

Unity in Our Diversity at GCC

- Pray for patience, understanding, and unity in our relationships in the body, and that God would saturate our fellowship with grace so that Grace City would be known by our love.

"We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³ For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me"...⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Rom 15:1-7

Stronger Families in GCC

- Pray for parents (especially fathers) seeing discipleship of their children as a matter of first importance.

"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." Eph 6:4

"You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul... You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house... that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land..." Deut. 11:18-21

"It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?... For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it." Heb 12:7, 11

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6

- Pray that the children of GCC would all come to trust Jesus as their Savior, be filled with His Spirit, and become proclaimers of His glory to this dark world. Pray also for their protection from the "vain philosophy and empty deceit" of the world.

"In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit..." Eph. 1:13

"See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily..." Col 2:8-9

- Pray that husbands would love their wives and families sacrificially and that wives would serve their husbands and honor his leadership – so that Grace City Church will be a beautiful picture of the gospel to our city.

"Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her..." Eph 5:24-25

- Pray that the singles of GCC would be enabled to enjoy and honor God with their singleness, serving His body, and flourishing as His image bearers in their homes and places of work.

"I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another. To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am... The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord... And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit..." 1 Cor 7:7-8, 32, 34

Mercy on our Nation

- Pray for the men and women in our government, that God would save them and lead with wisdom, honesty, and justice.

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." 1 Tim 2:1-4

- Pray that people across America would come to trust in Christ, and that through the gospel, injustice would be crushed and brokenness (in all its forms) would be healed.

"Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. ⁴ When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; ⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. ⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.” Psalm 146:3-9

Our Neighborhoods as Mission Fields

- Pray that God would give us love for our neighbors (both at home and at Front Street), and that He would grant us divine appointments with them to build relationally and share the Good News.

“And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us...” Acts 17:26-27

“If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?” ¹⁸ ...And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.” Acts 11:17-18

Notes / Thoughts / Prayers

Evening of Prayer October 6, 2020



“Listen to this. When James 4:2 says, ‘You do not have, because you do not ask,’ this means prayer causes things to happen that wouldn’t happen if you didn’t pray, which is why this is a staggeringly glorious privilege to be taken by the sovereign God of the universe who rules all things according to his infinite wisdom and folded into his causality. This is breathtaking. If you are offered the privilege of engaging with God in such a way that your request could bring into being things that would not otherwise come into being, not to avail yourself of that privilege is folly of the highest (or lowest) order. That is why we pray.”

– John Piper