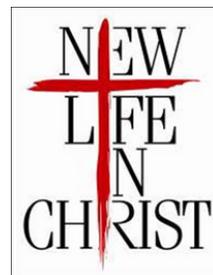


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Day 11, Monday, March 17

THEME

Abiding in Jesus

After experiencing Christ's victory over temptation and evil, the call now is to remain in Him and walk in the power of that victory. Abiding in Christ is a life of deep connection, dependence, and faithfulness to Him. Jesus said, **"Remain in me, as I also remain in you"** Just as a branch must stay connected to the vine for life, we must remain in Christ through prayer, Scripture, and obedience. Abiding means trusting Him daily, allowing His Spirit to shape our character, and bearing fruit that glorifies God. This abiding relationship strengthens us when trials come, As we stay in Him, we are also equipped with His strength, standing against spiritual attacks with His truth, righteousness, and peace, his armor! True victory comes from abiding, not striving.

In what areas of your life do you need to be more intentional about abiding in Christ daily?

Are you consistently meditating on and applying God's Word?

Which piece of the armor do you need to be more intentional about using?

FIRST READING: JOHN 15:4-5

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 6:10-13

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.



PRAYER FOR NEW LIFE: MINISTRY LEADERS

Heavenly Father, we lift up the ministry leaders of New Life, especially those serving in the Hope, Faith, and Love Avenues. Strengthen them with Your wisdom, grace, and endurance as they shepherd Your people. Fill them with faith to trust You, hope to persevere, and love to serve selflessly. May they abide in Christ daily, leading from a place of deep connection with You. Protect them from discouragement and renew their passion for ministry. Let their work bear lasting fruit for Your kingdom. Guide them in unity and vision, bringing glory to Your name. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYER FOR: THE NATION

Lord, in this time of uncertainty and division, we lift up our nation before You. Lord, guide our nation's leaders with wisdom, justice, and humility. Let truth and righteousness prevail over corruption and fear. We acknowledge that our true citizenship is in heaven. Give us wisdom to engage with grace, discernment to seek truth, and love to reflect Christ-unshaken by politics but steadfast in faith. May Your kingdom come and Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

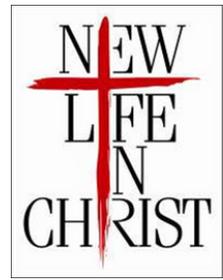
PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Prayer for North America and the Caribbean: USA, Uruguay, Venezuela, US Virgin Islands

GCI MESSAGE

Oh Lord, your word declares that you are our Good Shepherd. Just as shepherds provide guidance for their sheep, we pray that you, Lord, provide shepherds who will nurture your flocks. Raise up servant leaders who will flourish in relationship with you and the teams that they lead.

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Day 12, Tuesday, March 18

THEME

Transformed by Grace

As followers of Christ, our lives are not merely changed but transformed by His grace. This transformation is not by our own efforts but through the work of Christ in us.

📖 Galatians 2:20-21 reminds us that our old self, defined by sin and striving, has died with Christ. We now live by faith, relying on His grace rather than our own works. Our identity is in Christ, and His Spirit empowers us to live for Him.

📖 2 Corinthians 3:18 reveals that transformation is an ongoing process. As we behold Christ, His Spirit shapes us into His likeness. The more we surrender to His presence, the more His grace refines us—freeing us from sin, renewing our hearts, and leading us into the fullness of His glory. May we embrace this grace-filled transformation, living by faith and reflecting Christ's glory in our daily lives!

Do you ever find yourself relying on your own strength rather than God's grace?

How can you shift your mindset to live more by faith?

Paul says we are “being transformed” into Christ's image. In what ways have you seen God transforming you over time? Where do you still need His work?

FIRST READING: GALATIANS 2:20-21

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.



PRAYER FOR NEW LIFE: HEALING

We come before You as a community in need of Your healing touch. We lift up those who are struggling in body, mind, and spirit—those facing illness, weariness, doubt, and heartache. You are the Great Physician, the Healer of all wounds, the Restorer of all that is broken.

