

OCTOBER 2020 PRAYER GUIDE

“I pray because I can’t help myself. I pray because I’m helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn’t change God. It changes me.” C.S. Lewis

1 TIEL, NETHERLANDS

We are celebrating four recent baptisms. We rejoice over the new members of the body. May they experience new and abundant life in Christ.

2 QUITMAN, GEORGIA, USA

We are continuing to find ways to connect with our neighbors. Members made masks and hosted a mask giveaway for the neighborhood. Join us in praying for the spiritual and physical health of our community.

3 QUEENS, NY, USA

We are offering our congregation as a place of hope and renewal in what will be tough days ahead for our city. With increased unemployment and local budget deficits affecting city services, our community is dealing with soaring depression, food needs, evictions, and other issues. To support our home community, we held an annual Back to School event (outdoors with COVID precautions) on September 13.



4 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

This Pastor Appreciation Month we lift up a prayer of thanksgiving for our pastors. Lord, we thank you for calling the shepherds of our congregations around the world. Thank you for guiding them and giving them strength. Please continue to protect and provide for them.

5 MEDITATION MONDAY

Romans 13:8 - Nowadays it is a simple task to get into debt, even debt that we have no ability to immediately repay. It is equally as easy to make ourselves indebted in other ways — by saying and doing things which hurt, inconvenience, or degrade people, or by dishonoring and disobeying God himself. Take a moment today to courageously contemplate this question: What are some relational debts which we need to resolve and eliminate? Start today by bringing these to Jesus and finding the grace to love others as ourselves — to be forgiven and to forgive as God forgives us.

6 GCI-USA

Regional leaders from across the USA will gather today for annual planning meetings. Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as these meetings begin. Continue to remind the leaders that all they do today, all that they accomplish, is to glorify you and for the service of humanity.

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7 DERBY, KANSAS, USA

We hosted a prayer walk around the one square mile of our church facility. Please join us in praying that doors of opportunity will open to declare the mystery of Christ, and that hearts will be opened to worship our savior.

8 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, USA

Let's give thanks for our members in Los Angeles who commemorated the 60th anniversary of their congregation. Join us in asking God's continued blessing over our GCI family in Los Angeles.

9 ALBERTA, CANADA

Gary Deddo is currently leading a 16-week Bible study on the book of Acts for eight Canadian pastors (recordings will then be sent to all Canadian pastors). Prayers for inspiration on the speaking and hearing are requested and appreciated.

10 GCI- USA WEST

We pray for all those who are being impacted by the fires in the Western US. We lift up the local leaders in their decision-making, families, communities, and businesses affected, asking that your spirit would pour itself out over the land, to protect the most vulnerable, and see them to safety.



BANSUD, PHILIPPINES

11 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Eternal Father, it is a joy to join in your ministry. We thank you for all the volunteers who have answered your call to serve in GCI congregations. We ask that you sustain them and may they experience your love in meaningful ways.

12 MEDITATION MONDAY

Romans 14:7-8 - When Joseph's brothers, in a fit of jealousy, sold him to Midianite traders, they had no idea the extent of the events they set in motion. Joseph's life took many turns from then on, taking him from servanthood to imprisonment to, ultimately, a position at the right hand of Pharaoh himself. One thing was sure, though — in all these events, God was with him, working out the salvation of his own family and the people of Egypt. Pause for a moment: Has someone hurt or betrayed you recently, or has something disrupted your life? Thank God that he is still with you and continues to faithfully work to bring about redemption and restoration.

13 WASHOUGAL, WASHINGTON, USA

In coordination with the Peace Health Southwest Medical Center Foundation, our congregation's Sewing Ministry has joined forces with other agencies to use Peace Health patterns to make more than 15,000 masks to date. Every one of these masks has already been distributed to the local community. They have been used to help those who had no masks — from high-risk citizens like the elderly, to children who needed smaller sized masks, and more. We praise God for the opportunity to shine his light in our community.

14 SURREY HILLS, OKLAHOMA, USA

We are celebrating our first in-person Worship Experience, held outdoors at our new property! It was a beautiful night with beautiful people! A big thank you for all the volunteers that helped make it happen! It was a great evening of sharing, singing, laughing, and loving each other.

15 LAGUNA, PHILIPPINES

Seven youth from Relocation 5, Pulong Sta Cruz, Sta Rosa, Laguna were baptized last month. As we welcome our newly baptized members into our fellowship, we thank God once again for his gift of grace and the forgiveness he gives each of us.

