Father, Son, and Spirit, we thank you for the ways you teach us through community. We are grateful for the ones who have shown us your love here on earth and are now worshipping you in heaven. We grieve many this year, but also hold to the hope that they are with you in glory. We hold space to remember them today.

**ALL SAINTS DAY**

Psalm 107:2 - Seeing all the painful, destructive, and evil things happening in the world can be depressing and discouraging. The evil one is still at work, doing what he can to kill, steal, and destroy. Focusing on all that is going wrong may prevent us from remembering the truth of our redemption in Jesus Christ. He is the victor over evil, sin, and death. We can trust he is still at work in this world by his Spirit to bring to fruition what he has already accomplished in his person. Today, how may you encourage someone with the good news of Jesus our Redeemer? Is there some way you may participate in what Jesus is doing in this world to heal, restore, and renew?

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**HELENA, MONTANA, USA**

Merciful God, we thank you for the joy of ministering with you. Last month we gave away 3400+ food boxes to our community. We ask for continued provision and guidance as we continue to share the love of Christ with our neighbors.

**SANTA ROSA, PHILIPPINES**

We celebrate the baptism of seven of our youth members. Join us in praying for their continued experience of grace and a desire to pursue the call God has on their lives.

**GCI-ASIA**

We are praising our faithful God for a wonderful time of refreshment and hope at our first ever GCI-Asia Worship Celebration. Leaders and members from across the Asian churches joined together for times of praise, fellowship, and hearing the Word. We pray that the Spirit will continue to strengthen the bonds of our members and deepen our understanding of his love.

**QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA**

We rejoice over a baptism and the growth of our church family. In their new life, we celebrate the forgiveness, freedom, and love of Christ.
With excitement, we are launching a discipleship program for seekers and new believers. Half the congregation trained, and we have begun live meetings. We have learned much and have drawn closer as a team, ready for what God has in store for us.

Lord, you are a gracious guide. Reveal to our leaders the paths that you have prepared and teach us to walk in your ways. We pray for your guidance as churches navigate regathering and additionally provide digital services for those who cannot yet gather in person.

NORTH DENVER, COLORADO, USA

We pray for receptive hearts to the good news of Jesus as we share the joy of Christmas with our community. We are halfway to our goal of 300 shoeboxes that will be handed out locally. Please join us in lifting up this ministry.

GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

We completed our second discipleship group this month! This program has proven to bring each disciple closer to God’s Word, as well as to each other. Please join us in continuing to pray for our Faith Avenue as we seek to be disciples who make more disciples.

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

We joyously celebrated the baptism of a new member of our body. “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” - 3 John 1:4

EAGLE ROCK, CALIFORNIA

It is with great joy that we celebrated our 7th year church anniversary. May God’s grace abound all the more in the next chapter of our lives together.

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.

QUEENS, NEW YORK, USA

As we are returning to our normal worship routines, we were proud to have had our first live blessing of a newborn on September 20. Her name is Icardi Ermene Elizabeth Jr. She was born during our first Zoom service of the COVID crisis on March 15 when the pandemic was nearing the worst in the city and hospitals were frantic. She is a symbol of our own rebirth.

Psalm 78: 4 - Sometimes we have the opportunity to teach children what we have learned about God, who he is, and what he’s done. An even better gift we can give young people, though, is to go beyond this and teach them how to develop their own relationship with God, which will grow and deepen as they mature. Look around: Is there a young person in your life that you can begin to mentor and encourage in their relationship with God? How can you include them as you participate in the intimate relationship between the Father and Jesus in the Spirit through prayer, Bible study, and other spiritual disciplines?

MEDITATION MONDAY

I Thessalonians 5:5-6 - In Christ we are children of the day, brought into the kingdom of light to live in the radiance of God’s love and grace. We have been delivered from the darkness of evil, sin, and death so we may live now and forever in the way of other-centered love. Even so, there are many things which call us back into spiritual slumber. When we act in self-centered ways, indulging our sensual desires, we walk in darkness—we aren’t walking in the truth of who we are as God’s beloved children. Take a moment and rest in the radiance of God’s presence. Ask him to awaken you again to who you are in Christ.

QUEENS, NY

Last month we hosted a Ride and Seek Scavenger Hunt and costume contest. It was fun time for the whole family. Please continue to join us in prayer for continued connections and opportunities to share Christ’s love with our neighbors.

SURREY HILLS, OKLAHOMA, USA

Jesus, we rejoice in your presence in William Corbett’s life and celebrate his ordination. Give William a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of his ministry.
During the GCI Asian Worship Celebration, women from across the region gathered in a breakout session for the first time ever. What an absolute delight to have all the wonderful women across the continent fellowship, share testimonies, and praise & worship our one true hope, Jesus Christ!

GCI-ASIA

Last month, Regional Director Anthony Gachanga led a team of three to visit our refugee churches. They held a leadership meeting on Saturday and three worship services in three churches on Sunday. Join us in lifting up our members in these congregations and for the equipping of leaders.

Kakuma-Turkana, Kenya

Last month our congregation reflected on the decades we have shared as a church family. We ask the love of the Father to increasingly shine through our congregation so that he will be known in our community.

Sacramento, California, USA

Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, you pour out your power for the powerless and your salvation for all. We look forward to living in peace with you in the presence of the Holy One, to whom be all honor and glory, through you, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Ephesians 1:18-19 - As we reach the end of the Christian calendar, we celebrate the triumphant reign of our Lord and Savior, Christ the King. Even though we may still experience the remnants of the reign of evil in this world, we continually turn to Jesus and participate with him in what he is doing in the world to make all things new. One way we participate in Christ’s reign today is by praying that others might also know the hope we have in Jesus and experience his resurrection power in their lives. Take a moment now to pray for someone to see the living Jesus and know the greatness of his resurrection power in their life.

GCI-Asia

During the uncertain times of 2020, our community pantry has begun community deliveries. We pray that God will continue to meet the people’s needs, including the food they need to grow and thrive.

Rochester, New York, USA

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GCI Leadership Development

Lord, as seasoned believers and new believers continue to grow in grace and truth, we ask for new leaders to continue the mission and vision you have for GCI. Please continue to equip and raise servant leaders to build up your Church.

Sacramento, California, USA

Thank you, Father, for the gift of family and friendship. Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, and your companionship in our loneliness. Thank you for seeing us through our past experiences and for the good work you have prepared in advance for each of us. May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us by you.

GCI USA Thanksgiving

Isaiah 64:1 - The hope we have in Jesus isn’t just some vague longing that someday he will return and fix all the problems in the world. In truth, our hope in Jesus is grounded in the reality of his triumphant reign today and in his real presence in us and with us each and every moment of our lives. Reflect on and rest in the assurance that because Jesus is the incarnate and glorified Son of God, he comes to us even now in each moment by the Spirit, just as one day he will return in glory and power to usher in the new heavens and new earth.

GCI Children’s Ministry

Loving Father, today we lift to you the children’s ministry leaders in GCI. We ask that you keep them engaged, encouraged, and empowered as they share your love with your precious children.

Santacruz, Philippines

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Kakuma-Turkana, Kenya

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.