💜 For those in physical pain, bring relief, strength, and renewal.

🙏 For those battling spiritual struggles, deepen their faith and draw them closer to You.

💙 For those burdened emotionally, bring peace, comfort, and joy where sorrow has settled.

PRAYER FOR: MILITARY

Lord, We lift up before You our brothers and sisters who are currently serving in the military and those who have served faithfully in the past. We thank You for their courage, sacrifice, and dedication to protecting others.

🌟 For those actively serving—Grant them strength, wisdom, and protection. Keep them safe in body, mind, and spirit.

💙 For our veterans—Bless them with healing and rest. For those carrying the weight of past battles, bring comfort and renewal. For those in need, provide support and care. May they know they are honored and never forgotten. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

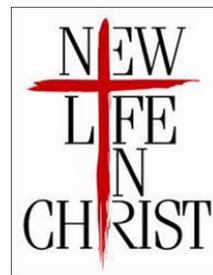
Prayer for Asia and the Pacific:

Afghanistan, American Samoa, Antarctica, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia.

GCI MEDITATION (JEREMIAH 29:12-13)

God wants to be known. It gives him great joy when his children choose to come to him and speak to him, and he always has a listening ear. Because God is invisible and always with us wherever we are, we can be tempted to think that we will come to him “when we have time” or when it's “convenient” for us. But the truth is, God desires to have quality time with us more than anyone else. He wants us to seek him with all our hearts, free of distractions. What are some distractions in your life that may be inhibiting your quality time with God? Surrender them to God and ask the Spirit to guide you to have uninterrupted time together.

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Day 13, Wednesday, March 19

THEME

Practice Godliness

As believers, we are no longer bound to sin but called to righteousness and holiness (Romans 6:19). True faith in Christ produces a life that turns away from sin (1 John 3:6).

Some may misunderstand grace as a license to sin, but Paul rejects this—we have died to sin, and we cannot continue in it (Romans 6:1-2). Instead, grace teaches us to live self-controlled, godly lives (Titus 2:11-12).

Holiness is not a condition for grace but a response to grace. God's love saves us as we are, but His grace does not leave us as we were. We are called to holiness, not by our strength, but through the transforming work of Christ (2 Corinthians 7:1).

A tough challenge:

Am I actively pursuing holiness, or am I passively accepting sin in my life?

Today, reflect: Does my life reflect the transforming power of grace? Ask God to help you walk daily in holiness and obedience to Him.

FIRST READING: ROMANS 6:1-2, 19

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness."

SECOND READING: TITUS 2:11-12

"For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age."



PRAYER FOR NEW LIFE: STEWARDSHIP

Lord, You have entrusted us with gifts—our time, talents, and resources—to be used for Your glory. Help New Life in Christ to be a congregation that stewards well what You have given us. May we be faithful in serving, giving, and building Your kingdom with joy and generosity.

Teach us to use our blessings wisely, honoring You in all we do. Strengthen our hearts to give sacrificially, serve wholeheartedly, and manage all things with integrity. Let our stewardship reflect Your goodness and multiply Your work in our church and community. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER FOR: HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Jesus, We lift up the healthcare workers in our community and in our church—those who serve tirelessly to bring healing, comfort, and care. Strengthen their hands, sharpen their minds, and fill their hearts with compassion and endurance. Lord, in moments of exhaustion, be their rest; in times of uncertainty, be their wisdom. Protect them from illness, renew their spirits, and bless them with peace and resilience. May they see their work as a reflection of Your healing power and be strengthened by Your presence. We thank You for their dedication and ask for Your continued guidance and grace over them. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

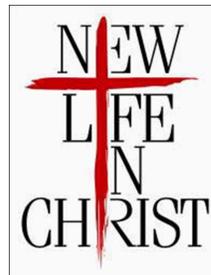
Prayer for Asia and the Pacific: China-PRC, China-Taiwan, Christmas Island, Cocos Islands, Cook Islands, Fiji

GCI BELIEFS THE KINGDOM

The kingdom of God in the broadest sense is God's supreme sovereignty. God's reign is now manifest in the church and in the life of each believer who is submissive to his will. The kingdom of God will be fully manifest over the whole world after the return of Jesus Christ when he delivers all things to the Father.

