Prayer Letter November 2026

George Whitefield College

Theological Training in Africa for Africa

1st As the College enters the busy year-end period, with assignments due and exams approaching, please pray for our students to have the energy and focus they need to persevere and finish the year well.

2nd Our faculty are working hard lecturing, marking, preparing and planning for 2027. Pray that they will have wisdom and stamina to perform these tasks well, while encouraging their students.

3rd Praise God for the many external speakers who have come to GWC this year, and for the enrichment their expertise and perspectives have given our students. Pray for opportunities for these visitors to return next year, along with others who have knowledge and wisdom to share.

4th Explore Executive Mawonga Celesi visited Explore partners in Johannesburg recently. Give thanks for the opportunity to connect with partners and promote the programme as part of the Southern Africa growth strategy. Pray that these engagements will strengthen partnerships, increase student participation, and generate financial support for the work in the region.

5th GWC past student Paul Schoenfeld, founder of Thrive Student Ministry, requests prayer for a successful End-of Year Camp as well as for the 2-week long Bloom Ladies Camp at the end of November and for God's provision for both camps.

6th The TEDS team gives thanks for the successful PGDip Intensive delivered recently to participants. Pray that the learning and relationships formed will strengthen theological education and equip others to serve faithfully.

7th Pray for the Registry team as they assist students who may need alternative academic arrangements for the new year. Pray also for the administrative work involved in bursaries, accommodation, visas and student services, and for God to help the team when they feel tired or overwhelmed.

8th Dr Liz Mburu is developing a postgraduate reading and writing mentorship programme, with a particular focus on female students. Pray for her preparations for this programme, which will begin in January. Pray that the Lord would use her expertise to help the students develop strong academic writing skills, and that the fruits will be seen in published work by our African scholars.

9th Faculty member Nathan Lovell is travelling to the US to attend the Society for Biblical Literature (SBL) and Evangelical Theological Society (ETS) conferences. Pray for stamina as he presents, preaches and meets with churches, and that the trip will be fruitful.

10th Exams begin today. Pray for clear minds and calm hearts and for God to help students recall all that they have learnt. Pray that this knowledge gained would have deepened their faith and love for the Lord Jesus Christ.

11th Praise the Lord for the completion of the Portuguese translation of Explore's Module 5. The Explore team is grateful for Bishop Vicente's faithful translation work and his leadership of Explore groups in the Zambezia Diocese and surrounding region. Pray for this material to be used widely and to be a blessing to a growing number of students in this area.

12th Give thanks for the new students who have been accepted to join GWC next year. Pray that the Lord will make a way for them to raise support if needed, and for a smooth path towards their arrival.

13th GWC past student, Ray Beckman, gives thanks for Holy Trinity celebrating 180 years of existence under God's grace. Give thanks for His faithfulness! November is their birthday celebration month. Amongst other things they will have a number of visiting preachers, including Bishop Peter Makapela who will also conduct the Deacon service of Jabulani Ngalo and Bridget Kuttner on 15 November.

14th Drs Richard and Caroline Seed are on home assignment in the UK. Pray for a time of rest and refreshment for them.

15th The Advancement team is devising strategies for donor relationships and engagements for 2027. Pray for the College's needs to be communicated clearly to the right people, and pray that these relationships grow in trust and partnership.

16th GWC past student, Jared Hey, is preparing to serve as Pastor at St Timothy's Church Ottery as of January 2027. Pray for Jared and his family for wisdom, peace and guidance as they transition from St Stephens and that they would settle well.

17th Praise the Lord for steady progress in preparing the restructured English Explore course for online delivery through Moodle. Pray for wisdom as this resource is developed and used to make biblical training accessible to more people.

18th Faculty member JP Harper is preparing to go on sabbatical from January to June 2027. Pray for him as he makes arrangements for lecturers to stand in for him in his absence, and give him clarity in assessing the academic output he should focus on during this time.

19th The recruitment process for an Assistant Dean of Women is still underway. Pray for the Lord to bring the right candidate who will be able to shepherd and love our female students well.

20th Pray for the Board as it considers significant decisions regarding the appointment of the new Principal. Ask the Lord to give board members discernment, unity and wisdom in this regard.

21st GWC past student, Quentin Van Rooyen, Minister-in-charge of Cross Central Parow, requests prayer as they seek to employ an Assistant Minister in 2027. Please also pray for the safety of their community, as crime is high in their area. Pray for wisdom as they love and guide the congregation.

22nd Please pray for staff members who have been unwell recently, asking the Lord for a speedy and full recovery.

23rd Plans for year-end maintenance are underway. Campus manager Solam Fani asks for prayer for mental readiness, thorough planning and the appointment of the right contractors to ensure a successful turnaround before the new year.

24th The Commissioning Service takes place on 25 November. Pray that it will be a joyful and encouraging occasion for students as they prepare to leave GWC and begin their next chapter of ministry.

25th Give thanks for the positive response to the online Higher Certificate, beginning in January 2027. Pray that this programme will continue to grow and reach those seeking Bible-based training.

26th Faculty member Sivuyile Lurai is spearheading the launch of GWC's *Kasi Centre for Theology*, to help equip pastors in township churches. He has already spent a significant amount of time researching how best to progress with this project. Pray for guidance for him and those involved to successfully set up and sustain this important ministry.

27th Pray for the Explore team and colleagues across its hubs as they balance year-end responsibilities and prepare for the year ahead. Ask that they remain encouraged and rooted in God's Word.

28th GWC past student, Jason Gbagaza had to leave Heavenly Nature Ministries and World Vision South Sudan when he and his family left South Sudan, but now hopes to start a new Ministry, "Kingdom Leadership Development Centre" at the Bweyale Refugee Settlement. Please pray for this new ministry to become a reality.

29th For those students who are unsure as to what their next chapter holds after leaving GWC at the end of the year, pray that God would give them peace that He has a plan for their lives and ministry. Pray that the right doors would open according to God's will.

30th Give thanks to God for His sustaining grace to GWC, and pray for wisdom, discernment and guidance as He continues to lead efforts to train and equip men and women for gospel-centred ministry.