

27. The church in Asia is growing quickly and persecution is growing just as fast. Pray for safety for those who share God's Word. Pray those believers in Asia feel the strength and comfort of God's Word as they receive Bibles and begin to read His Word. "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22-23)
28. Pray with Pioneer Bible Translators as they seek to complete the American Sign Language Version (ASLV) Bible by 2020 and for Deaf churches to send Deaf translators to Bibleless Deaf communities around the world.
29. There are entire people groups with no known believers and no long-term, sustainable witness. Pray with Frontier ministry for more teams to bring these people the message of everlasting hope in the Savior.
30. Pray for patience for the Pastor Search Committee to commit to God's timing and for the church to trust that God is leading the committee as the process takes place. Lord, we believe that you are already working in the heart of our next pastor to give him a love for our church and the strength and sure calling to leave his current position.
31. Pray for Gordon and Grace Johnson as they serve at the Rio Grande Bible Institute. He is President Emeritus, and Grace is a teacher. This Institute ministers to those who will serve in Latin America. The Rio Grande Bible Institute is a nondenominational school, which has two main purposes: to serve as a Bible college for students from Mexico, Central America and South America and provide Spanish language training for non-Spanish-speaking North Americans who will serve as missionaries in Spanish-speaking areas of the world. Pray for their health and strength as they serve so faithfully.

Join us each day in prayer.

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Monthly Prayer Calendar DECEMBER 2017

1. Pray that the Lord will help you to keep your mind on Him and his Kingdom. Enable me to view everything in my life in the light of eternity so my greatest longing is for more of You in my life. Teach me to look up to You in my life. Teach me to look up to You when my circumstances bring me down. "Set your mind on things above, not on things of the earth." (Colossians 3:2)
2. Pray for Monica Gryder who is experiencing severe hip pain. An MRI has been completed with hope of answers soon. She will meet with an orthopedic specialist and rheumatologist in December. Pray for definite diagnosis and effective treatment. "Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall." (Psalm 55:22)
3. Lord, keep my thoughts captive in truth; help me to see what is noble, right and pure in those around me. Let me focus on what is lovely and what is admirable. God, help me to concentrate on your excellence and only what is praiseworthy. "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." (Philippians 4:8)
4. Please continue to pray for Michael Lockett as an automobile hit him. He is home and recovering with physical therapy but not back to work. Also, lift up his wife, Kendra, as she cares for him.
5. Pray for Christian teachers who share their faith and teach Christianity in their schools. In countries where this is forbidden, pray for creative ways to share the gospel, not only in hostile countries abroad, but also even in the United States.
6. Pray for families going through separation, loss, and death. Give these believers mercy, grace, and kindness to endure these losses. Comfort those grieving, give strength to those caring for their loved ones.
7. Praise God with Godtel Ministries for his faithfulness and provision. The women's dorm and Christian Help Center should be complete sometime in December and without going into debt. Pray that God will guide us as we continue to care for the homeless and poor we minister to on a daily basis, that they may see Jesus in us.
8. Many homeless refugees are returning to the war torn communities in Iraq and Syria. Pray for the businessmen who are returning to their homeland to rebuild businesses and communities. Pray for the Christian workers who have an opportunity to help in stabilizing these regions and that many will come to hear the gospel and receive Jesus as their Lord, Savior, and Provider.
9. Lift up Graham Miller as he recovers from a stroke. He no longer has severe headaches but has not regained full sight in one eye. He has secured an apartment closer to his work and walks there. Graham still has a blood clot in his head and will have another scan in December. Please pray for healing and for his caregivers.
10. Father, help me to be obedient to you in faith and not by things I can see of you. "We live by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7)
11. Please continue to pray for Dan Bay as he battles lymphoma with aggressive doses of chemo. Dan has also undergone emergency surgery recently and is recovering from that as well. Pray for healing, physical strength, as he is very weak, patience and peace. Pray for Gloria, his caregiver and wife. "You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in You, (Lord)." (Isaiah 26:3)
12. Praise the Lord for the recovery of Bobby Holloway who has recovered from neck surgery and is back to work! Another praise to our God for healing Steve Bryant. He is cancer free and did not need chemo nor radiation. "God will fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy." (Job 8:21)
13. Pray Almighty God, guard the brave men and women serving now in our military services. Protect them as they discharge their duties. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion the rights and lives of those imperiled by injustice and evil. Encourage them as they encourage one another. May the power of Your love and the presence of Your Holy Spirit enable the troops who are now serving away from home to return safely. Make sure packages and letters arrive in a timely fashion. Put people in their lives to be Your hands and feet during this stressful holiday season.
14. Pray for Jerry and Pam McCune in the loss of his dad, Gerald. Gerald is a believer and now rests in the arms of his Savior! "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." (Psalm 23:4)
15. Please pray for the staff and their families to continue to seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and that both in their homes and in their work they would honor the Lord.
16. Lord, bless the Glory Gang ministry efforts as they seek to assist at-risk children to cope with and overcome the negative influences that surround them each day. Provide giving hearts during the Christmas season to give to these children so they may see Your heart as they hear the story of Jesus Christ, the greatest gift given to all of us. "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;" (Isaiah 9:6)
17. Pray, in the Name of the Lord Jesus, for our president, the vice president, all the Cabinet and the chief justice and associate justices of the Supreme Court to receive the wisdom of God, to act in obedience to that wisdom and for the power of God to flow in their lives.
18. Praise God with Jenny Jones, Pre-K Director, for seeing little hearts change — watching them learn, and grow in their knowledge of God's Word and of who He is. Praise Him for teachers/volunteers that are more consistent. Please continue to pray for consistent teachers and volunteers who are committed to serving whole-heartedly and faithfully.
19. Pray Lord, help me to give thanks to You in every situation—whether good or bad—for I know that You are greater than anything I am facing. I want to have a heart continuously filled with thanksgiving, for I know that is always Your will for me. "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
20. Pray for the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives to find Your peace and direction, and for these men and women to act and lead according to Your Word. A house divided against itself cannot stand; therefore, I pray for them to be unified in righteousness for the sake of the nation.
21. Pray for our first responders, all those who hold dangerous jobs where lives often hang in the balance...When they face danger—be their stronghold. When they feel inadequate—help them do all things through Christ. When they are upset—give them peace at all times and in every way. When they are exhausted—give them Your strength. When they are overwhelmed—may Your grace be sufficient. When things seem impossible—remind them that nothing is too hard for You.
22. Pray with CRU that God will begin now directing the thoughts of the athletes toward summer opportunities and missions conference opportunities, and that He will nudge and lead each one to respond to the opportunity He has prepared for them. "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians. 2:10)
23. Pray for and rejoice with all those participating in the Baptism service. Pray Paul's prayer, "I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:4-6)
24. Lord, I thank you for Your faithfulness to establish me on a solid foundation from which I cannot be shaken. I am grateful that You watch over me each day, protecting me from countless attacks of the enemy. "The Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one." (2 Thessalonians 3:3)
25. Pray for stamina for our elders as they continue to lead us with full devotion to what is best for GBC. Pray for their health, endurance, vigor and grit. "Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." (1 Corinthians 15:58)
26. Pray with Roman Walley, our College Pastor, for a growing hunger for God and His will amongst our students, and pray for refreshing winter breaks for our leaders. Also, pray for wisdom and guidance on ministry decisions for the future. Pray for growth in unity and love in our student groups and that God would open doors to share the gospel with more students.