loving Shepherd, we rejoice in the baptisms of Byanmungu Nene and Baraka Matendo Makoti, and we give you praise for their response to your call. Thank you for the grace that led them to say yes to Jesus, their Savior, and for the joy of witnessing their public step of faith. May your Spirit guide them as they grow in love, wisdom, and boldness in their journey with you. Surround them with a community that encourages and walks with them, and may their lives be a reflection of your transforming grace.

19 Washington (West), DC, US

Gracious Father, we thank you for the launch of these connect groups and for the opportunity to grow together in your love. May each group become a place of welcome, trust, and encouragement. Knit hearts together in community, and may every conversation reflect your grace and truth. Use these gatherings to deepen faith and strengthen the bonds of your church.

20 Grace Communion International

Please join us in praying for our leaders and members to have enthusiasm for serving our communities and sharing the gospel with our neighbors, and that the Holy Spirit would equip us to share the source of our hope.

21 Grace Communion International

God of peace and wholeness, we lift up our congregations. Strengthen the bonds of unity among members, and renew a shared commitment to love, humility, and grace. May your Spirit guide each church community toward deeper health spiritually, relationally, and missionally. Let every gathering reflect your presence and your purposes.

22 Luke 16:10

These words of Jesus follow a parable about money. Let's use them today regarding how we treat others. Jesus' two commandments are to love God and to love others. While we believe our love for God is what matters most, Jesus reminds us that our love for God includes love for our neighbors. When we are faithful and try to love those around us and show kindness whenever we can, our love for God and our kindness towards his people grow each day. When we try to hide frustrations behind politeness or avoid interacting with those we struggle to love, we are dishonest in the little things. Trust in Christ's call to love others, for the power and strength to do so is within us through the Holy Spirit. Every encounter with another is a chance to be faithful and honest in showing a little compassion and love. The more "little" encounters you have, the more you will encounter the greatness and magnitude of God's love.



23 US Team Planning Meetings

Faithful Redeemer, we thank you for the opportunity to gather for our US planning meeting to seek your direction for the work ahead. Guide every conversation with clarity, grace, and unity as we discern how best to serve your church and join you in your mission. May your Spirit lead us to bold vision, faithful strategy, and practical steps rooted in love. Bless each participant with wisdom and a heart aligned with your will.

24 Ferguson, Missouri, US

Generous God, we thank you for the opportunity to gather with neighbors through this community yard sale. May it be more than an exchange of items; let it be a space of connection, kindness, and joy. Bless every conversation, every act of generosity, and every person who walks through. May your love be reflected in simple interactions and shared moments.

25 Lemon Grove, California, US

Faithful One, we give you praise for the one-year anniversary of this worship and community space. Thank you for your presence over the past year — for every prayer spoken, relationship formed, and life touched. As we celebrate this soft opening, may your Spirit fill this space with welcome, purpose, and joy. Use it as a place where your love is made known and your people are drawn closer to you and one another.



26 Caloundra, Queensland, Australia

Risen Lord, we thank you for the gathering of your people at the Kingdom Culture Conference this weekend. May this time be filled with your presence, shape hearts, renew minds, and align us more fully with the values of your kingdom. Let every message, conversation, and moment of worship draw us deeper into your way of love, justice, grace, and unity. Empower us to live out what we receive, so that our churches and communities reflect the life of Christ.

27 Prayer for Peace

God, who is more than we can ever comprehend, we turn to you during this time when there is suffering in this world that we cannot comprehend. We lift up to you the people in countries experiencing war. Protect them under your wing and help them feel the comfort and peace that only comes from your powerful presence.

28 Rayong, Thailand

Gracious Father, we praise you for the cleansing, renewal, and transformation that baptism brings. As we celebrate our three recent baptisms, may your spirit dwell richly within each person. Strengthen them to follow Jesus daily with boldness, humility, and joy. May their life reflect your light in every season.

29 1 Timothy 2:1

It can be hard to know how best to begin to love those around us, to change our attitude or perspective. Paul gives Timothy, and us today, a new habit to begin, or perhaps an old one to renew: pray for all people. Pray not just "Lord, give them what they deserve." Instead, request blessing for them, asking God to help them and intercede on their behalf. Pray for every person you meet throughout the day. Show a sincere heart's desire for the good of others and thankfulness for the gift of the Holy Spirit. God knows when you are struggling with a neighbor. Instead of asking for more patience from God, give thanks for your neighbor instead. May your words and actions be Christlike even when others do not recognize or appreciate it.

30 Miramar, Florida, US

God of New Beginnings, we give thanks for the beautiful step of faith taken in baptism. You have called this person by name and claimed them as your own. May their journey be shaped by your presence and guided by your Word. Surround them with a community that encourages and reflects your love.

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

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