

### **DAY 23 Calicinto Ranch / Angel Tree**

Ask God to encourage staff and volunteers (including Ginny) who serve Him at Calicinto Ranch. They do a vital work ministering to children of prisoners. Ask God to supply all their needs. Pray too for the Angel Tree Christmas gift program – that God will use these gifts to bless the children and assure them of His love.

### **DAY 24 Operation Christmas Child**

Kids are blessed all over the world whenever they receive their box of goodies at Christmas. Pray that many will come to know that Jesus loves them. Pray that Grace Church will be generously involved.

### **DAY 25 Immanuel's Child**

This is the Christmas gift program run by the Slavic Gospel Association. The packages we contribute bless many of the poorer families who don't have much to give their children at Christmas.

### **DAY 26 Desire and duty**

Fulfilling our duty in life is a good thing, especially in our Christian walk. How much better it is though for our service to overflow from hearts filled with desire for God rather than just doing it out of a sense of duty. Pray that our work for God would indeed overflow from lives passionate for His glory.

### **DAY 27 The Grace campus**

Pray for resources and volunteer help so Grace Church can carry out repairs; take care of grounds maintenance and the cleaning of our properties. Ask God to put a hedge of protection around our campus, keeping it safe from vandals, fire and thefts, and flooding.

### **DAY 28 Mission agencies we support**

Grace is privileged to support through prayer and/or finances Birth Choice, Calicinto Ranch, Samaritan's Purse, Slavic Gospel Association, Chosen People and Compassion International. Pray that each mission stay true to its calling and that their workers and leaders would be encouraged in the Lord and led by His Spirit.

### **DAY 29 Thirsting for God**

Let us pray Psalm 42:2 – “My soul thirsteth for God for the living God.” Pray that as the deer pants for streams of water, so too the hearts of our members would thirst for God. He longs for all peoples to seek Him and desire Him too.

### **DAY 30 Church prayer appointment**

Church members meet on the last Saturday of the month to pray for our church, our neighborhood and our world. Pray more members would participate and that we would know God's heart as we pray for His will to be done on earth as it is being done in Heaven.

### **DAY 31 Fill in the blank!**

Pray for whatever concerns you have for Grace Church.

## **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **PRAYER CHAIN**

Call or email Gwen Spencer to share requests for prayer. To join the prayer team contact Gwen at [gwenspencil@verizon.net](mailto:gwenspencil@verizon.net) Phone: (951) 775-9236

### **PRAYER APPOINTMENT WITH GOD**

Join our prayer group at Church on the last Saturday of each month from 5–6 pm to pray for the needs of our church, our community and our missionaries.

### **GRACE WORLDWIDE PRAYER ALERTS**

Join us in praying for world evangelization, national revival, the persecuted church and nations in turmoil. To receive regular prayer alerts email Colin Stott at: [colinstott@verizon.net](mailto:colinstott@verizon.net)

# **GRACE CHURCH**

## **31-DAY PRAYER GUIDE**



## **DESIRING GOD**

*“I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God.” Isaiah 61:10*

**“God loves to be longed for; He loves to be sought, for He sought us Himself with such longing and love. He died for desire of us, marvelous thought! And He yearns for us now to be with Him above.”** Frederick W. Faber (1814-1863)

### **DAY 1 The Lord is good**

*“Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.” (Ps 136:1)*  
This Thanksgiving and Christmas season, give thanks to the Lord for all His goodness to us. He has blessed us in so many ways. Let's take time to count our many blessings.

### **DAY 2 Pastor Bob Butler**

Pray for Pastor Bob and his spiritual leadership of Grace. Pray for God's anointing as he teaches us from the Word. Pray too for healing for his knee; and that he will continually be filled with the Spirit of God.

### **DAY 3 Promotion of Grace Church**

We want people to know Grace Church exists and where we are located. Pray these things would be communicated well through the church website, neighborhood magazines, and by word of mouth.

#### **DAY 4 Praise team**

Our worship songs are not just sentimental words and pretty melodies but powerful declarations affirming the greatness of God. Let us not underestimate the power of our praise songs or the role of Bonnie and the praise singers and the leadership they provide in the area of praise. Pray for the team.