16 CINCINNATI, OHIO, USA

We are excited to serve as a host facility for a non-denominational program designed to bring public school students 4th-12th grade a holistic Christ-centered Released Time Bible Education (RTBE). The program utilizes the Gospel Project curriculum to teach students about the life and gospel of Jesus Christ. Please join us in praying for all who come to deeply feel God's presence and for Spirit-filled relationships to be formed.

17 GRACE COMMUNION TRINIDAD

We are so grateful for our international leaders. Pray for our leaders and members in Trinidad today.

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people..."
1 Timothy 2:1



EUGENE, OREGON

18 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Gracious God, we pray for a vibrant missional heartbeat to permeate GCI congregations. We are blessed, so help us to be a blessing to the world.

19 MEDITATION MONDAY

Jonah 3:10-4:1 NLT - When God told Jonah to go to Nineveh to tell them to repent or they would be destroyed, the prophet refused. He wanted the city to get what he thought they deserved, especially since they were the enemy of his people. After God rescued him from the great fish, Jonah reluctantly proclaimed the warning to the people of Nineveh — and they repented. In response, God didn't follow through with destroying them. This infuriated Jonah. Think about it: What is our own response when we see someone begin to change their life as God's Spirit brings them to repentance? Do we resent God's redemptive work in another person's life?

20 HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA, USA

We are pleased to share that our congregation is partnering with PORCH (People Offering Relief from Community Hunger) and several church members are now Neighborhood Coordinators. It's one more way for us to serve local families in need.

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21 BUNDA, MALAWI

We had the privilege to host an under-five clinic at our church facility. We had an incredible turn around and were able to minister to many young mothers and their children. We pray that they would see God's hand guiding them forward in this new season for mother and child.

22 GCI-GHANA

It was wonderful to gather in worship for our Experiencing Christ Celebration. We pray that all who participated will continue to experience Jesus in new and deep ways as they return to their home congregations.

23 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, USA

We participated in an ecumenical prayer gathering for our community. People, pastors, and churches from all over the county came together in unity as we called out to God and prayed for our communities, schools, teachers, students, and so much more. Please join in prayer for our community, that the churches will move in power, sharing the hope of Jesus throughout the challenges we are all facing this year.



QUEENS, NY

24 COLLEGE PARK, FLORIDA, USA

We have started a new women's Bible Study. Please join us in praying for all who participate in this group and throughout our Faith Avenue, that we will all be nurtured and grow spiritually during our time together.

25 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Prayer of Renewal - Faithful God, we praise you for your work in and through our denomination. Please continue to create in us hearts that seek to know and serve you more. Fill us with your joy and uphold us while we participate in Christ's ministry to the world.

26 MEDITATION MONDAY

Philippians 2:13 - When the nation of Israel came to a place in the desert where there was no water, they began to complain. They accused Moses of leading them out into the desert to die. In reality, God had given them an epic deliverance from slavery in Egypt, had kept their shoes from falling apart, and had provided safety and food as they needed it. Likewise, when we come up against difficulties or opposition in ministry or life, what is our first response? Do we blame and accuse God as though he doesn't care, or do we simply and humbly trust in his faithful provision?

27 BANSUD, PHILIPPINES

Eleven members of GC Oriental Mindoro were baptized. Let us welcome our new brothers and sisters in the fellowship! "Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."- Luke 15:7 (ESV)

28 DENVER, COLORADO, USA

Our congregation began Alpha, an online series of group conversations that explore life, spirituality, and faith through a Christian lens, in a non-judgmental and open environment where it's easy to explore the big questions of life with new friends. Our kickoff party was September 30. Please pray for our continued meetings.

29 GCI-USA

Jesus, as our board gathers today, we ask that you guide the conversation and decisions made so that they will be pleasing to you. Unite us together by your Spirit and give us the strength to carry out your will.

30 EUGENE, OREGON, USA

Thank you, God, who provides for our every need. We praise you for our new facility. Father, may you be honored here. Bless all those who will enter the space. May they feel welcomed by your presence.

31 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Many of our congregations are looking for new facilities. Join us in praying that God will lead us to new locations and that he will provide us with more than just a meeting place, but a space to minister to our neighbors.



SURREY HILLS, OK

DOES YOUR CONGREGATION HAVE AN EVENT, CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER REQUEST, OR PRAISE REPORT YOU WOULD LIKE INCLUDED IN NEXT MONTH'S PRAYER GUIDE?

Please email info@gci.org with details and photos.