([Luke 17:20-21](#); [1 Corinthians 15:24-28](#); [Colossians 1:13](#); [Revelation 1:6](#); [11:15](#); [21:3](#), [22:27](#); [22:1-5](#))

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Day 14, Thursday, March 20

THEME

What is My "Why?"

Watch the video "Know Your Why," by Michael Jr. This illustrates the profound impact of understanding one's purpose. Knowing one's "why" transforms the "what" into something more impactful. This emphasizes that when we understand our purpose, our actions resonate more deeply and authentically. This concept aligns with the biblical teaching in Colossians 3:23-24. Recognizing our "why"—serving Christ—imbues our actions with greater meaning and dedication. As Ephesians 2:10 emphasizes, each of us is designed for a purpose in Christ. Your "why" is not about what you do but who you follow. If Christ is your foundation, everything you do—your work, relationships, and service—will reflect His purpose.

"What is my why?" is a deep question about purpose, motivation, and calling. It asks, Why do I do what I do? What drives my faith, my service, and my daily life?

For Christians, our "why" is rooted in God's purpose for us—to love Him, follow Jesus, and bring His kingdom into the world. Scripture reminds us of this calling:

FIRST READING: COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

23 Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. 24 Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 2:10

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



PRAYER FOR NEW LIFE: OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM

Heavenly Father, You have called us to be a light in the world, carrying the good news of Jesus to those who do not yet know You. Strengthen our congregation's capacity for outreach and evangelism, filling us with boldness, wisdom, and compassion. Lord, open our eyes to the needs around us, that we may serve with love and humility. Remove any fear or hesitation, and replace it with a deep desire to share Your truth and grace. Empower us to reflect Christ in our words and actions, drawing others to You. May our church be a place of welcome, transformation, and salvation for all. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYER FOR: FAMILY CRISIS

Lord Jesus, We lift up the families in our community who are facing crisis, hardship, and uncertainty. You see their struggles—financial burdens, broken relationships, illness, and loss. Lord, be their refuge and strength, their ever-present help in trouble. Surround them with Your peace in the midst of turmoil. Provide for their needs, heal their wounds, and restore their hope. Strengthen parents, comfort children, and bring reconciliation where division exists. Use us, Your church, to be a source of love and support, showing Your compassion in action. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

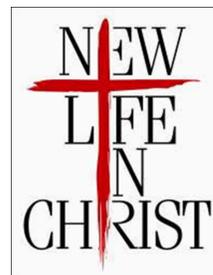
Prayer for Asia and the Pacific: French Polynesia, Guam, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kiribati

GCI BELIEFS THE CHRISTIAN

The Christian is any person who trusts in Jesus Christ. Christians experience new birth through the regeneration of the Holy Spirit, embrace their adoption as children of God and enter a right relationship with God and fellow humans by God's grace as they are empowered and led by the Holy Spirit. The Christian's life is characterized by the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

([Romans 10:9-13](#); [Galatians 2:20](#); [John 3:5-7](#); [Titus 3:5](#); [Mark 8:34](#); [John 1:12-13](#); [3:16-17](#); [Romans 5:1](#); [Romans 8:9, 14-15](#); [John 13:35](#); [Galatians 5:22-23](#))

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Day 15, Friday, March 21

THEME

**Love God, Love People
End of Story, Amen**

The Great Commandment defines the heart of faith—loving God and loving people. When the crowds proclaimed “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,” they were unknowingly celebrating the One who would soon fulfill the ultimate act of love—His death and resurrection. Now, as followers of Christ, we are also called to come in the name of the Lord—living out His love, carrying His presence, and demonstrating His kingdom in the world.

