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Prayer Guide


LUZON, PHILIPPINES


CLOVERDALE, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

"The mystery of the humanity of Christ, that He sunk Himself into our flesh, is beyond all human understanding."

—Martin Luther

01 GCI-Asia

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the commissioning of Audie Santibanez as Superintendent of Asia and for his willingness to serve your church in this new role. As he steps into this calling, grant him wisdom to lead with humility and a heart attentive to your Spirit. Strengthen the relationships among our congregations across Asia, and guide Audie as he supports leaders in their participation in the ministry of Jesus. May his leadership encourage healthy churches and bear lasting fruit for your kingdom.

02 Atlanta, Georgia, US

Compassionate Father, we thank you for the opportunity Living Hope Christian Fellowship had to participate in Atlanta's Million Meal Pack event, joining thousands of volunteers to serve neighbors experiencing food insecurity. We praise you for the continued commitment of this congregation to share the love of Jesus through practical acts of service. May the meals provided bring nourishment and remind those who receive them that they are seen and valued. Continue to open doors for meaningful neighborhood engagement as your people reflect the generous heart of Christ.

03 GCI-Australasia

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the celebrations and retreats held in Caloundra, Echuca, and Rotorua, New Zealand, centered on the theme of Kingdom Living. We praise you for the opportunity your people had to gather in fellowship and reflect on what it means to participate in your kingdom. May the lessons shared continue to shape their daily lives as they follow your example of love and service. By your Spirit, strengthen these congregations to embody your kingdom in their communities and faithfully participate in your ongoing ministry.

04 Pikeville, Kentucky, US

Heavenly Father, we rejoice in the celebration of three baptisms and give thanks for the beautiful work of your Spirit in drawing people into deeper relationship with Jesus. We praise you for the new life these disciples have embraced and the joy shared by their congregation. As they continue their journey of faith, surround them with a loving fellowship that will encourage their growth in Christ. May their baptisms inspire others to respond to your grace and discover the abundant life found in him.



CLEVELAND, OHIO, US

GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

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05 Prayer for Compassion

Merciful Light of the World, as we celebrate the arrival of Christ, we acknowledge the deep shadows that still linger in the world around us. In the face of sorrow, injustice, and despair, help us not to turn away but to carry your compassion into the places that ache for healing. May we be people who not only see your light but also reflect it with courage, humility, and grace. Shine through us, so that in the darkness, others may catch a glimpse of hope.

06 Advent

Prince of Peace, we thank you for the promise of stillness in the middle of the world's noise. As we prepare for your coming, quiet our hearts and help us rest in your presence. Teach us to be people who make peace, who listen, forgive, and build bridges of grace. May your peace take root in us and flow through us into every relationship.

07 Isaiah 40:5 CSB

Isaiah proclaims that all mountains will crumble, and valleys will be filled in. There will no longer be any obstacle between humanity and God. The imagery of completely flat land doesn't immediately inspire awe. But the recognition of Jesus making our way to the Father straight is magnificent. No longer is sacrifice or ritual needed to enter into the present of God or ask forgiveness. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. We get to participate even now in sharing the heart of the Father with all humanity. They too can recognize and experience the glory of God. Mountains and valleys are still all over our lands. None of them can stop us as we live as God's disciples, showing love to those around us and sharing the hope in God's Kingdom to come.

08 Victoria, Australia

God of Joy, we thank you for the Family Weekend Camp and the opportunity for families to step away from their daily routines to grow together in Christ. We praise you for the fellowship shared and the meaningful moments that strengthened relationships across generations. May the lessons learned and memories created continue to nurture faith long after camp has ended. Bless these families as they return home, helping them reflect the love of Jesus in their daily lives and communities.

09 Cloverdale, British Columbia, Canada

Loving Father, we rejoice in our recent baptism and his decision to publicly express his faith in Jesus Christ. Thank you for the work of your Spirit in his life and for those who have walked alongside him on his journey of faith. As he continues to grow, surround him with faithful mentors and a church fellowship where he can discover his gifts and deepen his relationship with Jesus. May his baptism be the beginning of a lifelong journey of joyful participation in your kingdom.

10 Grace Communion International

Faithful God, we lift up the congregations seeking a new location to gather for worship and fellowship. Guide them through this season of transition, providing wisdom as they discern where you are leading. Open doors to spaces that will support healthy church life and create opportunities for deeper neighborhood engagement. May this season strengthen their trust in your provision and renew their confidence in the ministry of Jesus.

