

PRAYER LETTER FOR GRACE OF CHRIST CHURCH | Week of April 6, 2026

2 Corinthians 12.9 But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

A friend shared a song with me and as I listened to it a few lines struck me. It is a song of encouragement. One we might listen to as a reminder when times get difficult, we are protected by God’s goodness, His love, His grace... He is our Hope.

The lines that spoke to me were “*Don’t try to swallow the ocean*” and “*Oh, I see you laughing on the other side where the walls have tumbled and the flowers grow wild.*” I felt God saying “*Slow down, take your situation moment by moment – day by day. Step back and see where I am in the midst of all of this. I am the LORD your God, I am in control.*” And I felt like He was giving me insight to the promise He has for all of us that there will be joy on the other side of the painful struggle.

The song is “**One Day**” by Christa Wells. I hope you have a chance to hear it. Here is a glimpse of some of the lyrics.

*It’s hard to sing when you’re crying
Hard to leave when you’re tied down
It’s hard to sleep when you’re fighting
For your life like you are right now
There’s only so much more you can stomach
Though it’s more than you thought
And you only keep moving
By the grace of God*

*[Chorus] You’re doing one day, one breath, one prayer
One thing at a time
One word, one step, one hope
In a coming light
Don’t try to swallow the ocean
Keep doing one day
'Til one day you’re free*

*[Bridge]
**Oh, I see you laughing on the other side
Where the walls have tumbled and the flowers grow wild**
Oh, I see you laughing on the other side
With your broken heart under open sky*

May God bless you as you pray for and encourage others this week,
Ericka

PRAISES

- He has touched our lives with dear friends who love the Lord.
- Spring is here! Thank you, Lord for renewal and flowers!
- We were so inspired by the Maundy Thursday and the Easter services.
- Praise for God's provision for my retirement.

- Praise God He has risen.
- What a joy to worship together on Resurrection Day! Thank you, Pastor Gregory, musicians, tech folks, hospitality and all who put together our Sunday mornings at Grace of Christ.
- Thank You for being with me even when I don't listen! I have been truly blessed with a wonderful husband, friends and life. Thank You for Your help in rescuing the downed missing airman and keeping all involved safe.
- Praises for our family being with us for Easter Sunday.
- I cannot stop saying Thank You. Thank You to the Lord. Believe in a great miracle. He is risen.
- Praise that our daughter-in-law received her green card.
- Praise the Lord! My son and his family are visiting us from Missouri this week.
- He is risen. He is risen indeed. So thankful that we know the truth!
- Praise for God's provision for my retirement.
- Praise the Lord! He is risen!
- We were so inspired by the Maundy Thursday and the Easter services.
- Thank You God for Easter! John 3:16
- Praise God He has risen!
- First time for sunrise service. It was awesome and beautiful. What a blessing.
- Christ is risen!
- Praise God, He is risen! Thank You Lord.
- Praise for faith and answered prayers.
- Praise that I only broke one small foot bone when I rolled my foot.

PRAYERS

- I will be having a left reverse total shoulder replacement on April 16th. Prayers that this goes and heals uneventfully.
- I am having a hard time forgiving and loving two people please our Lord to forgive me and help me to love them from my heart
- Lord, we pray for families-men, women, children-who are in war areas this Easter. It is impossible for most of us to imagine what that is actually like. Lord, have mercy.
- Please continue to pray for my family, sister and brother-in-law.
- Prepare me, Lord. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit that I will be ready each day to do what You call me to do.
- Pray that the power of Christ will heal our country and convict those that would lead some away from the truth of the Gospel.
- Pray for A to lean into the faith she once claimed. Thank You, Lord for what You will do in her life.
- Please pray for my grandson, fighting addiction and needs the Lord's help through your prayers. Thank You Jesus. Amen.
- Prayers for God's provisions, scholarships, finances and debts.
- Prayers for my sister that she will get the help she needs and for my brother and sister-in-law.

- We ask for prayers as we engage with the Social Security Administration on behalf of our son.
- Prayers to see the love in the world and in the churches. Prayers to soften our hearts.
- Please pray for K who is having cancer surgery on April 9th. She has had multiple surgeries for the same disorder in the past years. Please pray that the burning sensation in her arms and chest leave her.
- Pastor, God bless you for preaching God's word. Please pray that I might find love in the world and soften my heart. I feel so lost and alone.

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH OFFICERS:

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