Do I truly love God with all my heart, soul, and mind?
What areas of my life still need to be surrendered to Him?

What does it mean for me personally to “come in the name of the Lord” in my daily life? How can I represent Christ in my home, workplace, and community?

FIRST READING: MATTHEW 22:36-40

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

SECOND READING: MATTHEW 21:9/ (PSALM 118:26)

"The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'"



PRAYER FOR NEW LIFE: DIVERSITY AND RECONCILIATION

Father, We come before You as a beautifully diverse body, united in Christ. You have created us in Your image, each with different backgrounds, languages, cultures, and experiences. Yet, in You, we are one—called to love You with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love one another as You have loved us.

Lord, may our congregation be a living example of the Great Commandment—a place where love for You overflows into love for one another, where differences are embraced as a reflection of Your creative power, and where unity is built on the foundation of Jesus Christ. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER FOR: IMMIGRANTS

Lord Jesus,
We lift up our immigrant brothers and sisters in our community—those who have left their homelands seeking safety, opportunity, and a better life. Lord, You are the God who journeys with the stranger, the refugee, and the sojourner. Surround them with Your mercy and peace. Provide for their needs, protect their families, and strengthen them in times of uncertainty. May they find welcome, dignity, and justice, knowing they are loved and valued in Your kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

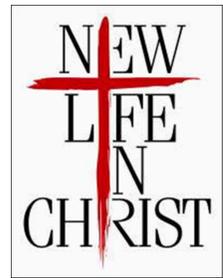
Prayer for Asia and the Pacific: North Korea, South Korea, Macao, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia.

GCI BELIEFS THE GOSPEL

The gospel is the good news of the kingdom of God and salvation by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. It is the message that Christ died for our sins and has made us his own before and apart from our believing in him and has bound us to himself by his love in such a way that he will never let us go. Therefore, he calls on all humans to repent and believe in him as Lord and Savior.

(1 Corinthians 15:1-5; Colossians 2:13; 1 John 2:2; Romans 5:8, 18-21; John 3:16-17; Luke 24:46-48; Colossians 1:19-23; Acts 8:12; Matthew 28:19-20)

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Day 16, Saturday, March 22

THEME

Discipling

A thriving church is built on a strong discipleship culture, where believers grow in faith and help others do the same. Jesus commanded, “Go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). Discipleship is not just about learning—it’s about transformation. Paul reminds us, “Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1). This means our congregation must be a place where mentorship, accountability, and spiritual growth are central.

Do we see discipleship as a command from Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20), or do we view it as optional?

What fears or obstacles keep me from engaging in discipleship? How can I overcome them with God’s help?

What is one step I can take to intentionally disciple someone or be discipled?

FIRST READING: MATTHEW 28:19-20

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 10:24-25

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.



PRAYER FOR NEW LIFE: DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

Jesus, You have called us not just to believe, but to grow as disciples and make disciples. We lift up our discipleship pathway, asking that You guide and strengthen it. May it be a path where hearts are transformed, faith deepens, and lives reflect the image of Christ. Lord, bless our leaders and mentors with wisdom, patience, and passion. Inspire every member to walk in obedience and love, encouraging one another as we follow You. Help us to create a culture where discipleship thrives—where teaching, prayer, and relationships lead to spiritual maturity. May our church be a place where disciples are made and sent. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

PRAYER FOR: IMMIGRANTS

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PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Prayer for Asia and the Pacific: Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue,, Norfolk Island.

GCI BELIEFS THE CHURCH

The church, the Body of Christ, consists of all who trust in Jesus Christ. The church is commissioned to make disciples of Jesus by reaching out in love to all people, nurturing and baptizing those who believe, and teaching believers to obey all that Christ commanded. In fulfilling this mission, the church is directed by the Holy Scriptures, led by the indwelling Holy Spirit, and looks continually to Jesus Christ, its living Head.

(1 Corinthians 12:13; Romans 8:9; Matthew 28:19-20; Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:22)

