

SOME GOOD NEWS



Bible Studies

We invite you to get plugged into one of our Grace Ministries USA Bible studies. There are multiple options available in person or online. Check out the list of current studies at graceministriesusa.org/events

Our Hope In Christ

From the desk of Pastor Bert Woodburn:

September 11, 2026 will mark 25 years since 9/11 took place. Many of us can still remember where we were when we heard the terrible news. We can remember the fear, heartbreak, confusion, and that gut wrenching feeling that our world would be forever changed.

September 11th reminds us of how quickly our world can change. Yet through every difficult moment, one thing remains certain: God is faithful, and Jesus Christ is our hope.

Psalms 46:1-2 tells us:

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear..."

God never promised we would be spared from tragedy or hardship, but He promised to be with us through it all. Twenty-five years later, we remember those who lost their lives, the families who continue to grieve, and the brave first responders who sacrificed so much.

As Christians, our remembrance should ultimately point us to Jesus Christ. He came into a broken and hurting world, experienced sorrow and suffering, and willingly gave His life for us. Yet the cross was not the end. Christ conquered sin and death, and because He lives, we have a hope that cannot be taken away.

Jesus said in John 16:33, "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the

world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

The world around us may change, but Christ never changes. Hebrews 13:8 reminds us, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and for ever."

As we remember September 11th, may we honor those we lost, pray for those who continue to grieve, and be reminded to place our trust in the One who holds us through every circumstance.

When the world shakes, we can stand firm because our hope is in Jesus Christ.

Ministry Spotlight: The Power of Prayer

At Grace Ministries USA, we believe prayer is at the heart of everything we do. Before we serve, we pray. As we minister to others, we pray. And when people come to us with needs, we have the privilege of bringing those needs before our Heavenly Father.

This month, we want to shine a special spotlight on our Prayer Ministry and the faithful men and women who serve as our Prayer Warriors.

Each week, Grace Ministries USA receives more than 100 prayer requests through our Bible studies, website, emails, and other ministry connections. That means hundreds of people each month are reaching out with needs, concerns, and situations that are often deeply personal. Behind every prayer request is a person who needs encouragement, a family going through a difficult season, or someone simply asking others to stand with them in prayer.

Our Prayer Warriors faithfully do just that, they stand in the gap.

The Prayer Ministry is led by Dennis McCusker, who prepares and sends the prayer list to our Prayer Warriors each week. These dedicated volunteers then spend time privately praying over each request. Some requests are for healing, while others involve families, finances, relationships, housing, food, difficult decisions, or other personal

struggles. Our Prayer Warriors also pray for Grace Ministries USA, our Bible studies, our community, and the many opportunities God gives us to serve others and share the love of Jesus Christ.

Prayer is a ministry that may not always be visible, but its impact is tremendous. There may not be a gathering to attend or an event to watch. Instead, this ministry often takes place quietly in homes, during morning devotions, around kitchen tables, and in moments when someone simply stops to pray.

Our Prayer Warriors may never meet the people they are praying for. They may never know the outcome of a particular situation. Yet they continue to pray because they trust the One who does know every need.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 reminds us simply, "Pray continually."

This is the heart of our Prayer Ministry. We don't pray because we have all the answers. We pray because God does. We don't pray because we can control the outcome. We pray because we know the One who holds every situation in His hands.

One of the great blessings of this ministry is seeing God answer prayer. We have been blessed to see prayers answered in ways that remind us that God is working, even

when circumstances seem impossible. Sometimes His answers come quickly and clearly. Other times, we wait and continue praying without knowing what the outcome will be.

But even when we don't see an immediate answer, we can trust that God hears us.

Jeremiah 33:3 says, "Call to me and I will answer you."

What an incredible promise. When we pray, we are not simply sending our thoughts or wishes into the unknown. We are speaking to our loving Heavenly Father, who knows us, loves us, and cares about the needs we bring before Him.

Our Prayer Warriors have thousands of opportunities throughout the year to lift others before the Lord. What a privilege it is to be able to serve someone simply by praying for them.

We want to take this opportunity to say thank you to every person who faithfully serves as a Prayer Warrior. Thank you for giving your time, your heart, and your prayers to others.

If you have a prayer request, we would be honored to pray with you. And if God has placed it on your heart to become one of our Prayer Warriors, we would love for you to join us in standing in the gap for others.