

GLOBAL CATALYTIC MINISTRIES

21-DAY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

WEEK ONE:

DAY 1: Praise

That God's perfect will is being realized in the lives of each new believer He draws to Himself. Thank you, Father, that you have blessed the ministry of GCM with abundant fruit: More than 4,000 believers in 400 underground house-churches now have found eternal life, peace, and joy in Jesus Christ.

"His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness."—2 Peter 1:3

DAY 2: Evangelism

May the heart of each of the 2,300 individuals with whom GCM evangelists share God's Word each month respond to God's call; may the Holy Spirit bring hundreds of receptive "persons of peace" to each evangelist; and may each evangelist speak God's Word with power and anointing.

"This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words."—1 Corinthians 2:13

DAY 3: Discipleship

We pray that each of the hundreds of new believers whom God brings to Himself will deliberately give up his/her right to self, experience the unspeakable joy of an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus Christ, and that He will become the passion of each heart.

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."—James 1:22

DAY 4: Church Planting

Heavenly Father, we ask for an unprecedented harvest of new house-churches where your Word will fall on good soil and multiply a hundredfold. May you anoint each pastor's ministry, bless it with abundant spiritual fruit, and give wisdom in teaching and counseling.

"We have come from Cornelius the centurion. He is a righteous and God-fearing man, who is respected by all the Jewish people. A holy angel told him to ask you to come to his house so that he could hear what you have to say."—Acts 10:22

DAY 5: Leadership Training

May you, Oh Lord, be glorified through each GCM leader, your ultimate purpose accomplished, and the light of your Son reflected in the life of every leader. May each follow Jesus' example of uncompromised ministry to your flock, in complete humility and undeterred dependence on you, as well as absolute trust in what your grace can do for any person.

"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith."—Hebrews 13:7

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DAY 6: Compassion Ministries

May GCM bring Jesus' compassionate love and healing to each person broken by suffering, hardship, addiction, poverty, and debilitating circumstances; may each find hope in your Word, rest in your loving presence, and new life in Christ.

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free."— Luke 4:18

DAY 7: Persecuted Christians

Our hearts cry out to you, Oh Lord, for your protection over your saints, according to your perfect will! Deliver them from persecution, free them from imprisonment, and bring an end to torture. Give them courage in adversity, wisdom in the presence of danger, perseverance in trials, and agape love for their tormentors so they too may find your salvation.

"This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory."— 2 Timothy 2:8b-10

WEEK Two:

DAY 1: Praise: Prepared Hearts

We praise you, Lord, that while we were your enemy, you created a way through your Son to restore us into a right relationship with you. As your Holy Spirit moves throughout the Middle East, we ask that you prepare the heart of countless thousands to receive the truth of your Word through GCM leaders.

"For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will."—Ephesians 1:4-5

DAY 2: Evangelism: Wisdom and Discernment

GCM leaders are ready to lay down their life to bring Jesus' Gospel in hostile territory. They are committed to demonstrate God's love to the point of death, to those who call themselves their enemies. Father, please give every leader an extra measure of wisdom and discernment so they safely share your truth with those whose hearts you have already prepared.

"For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death."—Luke 21:15-16

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DAY 3: Discipleship: Steadfastness

Jesus said, “Go and make disciples,” yet even our obedience is dependent on Him. Lord, you are the one who enables us to obey your command if we remain in fellowship with you, our source of power. We pray that each person who yields to you will grow in intimacy with you every day.

“Jesus replied, ‘Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.’ ”—John 14:23

DAY 4: Church Planting: Abundant Fruit

Father in heaven, as each underground house-church gathers to worship you, please strengthen your children. Pour out your anointing so the increase in the number of those who follow Jesus astounds the nations and glorifies your name.

“So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.”—Acts 16:5

DAY 5: Leadership Training: More Shepherds

Lord, you are our Divine Shepherd and have entrusted the care of your flock into our hands. Tending sheep is messy, and feeding them can be discouraging at times. As you bring more sheep into your fold, please anoint more human shepherds who will faithfully feed your precious sheep.

“Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock.”—Acts 20:28-29

DAY 6: Compassion Ministries: Hope and Freedom

Ruthless regimes rob people of hope. In turn, they turn to drugs, crime, divorce, and prostitution. Thus, individuals and nations are destroyed. GCM leaders bring the hope of Jesus to those who despair. Pray that each person will respond to Jesus’ call and find freedom and joy in Him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”—Matthew 11:28-30

DAY 7: Persecuted Christians: Victory in Trials

Heavenly Father, remember your **children** in their afflictions. Let them feel your presence, for Jesus promised to never leave us. Remove all fear when they face persecution. Fill their heart with your love for their persecutors, that they also may find hope and eternal life in Jesus.

“Therefore, among God’s churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring. All this is evidence that God’s judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.”—2 Thessalonians 1:4-5

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WEEK THREE:

DAY 1: Praise: Humble Hearts

Lord Jesus, you humbled yourself and became obedient unto death on a cross. We praise you for your perfect obedience which glorified God the Father and brought salvation to us. Filled with adoration and gratitude, we join GCM leaders to humble ourselves at your feet.

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” –Revelation 5:12

DAY 2: Evangelism: Bold Declaration

Lord, because it is your truth that sets men free, instill in GCM’s disciple makers the confidence to boldly declare your truth to those who are still bound in darkness, that they also might receive your salvation and walk in your marvelous light.

“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” –Colossians 1:13-14

DAY 3: Discipleship: Obedient Replication

Let God’s Holy Spirit richly dwell in each house-church leader, that they may teach and disciple one another in wisdom and love. As they replicate themselves in loving obedience, Lord we ask for perseverance, courage, and joy in carrying out your Great Commission.

“Jesus replied, ‘Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.’” –John 14:23-24

DAY 4: Church Planting: Sowing Truth

Lord, as GCM sows your Word of truth, make it take root in fertile soil, and bring a rich harvest of yielded, obedient, and fruitful lives.

“But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumph and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere.” –2 Corinthians 2:14

DAY 5: Leadership Training: Fortifying Faith

Father, strengthen GCM leaders as they select, train, and fortify teachable disciple makers. Deepen their faith daily so they may stand victorious against Satan’s schemes and bring a hundredfold into your Kingdom.

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“My son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” –2 Timothy 2:1-2

DAY 6: Compassion Ministries: Caring Action

Your Word, oh Lord, tells us you are moved by our helplessness, and so many of your children are suffering. Jesus, you are our hope in every situation. Please demonstrate your love and mercy through each disciple maker who ministers to those who long for you.

“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.” –Isaiah 61:1

DAY 7: Persecuted Christians: Perspective

Oh, Lord God, we cry out to you on behalf of our brothers and sisters in Christ who are undergoing persecution because of their faith. May they experience honor in their suffering and love you more than life itself. May they view their trials with an eternal purpose, and endure for the joy yet to come.

“Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death.” –John 8:51