11 Cincinnati, Ohio, US

Lord of all creation, we thank you for the beauty and connection shared through the neighborhood craft show. As creativity filled the space and neighbors gathered, we celebrate the ways your presence was reflected in joy, hospitality, and conversation. May seeds of friendship and community continue to grow from this time together. Help us remain open and present to the people around us, always ready to reflect your welcome.

12 Cape Town, South Africa

Gracious Lord, we thank you for the life and fellowship of our congregation in Cape Town, South Africa. We praise you for the ways your Spirit is at work through worship and the relationships that strengthen the body of Christ. Continue to nurture a healthy church where disciples grow in faith and discover opportunities to participate in the ministry of Jesus. May this congregation be a welcoming presence in its neighborhood, reflecting the hope of your kingdom to those around them.

13 Advent

Joyful Redeemer, we praise you for the glad news of your coming that fills the world with hope. Even in hard places, your joy breaks in and lifts our hearts. Help us to rejoice in your nearness and share that joy with those around us. May we be bearers of good news in both word and deed.



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14 Isaiah 40:28 CSB

Our hope in Jesus does not mean we have all the answers. We know Jesus is the answer to everything. We don't have to be the loudest speaker, most knowledgeable teacher, or whatever else the world says is 'necessary for success'. God has created our whole earth and given us every breath in our lungs. He knows our struggles and is present even when we are persecuted. Preparing the way for Christ's return is an opportunity for us to participate with Jesus in making his way (truth, hope, love, mercy) known. Our limits and boundaries do not confine God. Nor do they keep us from proclaiming the Kingdom through the power of the Holy Spirit in us. As we rest, recover, rejuvenate in Jesus, we are made strong, alert, and faithful to continue living as citizens of heaven while still on earth.

15 Luzon, Philippines

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the ways you brought your people together at our regional celebration, to experience the joy of fellowship and grow in your love. Through the theme of Kingdom Rhythm, remind us that following you is a daily invitation to walk in step with your Spirit. May the relationships that were strengthened during this gathering continue to encourage hearts and deepen faith. Help each congregation embrace the rhythms of your kingdom as they share your life and love with others.

16 Arima, Trinidad

Eternal God, we rejoice with our congregation in Arima, Trinidad, as they celebrate more than 60 years of sharing in the life and ministry of Jesus. Thank you for your faithfulness through the generations and for the many lives touched by your love through this fellowship. As they remember the journey of their congregation, may their hearts be filled with gratitude for all you have done. Renew their hope for the future as they continue to participate in your kingdom and share the good news of Christ with their neighbors.

17 Big Sandy, Texas, US

God of Welcome, we thank you for the joy shared during the Fun 'n' Fall Festival in Big Sandy, Texas. We praise you for the opportunity to open hearts to neighbors and create a place where friendships can begin. May the laughter and hospitality experienced during this gathering lead to lasting relationships that reflect the love of Jesus. Continue to guide this congregation as they build meaningful connections within their neighborhood and share the hope of your kingdom.

18 GCI-Philippines

Lord of the Harvest, we thank you for the One Mindanao Celebration in the Philippines and the reminder that we are rooted in Christ and sent to participate in his mission. We praise you for the joy of worshiping together and the encouragement shared among congregations. May the theme of "Rooted and Sent" continue to shape hearts as your people embrace missional Kingdom Living in their daily lives. By your Spirit, deepen their roots in Jesus and lead them into meaningful relationships where his love can bear lasting fruit.

19 Edmonton, Canada

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the Team Based — Pastor Led ministry equipping recently facilitated in our congregation. As they grow in understanding this foundation of healthy church life, help them recognize the gifts you have placed within each member of your body. Strengthen their unity as they learn to share in leadership and participate more fully in your ministry. May this equipping bear lasting fruit as congregations grow in their ability to make disciples and reflect your love.

20 Advent

Faithful God, we marvel at the depth of your love, made known through the gift of your Son. As we draw near to Christmas, stir our hearts to love as you love with generosity, humility, and compassion. Let your love be born in us again, that we might reflect it in our homes, churches, and neighborhoods.