#### **DAY 5 A longing for God**

God longs that the people He has created would love and long after Him. He desires that His blood-bought Bride made up of people from every tribe, tongue and nation would delight in Him. Pray that the hearts of each church member would truly long after God. Pray each of us will desire to commune daily with Him.

#### **DAY 6 Visitors**

We have many seats available for visitors. While it is a blessing to have people visit, it would be great if more of them became part of Grace Church. Pray for this!

#### **DAY 7 Spiritual growth**

Pray we be diligent in having regular devotional times with God and that we would grow strong in Him.

#### **DAY 8 Elders meetings**

The elders meet each month with Pastor Bob to cover regular church business items and to seek the Lord about ministry issues and the long-term goals of Grace. We want to be focused on God's agenda and joining Him in what He wants to do. Pray!

#### **DAY 9 Church services**

Much prayer and thought goes into each service, including sermon preparations, music practice, invocations, soundboard operation, bulletins, etc. Pray for God to be glorified in each service, the people edified and visitors made to feel welcome.

#### **DAY 10 Gazing upon our Lord**

Songwriter Frederick Faber wrote many hymns expressing desire for God: "Father of Jesus, love's reward; what rapture it will be, prostrate before Thy throne to lie, and gaze and gaze upon Thee." We long

also for that day when, as King David requested, we might dwell in the house of the Lord forever to gaze upon His beauty. Pray that even now we would take the time each day to behold the beauty of the Lord amid the hectic hustle and bustle of life.

#### **DAY 11 Behind the scenes**

Praise God for all those who work behind the scenes to do the jobs that makes the church tick. May they know that what they do unto the Lord will be noticed in Heaven and appreciated by all of us in Grace.

#### **DAY 12 Salt and light in the community**

We want to bless our neighbors—to interact well with them whenever we have contact and to be a positive testimony. If we pray for them and live godly lives, we will make a difference in our community.

#### **DAY 13 Spiritual awakening in Menifee Valley**

Pray for the Holy Spirit to move in power and bring about a great spiritual awakening that will shake the valley. Pray for the pastors in Menifee, for faithfulness and boldness in ministry, for holy living, and that they will be a voice for righteousness and not be silent.

#### **DAY 14 Office secretary**

Church secretary Ginny Hedberg handles the office duties, including paying bills, answering the phone, preparing the weekly bulletin, and much more. Pray for carefulness and joy in serving.

#### **DAY 15 Delighting over Him**

Zephaniah 3:17 declares that God rejoices over us with singing. Such is His desire for us. All true love relationships need to be reciprocal. Pray we would be so taken up with desire for our Lord that we too would rejoice over Him with singing. Pray this would be true of us even when days are dark and difficult.

#### **DAY 16 Church finances**

God wants His people to be generous and joyful in our giving knowing that He loves a cheerful giver. Pray for abundant finances to not only pay our bills, but to fund church and missionary advances.

#### **DAY 17 Church Bible studies**

The main church Bible study is held on Wednesday evenings. Ron Spencer is the teacher. Pray for God's anointing on that study as well as on the Ladies Bible study led by Ginny on Thursday mornings in the Fellowship Room.

#### **DAY 18 Missionaries we support**

Pray for our church missionaries—the Pirolos in Mexico, the Millers in Berlin (currently on home leave in the US for a year), and the Stotts with GRN. They all need God's encouragement and provision—and the prayers of Grace Church.

#### **DAY 19 Pray for President Trump**

Ask God to empower our president with godly wisdom, courage and endurance as he seeks to restore the nation to a position of strength, common sense policies and national safety. Pray that those who are trying to undermine the government and bring down the president would be vanquished.

#### **DAY 20 "Things of earth would grow strangely dim"**

A great hindrance to desiring God is our love for the things of the world. Pray that we would remember we have been crucified to this world and to living for our fleshly desires. Pray that the words of that lovely old hymn, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus..." would be true of us, that indeed "...the things of earth would grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace."

#### **DAY 21 Prayer life of the members**

Pray that all of us at Grace would ask God to take us deeper in spending time communing with Him and in praying for the needs around us. Pray too for the prayer chain and for Gwen Spencer's faithful work in circulating the requests that are called in.

#### **DAY 22 Members who are sick**

At any given time there are those in the congregation dealing with health issues. Pray for God's touch on those who are sick and ask that each one would experience God's grace and peace during what are surely anxious times.