

PRAYER LETTER FOR GRACE OF CHRIST CHURCH | Week of January 5, 2026

Romans 15.5-7 *May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*

God gives us encouragement – when the world and the people in it, including ourselves, lets us down, God unconditional, lasting love, lifts us up. We don't work for His approval; we don't have to earn His love. We already have it.

God gives us endurance – when we are tired, at rock bottom, burnt out and at our wit's end, He is our purpose. He surrounds us with His grace, He is our shelter and He will lift us up.

God gives us community – we are never alone when we walk the Lord. He hears our prayers! We have a family here at Grace, a place to worship and grow together, a family to serve alongside.

Thank You, Father God, for Your good and many gifts. Show us today how to pray for our church family. Guide us as we pray for circumstances we do not understand. We trust Your faithfulness, Your mercy, Your grace.

Ericka

PRAISES

- Praise the Lord, our friend who suffered a stroke is finally receiving good rehab and showing improvement.
- Praise and glory to God for all You do for us! Thanks and praise to You!
- God has been so good to me! My friend gave his life to Christ and he has changed completely, praise Jesus! Pray for my friend's faith journey.
- Praise the Lord for safe travel this holiday season.
- Thankful to be back at church in person. It is so important for me to be with my church family for communion.
- Praise God for all His unbelievable blessings! May I always be grateful.
- We are so blessed for all we have, thank You, Lord.
- Thanks, God, for this special beginning of the new year.
- Praise Jesus for the recuperation of our family, upcoming marriage, and the growth of our children.
- O Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His steadfast love endures forever. Thank You God for answered prayers.
- Praise You Lord for our many blessings in 2025. Guide us in this new year, we are grateful You walk before us, beside us, and behind us – carrying us when necessary.
- Thank You Lord for new friends!
- Praise the Lord, I had surgery and is no longer in pain. Grateful for everyone's prayers.
- Thank You Lord for a beautiful holiday with family.
- Praises and thanks to God for healing my brother-in-law.
- Our family is thankful God got us through a year with unemployment, eldest daughter's estrangement, and daunting paperwork for our son's care. God is good.

- I praise the Lord for His steadfast love which endures forever!
- Even in these dark, depressing days, God is with me. He is holding me.
- Praising God my niece expressed a desire to know God and to read the Bible.
- Praise and thanks that my sister is leaning on you, Father , to work through the grief of loss she recently experienced of a close friend and companion.
- I am drawn to reading the Bible and praying for others.
- We are alive and ready to grow in the Lord in 2026!
- The Lord's Spirit reminds me of His presence for endurance and joy.
- Praising God for His presence in all life brings this side of Heaven!
- Praise God for a meaningful visit with my sister about how God has blessed her in the past six years with His love, grace and restoration of health.
- The Christmas Eve service was excellent! The Spirit of the Lord was heavy upon me and all the singing blessed the Lord! It was wonderful to see all the people gathered on Jesus's birthday.

PRAYERS

- Comfort and peace for the families of Kay McDevitt, Pat Drollingher, and Ann Fraley who have recently passed away.
- Prayers for our family as we navigate daunting paperwork for our son's healthcare and legal guardianship.
- Healing for R, C & I, S's broken foot, J's hand, and K's recent cancer diagnosis. Lord have mercy.
- Pray please for those who are away from family and all who were affected by flooding.
- Prayers for L to be able to get surgery for shoulder.
- Prayers for K and S as they deal with new medical challenges.
- Pray for continued healing.
- Prayers for a friend who has a terminal illness and does not know Jesus. Pray they can be open to God's presence.
- Continued prayer for my sister and brother-in-law as they handle new lifestyle changes.
- Pray for C's financial situation and may the Good Lord, direct her to the right job.
- Lord, be with us this week please.
- Please pray with me for my family member who is going through a very hard time. Pray she can get back on her feet and that she comes closer to the Lord. Amen.
- Please pray healing for my father EK who suffered a spinal cord injury and has had surgery. He is recovering (out of state), and we pray he can regain normal function. Praying my parents lean into the Lord as they are on this journey.
- Prayers for my cousin K and husband who want to have a baby.
- Prayers for J (and wife S) who are on a long and difficult journey with J's back, not being able to walk. There is a neurological issue – pray for what is in the dark to come into the light. For a proper diagnosis, and effective treatment. Thank you!
- Prayers for my family – God knows all the details.
- May God's will be done.

- Praying for continuous love and support, spiritual mentorship, that I can grow in my understanding of the Bible, and that my faith with God will grow.
- Prayers for K who lives out of country and just had a baby. Prayers for provision, protection, and health. In Jesus' name, amen!
- Prayers for T and his faith this new year!
- Continued prayer for G and his healing.
- Healing for all who are sick, peace for our city, country and the world.
- That I continue to read God's word and be blessed by it.
- Pray for D to have shoulder surgery soon, as his pain and limitations are increasing.
- Pray for my sister as she grieves the loss of a good friend who recently passes with cancer.
- Pray for a healthy 2026 for B and her family & friends.

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH AND CAMP STAFF:

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