

# JANUARY 2026 Prayer Guide



STEELE CREEK,  
NORTH CAROLINA, US



SOUTH AFRICA

"The primary purpose of prayer is to bring us into such a life of communion with the Father that, by the power of the Spirit, we are increasingly conformed to the image of the Son."

**Richard J. Foster**

## 01 New Year's Prayer

God of all seasons, we step into this new year with gratitude for your faithfulness and anticipation for what lies ahead. As we release the past into your care, help us walk forward with renewed hope, open hearts, and trust in your leading. Shape our priorities to reflect your kingdom, and give us grace for each step of the journey. May this year be marked by growth, love, and deeper communion with you.

## 02 Queensland, Australia

God who delights in your children, we lift up the youth camp weekend and all who will attend. May this time be filled with laughter, friendship, and moments of deep encounter with your love. Let each young person feel seen, known, and invited into a closer walk with you. Use every conversation, worship song, and quiet moment to draw them nearer to your heart.

## 03 Kingdom Living Prayer

God of fellowship and unity, we thank you for inviting us into deep relationship with you and with one another. Teach us to live as people of grace, quick to listen, eager to forgive, and committed to bearing each other's burdens. May our churches be communities where love is practiced, not just spoken. Form us into the kind of family that reflects your heart to the world.

## 04 Glendora, California, US

God of hope and joy, we celebrate the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus through our Christmas live nativity. Thank you for the chance to retell the story of your love and the hope we have in Christ through the play and the shared meal. May the concert overflow with songs of joy that lift hearts and draw all who gather closer to you. Bless every guest and participant with the light of your presence, and may this weekend bring glory to your name.



PIKEVILLE,  
KENTUCKY, US



GRACE COMMUNION  
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## 05 Matthew 2:10 NRSVUE

The pronoun “they” in this verse, speaks of wise and learned people from the East. The journey taken by these men and their encounter with the young Jesus are not just a story in the New Testament. This journey and encounter are part of the gospel of Jesus — something God wants all humanity to know and understand. Yahweh has not changed; he is still the God of his people. And Jesus came so that every person would know he is their God. The stories of the Old Testament may begin with a specific group people of God. The gospel of the New Testament, though, ends with a God for all people. Thank you, Lord, for the invitation to know you and receive your light. Help me to respond to your light, your call, Lord. May I rejoice in your gift for all humankind. Amen.

## 07 GCI-Africa

Generous Lord, we thank you for your calling upon Takalani Musekwa and for this moment of commissioning as Superintendent of Africa. Pour out your wisdom, strength, and peace upon him as he leads with faithfulness and grace. May his service reflect your heart for unity, discipleship, and hope throughout the continent. Surround him with a community of encouragement and support, and guide him daily by your Spirit.

## 08 Edmonton, Canada

God of harmony and joy, we praise you for the voices that came together in the Christmas choir to celebrate your Son's birth. Thank you for the beauty of music that lifts our hearts and draws us into wonder. Bless each singer and all who listened, that the message of hope and joy would continue to echo long after the final note. May our lives, too, become songs of praise to your glory.

## 06 Epiphany

On this holy day of Epiphany, we give thanks for the light of Christ revealed to the world. Just as the magi followed the star with wonder and hope, lead us to seek you with open hearts and a willingness to be changed. May your light guide our steps, illuminate your truth, and shine through us in the ordinary moments of our lives. Let this season awaken in us a renewed sense of joy in your presence.

## 09 Victoria, Australia

Holy Spirit, we pray over the youth camp weekend as a sacred space for spiritual growth and transformation. As young people gather to learn, reflect, and worship, plant seeds of faith that will grow for years to come. Strengthen their identity in Christ and awaken a passion to follow you with purpose. Surround them with leaders who reflect your grace and truth.

## 10 Kingdom Living Prayer

God of compassion, you send us into the world as your witnesses of healing, justice, and mercy. Open our eyes to the needs around us and awaken in us a desire to join your work of restoration. May we be faithful neighbors and courageous servants, not for our sake, but for the glory of your kingdom. Lead us to live your good news in every space we enter.