21 Mark 1:28 CSB

We are about to celebrate the birth of Jesus, his first human breath. And yet this passage speaks to Jesus' first miraculous works at the start of his ministry. Both parts speak to the incredibleness of the gospel, how a baby born in a manger becomes (as we experience it humanly) the Savior for all humanity. Even then, Mark makes note of how quickly news spreads through the land. Today, we are flooded with information throughout our day, with barely enough time to process what we need to know. Let's make a point this year to keep spreading news of Jesus. Let's share his love, truth, and the reality of life with him now even as we await his return.

22 Christmas Week Prayer Luke 2:19 NIV

"But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart."
Mary's quiet reflection reminds us that sometimes God's presence is best received in moments of stillness. In the midst of holiday activity, when can you find time to pause and reflect on Christ's gift? Like Mary, hold these precious truths close, inviting God to deepen your faith and trust in the Savior given to us all.

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23 Christmas Week Prayer Luke 2:10–11 NIV

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'"
The angel's announcement reminds us that the birth of Jesus is good news for everyone. God entered our world not from a distance, but by coming near to us in love. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, where do you need to hear the angel's words, "Do not be afraid"? May the joy of Christ's coming quiet your fears and renew your confidence in God's faithful presence with you.

24 Christmas Eve

Everlasting Light, on this holy night we pause in awe at the mystery of your coming. You chose to dwell among us, wrapped in humanity, bringing hope to the world. As we gather in candlelight and song, fill us with wonder and gratitude. May the beauty of this night stay with us and lead us to live as reflections of your light.

25 Christmas

God With Us, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus — your perfect gift of grace and truth. Thank you for breaking into our world with love that restores and joy that endures. As we celebrate today, may our hearts be filled with gratitude and our lives be shaped by your presence. Let the miracle of Christmas renew our faith and draw us closer to you.



26 Christmas Week Prayer Luke 2:25–26 NIV

"Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah."
Simeon's patient faith was rewarded as he held the promised Savior in his arms. Like Simeon, are there areas in your life where God is asking you to wait in faith? Reflect on how God has been faithful to you in the past and pray for strength and patience as you await His promises today.

27 Biñan, Luzon, Philippines

Lord of Life, we celebrate the baptism of three believers and the hope we share through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thank you for this meaningful expression of faith and the reminder that our identity is rooted in him. Continue to shape these disciples through your Spirit as they grow in understanding and participate in the ministry of Christ. May their lives bear witness to your transforming grace and encourage the whole congregation in its calling to make disciples.

28 Psalm 85:10 CSB

Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of this passage. We can rejoice in this Christmas season and throughout the whole year knowing Jesus has brought all humanity to himself. He is full of love, truth, righteousness, and peace. We need not strive for goodness or salvation. Rather, we celebrate with our arms open wide. We receive the gift of Jesus' Incarnation: Jesus living as a human so we may live eternally with him. How does your experience of Emmanuel — God with us — impact your daily routine? If your answer is I don't know, perhaps now is a good time to find a rhythm in which you share something about Emmanuel every day. Allow the Holy Spirit to show you grace, compassion, and mercy as you seek to strengthen relationships with those around you.

29 Mooroolbark, Victoria, Australia

God of Welcome, we thank you for the family neighborhood movie night in Mooroolbark, Australia, and the opportunity to bring neighbors together in a spirit of joy and fellowship. We praise you for the simple moments of connection that open doors to new friendships. May the hospitality that was shared during this gathering continue to nurture meaningful relationships between the congregation and its neighbors. Help your people reflect the love of Jesus as they create spaces where families feel welcomed and valued.

30 Cleveland, Ohio, US

Father of Peace, we thank you for the women who gathered for a prayer breakfast, sharing in the gift of fellowship and time in your presence. We praise you for the encouragement found in praying together and lifting one another before your throne of grace. May the relationships that were strengthened around the table continue to nurture faith and remind each woman that she is deeply loved by you. Let this time of shared prayer bear fruit as they grow in Christ and reflect his love in their daily lives.

31 New Years Eve

Eternal God, as we stand on the threshold of a new year, we pause to reflect on your faithfulness through every joy, trial, and turning point. Thank you for walking with us in what was and for the grace that has carried us here. Stir in us a spirit of deep gratitude for the growth, the lessons, and the gifts we've received along the way. As we look ahead, may we do so with open hearts and renewed trust in your goodness.

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