

PRAYER LETTER FOR GRACE OF CHRIST CHURCH | Week of December 15, 2025

The month has surpassed the halfway mark, the year is coming to an end. The list of things I'd like to accomplish before Christmas feels long and unachievable. It can get overwhelming fast – the joy I want to be experiencing overshadowed by feeling disgruntled. I don't know about you, but I need to take a moment to sit with Jesus... and take a deep breath (or two.) This is an opportunity to pray through Scripture, personalizing our Lord's words. Letting them sink in and transform us...

Father God, as we speak these scriptures – as we pray Your Word - let us feel Your presence.

Philippians 4.19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Take a breath ~ *Father God knows my every need; He knows my heart.*

Exhale ~ *I let go of my worries.*

Isaiah 43.2-3 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Take a breath ~ The Lord is light; I trust His protection.

Exhale ~ I let go of my fears.

Psalms 41.1-3 I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Take a breath ~ God hears my prayers. He is the Alpha and the Omega.

Exhale ~ I surrender my plans.

Merry Christmas,
Ericka

PRAISES

- Praise God for Your Word.
- Praises! I had a wonderful visit from my son and grandkids from Kansas City this past week.
- It is good to be in the house of the Lord and among the family of God.
- We are grateful for continued healing for J, thank you church family for your prayers – we feel them! God's presence has been our comfort and strength.
- So many blessings I can't count them all. But the best is God's gift of His Son, my Savior, my Redeemer, my Friend.
- Praise God for all the volunteers who helped with the Adams Christmas Giving Tree. It was very special.
- The N family is grateful for our prayers.
- Thankful for our church and all we do for others. God is gracious!

- Thank You, Lord for Your many blessings – we trust in You and know You have a plan for us and for those we pray for.
- Praise the Lord, my heart is really good – I aced the stress test!
- I am thankful for my family this holiday season – both church and personal families. God is so good!
- Thanks, God, for good friends to spend time with as I continue grieving the loss of my parents.
- Praise God for this season of joy in celebrating the incarnation of Jesus, God with us!
- Grateful God is with me and helping me to let go.
- B praises God for her successful knee surgery and healing! She is grateful for your prayers.

PRAYERS

- Pray for flooding victims, restoration for infrastructure, finances, provision, and emergency responders.
- Come, Lord Jesus, strengthen and protect those who are vulnerable. May our government act with wisdom and kindness in these challenging times.
- Pray for our children who don't know Jesus, that they will encounter Him this year.
- Pray for the youth in our church that they will grow deeper in faith and grace and wisdom.
- Please pray for all who are on the street, especially during the coldest parts of winter. Those with mental illness, drug addictions. Having been there I know they feel alone, unloved, and unworthy. God be near.
- Pray fervently for peace in Cambodia and Thailand. Continued healing for L and prayers for their son D's sobriety.
- We pray for the victims of the horrendous attack on Jews in Australia and we pray against antisemitism erupting in American and other western nations. May we reach out with the gospel to our Jewish neighbors.
- Prayers for our nation and leaders; prayer for those living in the shadows for peace.
- Healing for A, discernment for his doctors, and comfort for his family. Come, Jesus!
- Pray for Pastor Gregory that his vision for our church comes to fruition with a willing and committed congregation.
- Please pray for my daughter A, as she recovers from two brain surgeries in the past six months. Thank you, L.
- Father God, open our eyes this season to see You in surprising ways.
- Prayers of comfort for a friend whose husband passed away earlier this year and whose daughter is currently in hospice. May she feel God's supreme peace.
- May we, D & L, learn patience and endurance during this challenging time. God has shown us how we need Him and can't do everything ourselves.
- Praying for B as she deals with health issues and upcoming doctor visits, praying for a good outcome.
- Comfort for B and D as they mourn the passing of their friend JR. Prayers for their sister who also lost a close friend. They are thankful God is always near when we need comfort.
- Please pray for good health for T and other residents at their home (apartments.)

- Lord, please be with the families in our Valley who are struggling, who are in fear, who are lonely.
- Comfort for L as she says goodbye to her brother who is dying. May their time together with family be sweet and peaceful.
- God bless K as she takes her certification test.
- Praying for God's wisdom in why my BP is so high. I know God is working ahead of me and I need to trust Him. Thank you for your prayers.
- Prayers for my sister and brother-in-law as they adjust to his below-knee amputation.
- Prayers of gratitude for a friend in a health crisis as things slowly get better.
- Praying for T's family S, S, C.
- Prayer for safety on the roads for everyone and for a steadfast persistence in seeking God and the truth.
- Prayers for those who find the holidays to be a difficult time.
- Lord, help me – I keep responding negatively in situations without taking a moment to first think of how You are at work in the situation, and trusting You'll protect me. I am so tired.
- Prayer for my family who need extra care, my staff, and for my medical appointments.
- Praying for our daughter to have a successful interview and get a job, that God's will be done.
- Please pray strength for our family.
- Continued prayers for G's health care as he recovers from a stroke.
- Continued prayers for T who wants the Lord's provision in all areas of his life.
- God's wisdom in treatment for L, restored energy for his wife L as she cares for him.
- Prayers for those who are in need.
- Prayers for those who are persecuted for their religious beliefs.

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH OFFICERS:

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