## 11 Baptism of our Lord

Lord of all grace, we praise you for the baptism of Jesus, revealing him as your beloved Son and marking the beginning of his ministry to redeem and restore the world. Through his baptism, we see your love poured out and your Spirit at work, calling us to follow in his footsteps. Help us to remember our own baptism, embracing our identity as your children and living as faithful witnesses to your kingdom. May we walk in the light of Christ, empowered by your Spirit, to reflect his love and grace to the world.



## 12 Isaiah 53:6 NRSVUE

Jesus is a light for all people. There is no “if, and, but” argument to be made. No, “What about them?” question to be asked. Every person on earth has turned to their own way. And Jesus bore each person's sin and its punishment of death. We can often get caught up in what is different between us and others, whether neighbors, cities, states, nations, or cultures. What if today, we got caught up in Jesus and rejoiced in the One who truly brings us together? Jesus has done it all. Jesus redeemed each of us from our sin, whoever we may be. What magnificent freedom we experience when we say “yes” back to Jesus’ “yes”! Lord, please help me to join you in proclaiming freedom from our sins through Jesus Christ. May the way I treat each neighbor, stranger, and friend be an echo of your love for them. Amen.

## 13 Suva, Fiji

Good Shepherd, we thank you for the meaningful time shared during the 5 Voices workshop and for the 19 young people who participated. Bless the insights gained and the growth in self-awareness, communication, and leadership. May each participant continue to discover how you have uniquely gifted them and how their voice can serve your kingdom. Let this be the beginning of deeper confidence, connection, and calling.



## 14 GCI-Canada

God of every season, we give thanks for the faithful service of Bill Hall and the many years he has poured into your Church. Thank you for his steady leadership, gracious spirit, and love for your people. As he enters this new season of life, may he find rest, joy, and continued purpose in your presence. Bless him with peace and the deep assurance that his work has made lasting impact.

## 17 Kingdom Living Prayer

Lord, thank you for calling us to follow you not only with belief, but with our whole lives. As we grow in discipleship, shape our character, renew our minds, and stir our hearts with your Spirit. Help us say yes to your invitation daily, learning to walk in your ways with joy and trust. May our formation in Christ lead to lives that reflect his presence.

## 15 Khulna, Bangladesh

Compassionate Lord, we praise you for the youth meeting that brought together nearly 80 young people in a time of connection and joy. Thank you for the boldness of members who invited others and the seeds of faith planted during the event. May your Spirit continue to water those seeds and draw hearts closer to you. Use this gathering to build lasting relationships rooted in your love and truth.

## 16 Cincinnati, Ohio, US

Loving Father, we lift up the young adults gathering this weekend for retreat. Prepare their hearts to encounter you in fresh ways through worship, community, and reflection. May this be a time of clarity, renewal, and connection — both with you and with one another. Strengthen their faith and stir in them a deeper desire to live as part of your kingdom.

## 18 GCI Congregations

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 crying out in need. Lead our congregations where you would have us go.

## 19 Psalm 72:13-14 NRSVUE

There is a well-known children's song that echoes this psalm. The song is filled with simple words, a catchy melody, and beautiful truth: "Jesus loves the little children / All the children of the world." This truth is for all humankind, every nation, tribe, tongue, and culture. Like God, we are often quick to provide help, protection, nutrition, and comfort to a child in need. Every person began as a child, poor and helpless. Every person is a child of God, whether they recognize it yet or not. How would it change your interactions with others, especially those you're often in conflict with, if you saw them as "precious in God's sight"? Lord, my vision does not compare to yours. Please give me sight to see your children as such and treat them with your love, myself included. Amen.



## 20 GCI-Philippines

Faithful God, we rejoice in the 17 lives made new through baptism last month. Thank you for drawing each person into your love and sealing them in Christ. May their journey of faith grow stronger each day, nurtured by your Spirit and surrounded by a community that reflects your grace. Let their lives shine as witnesses to your transforming power. Amen.

