

**June 2023 June is for Joining Jesus!**

Many CLB members and friends are reading Greg Finke's, "Joining Jesus on His Mission" (JJOHM). Some have committed to long-term "missionary training," with Greg and his wife Susan providing excellent teaching. Greg will give presentations at three of our five Regional Conventions this year. Canada in April; Western and Central coming up in this month!

This Prayer Link includes quotes from Greg's first book, along with a suggested prayer focus. I've included the page number locating the quote, so it will help if you have the book. If you do not have the book, let me know. I'll get one to you. Just ask.

So, for this month, how about "Joining Bruce on His June Prayer Journey"?

**JBOHJPJ!**

(Well, let's just agree to pray together. Thanks!)

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**1 "In Jesus, the kingdom of God is already at work in our world today."** (p.13) Lord, Jesus, open my eyes to see what you are doing around me today.

**2 "We're not on a mission for Jesus but with Jesus!"** (p.13) Lord, it is a privilege to be part of what you are doing. Lead my steps today. Use me as you see fit to use me.

**The Pacific Region gathering starts today.**

**3 "We need to actually be with people who don't yet know him."** (p.19) Father, open my

world up to embrace more people, even just a few. Help me to help others know you.

**4 "How's Jesus been trying to get your attention lately? What's he been stirring in you?"** (p.20) Lord, I'm ready. Stir away.

**5 "Jesus is up to something... he is giving us a holy disconnect with the status quo..."** (p.20) Lord, I desire to be more solidly connected with you and your mission rather than the world's ways. "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."

**6 "An adventure is about to begin... joining Jesus on his redemptive mission to our own community."** (p.21) Father, I pray for my neighbors. Lead me into your adventure.

**7 "He wants us to look up from our routines and notice the world is changing and he is already on the move in response."** (p.21) Refresh my heart and commitment to you, Lord. Help me to "keep up" with your grace-filled leading.

**8 "The U.S. has now become one of the largest mission fields on the planet."** (p.21) Father, the world has changed so much. Help me see it and engage with it on your terms.

**9 "Uh, oh."** (p.22) Jesus, I assume so much about the needs of my family, friends, and neighbors. Help me to see the world and the Church as they really are.

**The Central Region meetings start today.**

**10 "Many churches are struggling... Jesus isn't struggling."** (p.22) Dear Lord, grant me the strength to put my trust in your strength and victory.

**11 "Missional living is simply living each day as if it were a mission trip."** (p.22) Lord, I want to live like this. Invite me to your mission. Equip, strengthen, and guide me into your ongoing mission.

**12 "Don't worry, joining Jesus on his mission is easier than we think — not more complicated."** (p.23) Lord, I'd like to be a neighborhood missionary. Please help me with that. Have your way in the lives of my neighbors.

**13 "Joining Jesus' mission is not about what we do when we go to church... it is about changing what we do... on Monday morning."** (p.24) I'll need help with this, Lord. All week!

**14 "It is time... to take up the mindset of a missionary... so that, by God's grace, we will get new missionary results."** (p.24) Father, renew our focus on your mission here at home.

**15 "Jesus is on a mission to redeem and restore *all* people."** (p.28) Today we pray for all people, everywhere. People in *and* outside your kingdom. Save us *all* from Satan's power.

**16 "Will everyone respond? Will everyone believe God? No."** (p. 28) Father, grant us the grace of grief over this powerful reality.



# North American MISSION *Prayer Link*

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**17 Wherever there are people “you can be sure Jesus is up to something redemptive.”** (p.29) Open our eyes, Lord! Bring us into this!

**18 “Jesus is on a mission to redeem and restore human lives to the Kingdom of his Father. This is what he does.”** (p.31) Thank you, Lord, for the simplicity of your mission.

**19 Jesus said, “Open your eyes and look at the fields. They are ripe for harvest.”** (p.31) Lord, give me missional vision!

