



General Conference Delegates

Prayer Guide

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Prayer is an essential element in the life of a follower of Jesus. As we approach the upcoming General Conference, there are several resources to consider utilizing in your personal prayer time and sharing in your local church, college ministry or extension ministry.

This prayer guide provides a meaningful framework based on the task of the body to lift our voices in sincere supplication during this sacred time before and during General Conference.

We encourage all to use and share this resource, dedicating daily time to communing with our God and inviting the Holy Spirit to be our constant companion. As we do so, we will experience increased openness, unity and commitment to our God.

Let us approach General Conference with prayerful, humble hearts so that we may be centered, uplifted and motivated to follow Jesus faithfully.



Monday, April 22, 2024

*"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
Psalm 46:10*

God of Love, we give thanks for your never-ending presence. May we breathe in your Spirit and exhale any worry or fear. Guide us with your love and mercy. We pray for those gathering in person and virtually; may the restlessness of our hearts feel your peace and find solid grounding in your presence. Amen.

Pray for all delegates and bishops including:



Dr. Tim Bruster,
GC Delegate, CTC



Kim Simpson,
GC Delegate, CTC



Rev. Dr. Clayton Oliphint,
GC Delegate, NTC



Kelly Carpenter,
GC Delegate, NTC

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength; they will fly up on wings like eagles; they will run and not be tired; they will walk and not be weary." Isaiah 40:31

God of Hope, center our hearts and minds as we gather for opening worship. Give us strength for the days and weeks ahead; open our hearts and minds as we listen for and discern your will. May we set aside our own agendas and timelines to follow the promptings of your Spirit. Renew us by your grace as we work together following your Risen Christ. Amen.

Pray for all delegates and bishops including:



Rev. Debra Crumpton,
GC Delegate, CTC



Darlene Alfred,
GC Delegate, CTC



Rev. Stan Copeland,
GC Delegate, NTC



Kenneth Wolverton,
GC Delegate, NTC

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

"I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other." John 13:34

God of us all, help us love one another with the same selfless and sacrificial love you have shown through your Son, Jesus Christ. We pray that your love will be the primary language spoken. Amen.

Pray for all delegates and bishops including:



Dr. Mary Spradlin,
GC Delegate, CTC



Mike Ford,
GC Delegate, CTC



Rev. Cammy Gaston,
GC Delegate, NTC



Shandon Klein,
GC Delegate, NTC

Thursday, April 25, 2024

"Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age." Matthew 28:20b

God of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, may we find comfort and strength in your presence. We recognize the ministry of all persons and celebrate their work in your Church. May we abide by your promise to be with us. Amen.

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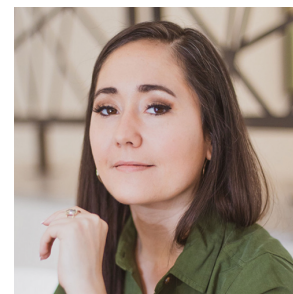
Rev. Jason Valendy,
GC Delegate, CTC



Kathy Ezell,
GC Delegate, CTC



Rev. Maria Dixon Hall,
GC Delegate, NTC



Jessica Vittorio,
GC Delegate, NTC

Friday, April 26, 2024

“He asked me, “Human one, can these bones live again?” I said, “Lord God, only you know.” Ezekiel 37:3

God of New Life, breathe into us your Holy Spirit. Empower your weary world with a renewed vision as your connected people. We seek to trust in your wisdom and sovereignty in all circumstances. Amen.

Pray for:



Rev. Philip Rhodes,
Alternate Delegate, CTC



Kylie Campbell,
Alternate Delegate, CTC



Rev. Rachel Griffin,
Alternate Delegate, NTC



Tim Crouch,
Alternate Delegate, NTC

Saturday, April 27, 2024

“Give thanks to the Lord because God is good, because God’s faithful love lasts forever. Let Israel say it: ‘God’s faithful love lasts forever!’” Psalm 118:1-2

Good and Gracious God, we rest assured of your eternal and unwavering love. When all else fails, you are still God. Remind us to be your humble and obedient people. Amen.

