

25. **TH**-Lord Jesus, I pray for our community. Each of the people in our community is important to you. You died so that each of them could experience freedom and eternal life. You desire for each of them to be saved. We pray for boldness for our people to share your faithful works. Give us a heart for unity through your Spirit. We give you all the praise and glory.
26. **F**-God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
27. **S**-We lift up the many children within foster homes. We pray that your presence will be thick and easily felt as they struggle through displacement. We also lift up those caring for these children. Lord, we ask that you give them grace and empathy, that you soften their hearts to their circumstances. "The Lord protects the strangers; He supports the fatherless and the widow, but He thwarts the way of the wicked." (Psalm 146:9)
28. **SN**-Dear Father, we pray that as our national leaders, lead Your people that they will not do it selfishly, for personal ambition, or vain conceit. I pray that You help these leaders realize that leading is a task that requires them to serve. So, Father, raise up servant leaders, in Jesus' name. Help them to work in humility.
29. **M**-Dear Lord, we lift up those who currently have loved ones deployed throughout the world. Lord, please give them ample opportunities to contact their families and loved ones. Sustain them as they wait for these opportunities. Surround them with friends and family who understand their struggles and can support them. Place people in their lives to be Your hands and feet.
30. **T**-Thank you to all the nonprofit and service-driven organizations in our town. What a wonderful gift to see people act out of obedience to you. We trust you with providing finances, resources, and workers. Give them compassion, wisdom, and grace as they dispense help and resources to those in need. "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen" (1 Peter 4:10-11).
31. **W**-Heavenly Father, we come to you asking for comfort and peace for those whose hearts are broken by the loss of a loved one, family, or friend. Strengthen GriefShare leaders as they help apply biblical principles to the emotions and life stresses following the death of a loved one in the upcoming semester of GriefShare.

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 January 2024



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1. **M** -Let us praise God's immutable nature! As we move forward into the new year, let us find peace that we serve an unchanging God. Despite the ever-changing and chaotic world around us, He is constant in all His ways. Lord, help us to joyously set our eyes on the truth of who you are. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).
2. **T**-Pray for Natalie Henderson McKnight as she recovers from hip surgery. Pray for comfort, strength, and healing. Also, pray for Wes and the children as they support and help Natalie in her recovery. "Heal me, LORD, and I'll be healed. Save me and I'll be saved, for you are my heart's desire" (Jeremiah 17:14).
3. **W** -Pray with Brent for the Lord to continue to bless our church with Godly love and the eyes to pursue the people the Lord brings into our lives this new year. Thank the Lord for our small group leaders and those newer to Grace who will take their first step into the Christian community that our groups offer.
4. **TH**-Pray for Tom Middlebrook as he recovers from brain surgery to remove a tumor. Also, pray for him as he goes through chemo and radiation. Loving Father, we thank you for being the source of all true joy in life. You have said that we have nothing to fear when you are with us. With you alongside us we are not dismayed, you will strengthen and heal, and you will uphold us with your righteous right hand. Please restore Tom to health, Lord. Fill Tom and Sylvia with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope.
5. **F**-Father, we are so grateful for the blessing of godly GBC staff and Elders. We pray for their protection in the new year as they lead us to continue Your work in our community and beyond.
6. **S** -Pray with Cynthia, "Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in us and lead us in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23-24).
7. **SN**-Join Katy in praying for the Little Kids parents to be intentional in using the Word of God for teaching, correcting, and training their children so their children would be equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
8. **M**-Pray with Josh for diligence, zeal, and deep learning for our Spring SLT participants. Pray they would be doers of the Word, not just hearers. Pray their investment of time and energy in the Scriptures would bless them and our church.
9. **T**-Lord we pray as people who gather together in so many different groups to worship and seek you. "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33).
10. **W**-Lord, as the children that attend Glory Gang return to receive the Christian fellowship and faith-based instruction, let us pray that they will take their faith into their homes and schools and spread the Good News. Pray the children take to heart the message and "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).
11. **TH**-Pray for Johnny Christian as he recovers from a hip replacement and Julie Wright from a shoulder replacement. Pray for them as they rehab, for comfort and safety." Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever" (Psalms 136:1).
12. **F**-Father, we pray for the outreach missions of CRU, Athletes in Action, and Bridges International, as the staff and volunteers develop relationships with individuals who are making life-changing decisions to follow Christ and for the courage of the new Christians to share their freedom discovered in Christ with their families. "Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD God, my God is with you" (1 Chron 28).
13. **S**-Father, I ask that you fill our children's hearts with courage to always choose and maintain purity in their thoughts, words, and actions. May they not be swayed by the corruption and pollution that is in the world. We ask that their mind be transformed and daily renewed to conform to the image of God. May our children come to a full awareness that they belong to God and that this life they now live is by faith in the Son of God.
14. **SN**-Pray for wisdom for the Simons as they are stateside and have some decisions to make on their future. Pray for the Younglife camps follow-up in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Iceland, and pray for Younglife leadership. Pray for our Campus Outreach staff as they connect to students. Pray for Garrett Collenback & Anna Jacks as they serve Campus Outreach London and continue to build relationships.
15. **M**-Pray with Brad for our current small groups and new small groups.
16. **T**-Father, we pray for the volunteers and staff of Love In The Name of Christ (Love, INC) as they reach the families God wants them to help in the coming months as the seasons change and needs change. Pray Hebrews 13:16 - "Don't forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices."
17. **W**-Let us pray for our friends who are experiencing stressful financial situations. Pray that they would find peace in the Lord's timing and patience for provisions from Him. Guide us to trust you in our decision-making and to be wise in how we approach our finances. "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8).
18. **TH**-Father, you are wise beyond words. You alone know what is good and perfect for your people. Thank you for your perfect and true Holy Word. Help us to lean into your perfect wisdom as we face this broken and fallen world. "But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere." (James 3:17)
19. **F**-Pray for the Walsh family as the Lord uses them to connect to students and athletes. Also, pray for the McCune family as they are connecting to international students here at SFA. Finally, pray for our Local Mission organizations here in Nacogdoches.
20. **S**-Father, you are the creator of all things. Help us to look upon creation with the eyes of children, in awe of what you have spoken into existence. May we look upon the beauty of creation and see your glory! "For by him, all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together." (Colossians 1:16-17)
21. **SN**-Pray for the start of DivorceCare, a new support group at Grace that will begin on January 28. Give the participants the courage to come and deal with the hurt and anger of their divorce or separation in a godly manner. Pray for spiritual growth and esteem through a relationship with God. Lord, grant the facilitators patience and wisdom to listen and advise well. "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal 6:2).
22. **M**-Loving Father, your word says that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. God, help us to be a nation that fears you, a nation that is not afraid to acknowledge that you are the true living God. It is only through worshipping you in spirit and truth that we will be able to have knowledge and understanding about the issues of life that are affecting our nation.
23. **T**-Father, we are so grateful to serve you! Help us to remember that serving you is a blessing. Your will and plan need no assistance to be completed. However, you graciously give your children the opportunity to be a part of your perfect plan. Lord, give us eyes to see these opportunities to serve you joyously! "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship." (Romans 12:1)
24. **W**-Lord we pray for all our brothers and sisters around the world who have been driven from their homes. We thank you for organizations like Voice of the Martyrs that provide specific ways to support and pray. Please point our hearts to pray for these people and their willingness and opportunities to help in other ways. "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him" (James 1:12).