**20 A dear friend of mine passed away last night. Read the middle paragraph on page 29 in Greg’s book. I hope you have one even if for only this one paragraph. Really.**

**21 “Some are resisting, some are ignoring, and some are oblivious. But don’t miss this: some are ready.”** (p.34) Lord, you say the harvest is ready... help me believe and act on it.

**22 Are they ready for grace? “If we listen, they will tell us.”** (p.35) Father, help me engage with those needing your grace today. Let me hear them clearly.

**23 “This is our new missional mindset: What’s Jesus already up to?”** (p.35) Lord, today, help me see what you are doing in those around me.  
**The Western Region meetings start today.**

**24 “Nothing will happen in real lives until we actually do something with what we know.”** (p.47) Father, you have taught us, now use us.

**25 “It is easy to see how the brokenness of this world is starting to grind into young souls.”** (p.53) Lord, save this generation from death and darkness.

**26 “Jesus does the incredibly complex work that requires the Son of God.”** (p.54) Thank you, Lord, for your sacrifice and victory.

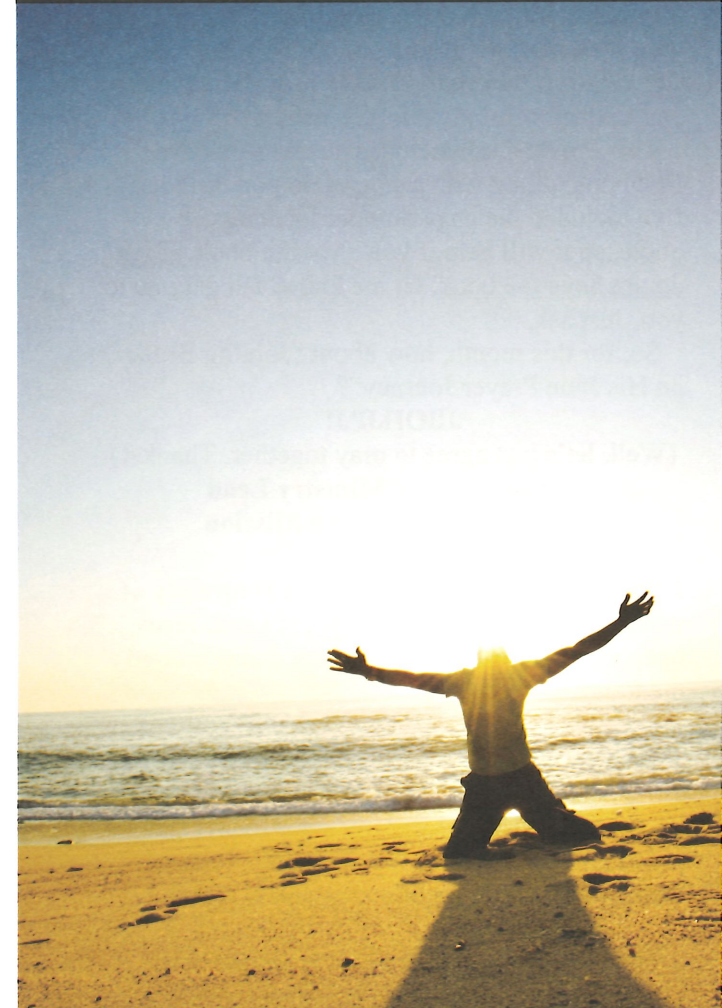
**27 “We do the incredibly simple work that requires a little child.”** (p.54) Graciously lead and use your people today, Lord Jesus. Use me.

**28 “Jesus’ secret weapon: He enjoyed hanging out with people.”** (p.57) Grant me courage and the will to enjoy and be with people. People you love and desire to have in your Kingdom.

**29 “Real love doesn’t ignore a neighbor or simply put up with a neighbor. Real love enjoys their neighbor and is a friend to their neighbor. Where did we get that crazy idea? Jesus.”** (p.61) Jesus, help me love others as you love them.

**30 “Our only agenda—if you want to call it that—is Jesus’ agenda.”** (p.65) Father, refresh my life for mission in the grace and love of Christ.

**Thanks for JBOHJPJ!**



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