## 21 Lusaka, Zambia

Jesus, our teacher and friend, we give thanks for the children and leaders who gathered for camp under the theme, "Come, follow me." Bless the lessons shared, the friendships formed, and the joy of learning more about you. May the truths planted in each heart continue to grow and shape their lives. Strengthen the teachers and staff who served so faithfully and joyfully.

## 22 Seattle-Kenmore, Washington, US

Spirit who guides and calls us, we thank you for your work in the life of Peter LaNore and for the sacred moment of his ordination. Bless his leadership with humility, wisdom, and compassion. May he serve your people with faithfulness and joy, always rooted in the love of Christ. Strengthen him for every step ahead as he walks in the calling you have entrusted to him.

## 23 GCI Zimbabwe

Everlasting Father, we praise you for last month's youth camp and the ways you revealed your love and truth to those who attended. Thank you for the joy shared, the lessons learned, and the connections made during this special time. We trust that the seeds of faith planted will grow and flourish under your care, guiding these young hearts closer to you. May the impact of this camp inspire lives that reflect your glory and grace.

## 24 GCI Superintendents

God of abundance and grace, you are faithful to provide loving leaders in GCI. Guard their steps and grant them peace beyond understanding as they bear the mantle of leadership. May they rest in the assurance that you, Jesus, build your church.





## 25 Mount Sterling, Kentucky, US

Faithful God, we give you thanks for the stories of grace and goodness shared across generations. Each testimony is a witness to your enduring love and a reminder that your faithfulness never fails. Thank you for the voices that spoke with gratitude, encouraging others to trust in your continued work. May these stories strengthen our faith and inspire us to carry your promises forward with hope and joy.

## 26 Matthew 5:44 NRSVUE

Jesus directly challenges anyone who says, "hate your enemies." This reminder to pray for someone who persecutes me helps to lighten my soul. Praying for an enemy allows me to let go of hate, hurt, and revenge. Praying to God for an enemy opens my heart to receive God's grace and mercy and to proclaim his love over all humankind. Not in my own strength or my will to forgive, but solely (soul-y) through the power of Christ within am I able to love those who hate me. Being caught up in anger, bitterness, and offense leads to feeling rotten, to decay and destruction. What better way to celebrate God's love for all nations than to see all cultures and people as his beloved children? Lord, I ask for your deliverance of all those stuck in the bond of hatred and persecution. Remove from my heart any such bonds so I may love others as you love me. Amen

## 27 Steele Creek, North Carolina, US

Lord of life, we celebrate the baptism of this beloved one, standing in the truth that "if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come." Thank you for the transforming power of your grace and the promise of new life. May this step of faith mark the beginning of a lifelong journey of following you in love and trust. Surround them with a community that encourages growth and reflects your goodness.

## 28 Pikeville, Kentucky, US

Loving Provider, we give thanks for the Christmas meals that were prepared and delivered to neighbors last month. Bless every home that received your care through this act of kindness, and may lasting connections grow from these moments of generosity. Help us continue to see and serve those around us with open hands and open hearts. Let your love remain present in every relationship formed.

## 29 GCI-Canada

Holy Spirit, we lift up Gillian Houghton as she steps into the role of National Director for Canada. Thank you for her willingness to lead and the gifts you have cultivated in her life. May her leadership be marked by humility, clarity, and a deep dependence on you. Strengthen her for the journey ahead, and may your grace flow through her as she serves your Church with courage and compassion.

## 30 Manila, Philippines

Christ our King, we lift our hearts in praise for the gift of gathering as your people to worship and behold you. You are the image of the invisible God, holding all things together in power and love. Thank you for the joy and unity we experienced in your presence during the district gathering. May the beauty of your reign continue to shape our community and guide our daily walk with you. Lead us to live as citizens of your kingdom, rooted in grace and truth.

## 31 Rayong, Thailand

King of our hearts, we lift up this children's ministry to you, asking for your blessing over every child and youth involved. May Christ reign as king in their hearts, guiding their thoughts, decisions, and lives with his love and truth. Bless the leaders and teachers with wisdom and grace as they nurture these young ones in faith. Let this ministry be a place where your kingdom is made known, shaping hearts to follow you and reflect your light in the world.



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