Pray for:

All Delegates, Alternate Delegates and Reserve Delegates
Bishops and the Cabinets, Families of the above named

Sunday, April 28, 2024

“Because the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them in six days, but rested on the seventh day. That is why the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.” Exodus 20:11

God of All Creation, give us rest for our souls on this Sabbath day. We recognize and honor your creation and thank you for your work in the world. Allow us to breathe in your beauty and wonder at the natural world around us. Amen.

Pray for:

All Delegates, Alternate Delegates and Reserve Delegates
Bishops and the Cabinets, Families of the above named

Monday, April 29, 2024

“Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings.” Philippians 2:6-7

Most Gracious God, we humble ourselves of our pride, self-centeredness, and selfish agendas. Fill us by your Holy Spirit with mercy, grace, and peace so that we may live and serve like Jesus Christ, our Lord. May we continue in the work of justice, compassion, and healing. Amen.

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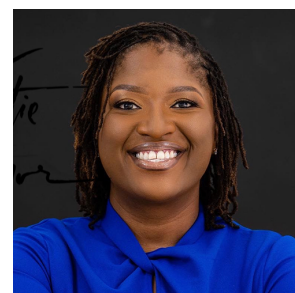
Rev. Ramon Smith,
Alternate Delegate, CTC



Abby Johnson,
Alternate Delegate, CTC



Rev. Dr. Ron Henderson,
Alternate Delegate, NTC



Kathleen Pryor,
Alternate Delegate, NTC

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

“Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. If we love each other, God remains in us and God’s love is made perfect in us.” 1 John 4:11-12

God, our Loving Parent, guide us in the ways of your love. May we grow deeper in love with you so our cups overflow and we, in turn, love others the same. Turn our hearts, so they may remain in you, through the joys and challenges of life. May your perfect love show us the way. Amen.

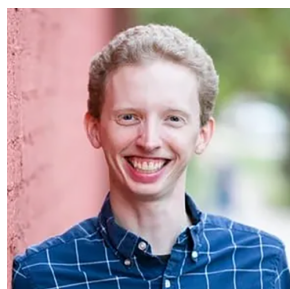
Pray for:



Rev. Beth Evers,
Alternate Delegate, CTC



Kevin Walters,
Alternate Delegate, CTC



Rev. Ricky Harrison,
Alternate Delegate, NTC



Collin Johansson,
Alternate Delegate, NTC

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

*“Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love.”
1 Corinthians 13:13*

Living God, help us to remain true to your greatest gift, love. In the minutiae of our daily lives, help us to focus our attention and energy to that which is eternal. May we be faithful Easter people who live with hope. Amen.

Pray for:



Dr. Jim Conner,
Alternate Delegate, CTC



Pam Phinney,
Alternate Delegate, CTC



Rev. Rob Spencer,
Alternate Delegate, NTC



Linda Parks,
Alternate Delegate, NTC

Thursday, May 2, 2024

“Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.” Matthew 22:37-40

Jesus Christ, our Savior, rescue us from our shortsightedness. When our hearts are divided, our souls are weary, and our minds are distracted, renew us by your grace. Transforms us so we may be your Church that lives out your commandments, now and forever. Amen.

Pray For:



Rev. Marilyn Jones,
Reserve Delegate, CTC



Rev. Edlen Cowley,
Reserve Delegate, NTC



Sally Vonner,
Reserve Delegate, NTC



Rev. Edgar Bazan-Garcia,
Reserve Delegate, NTC

Friday, May 3, 2024

“When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
Matthew 28:17-20

Risen Lord, may our worship for you be filled with praise and adoration. Forgive our doubts and shortcomings. Renew within us your invitation to share the Good News to all the ends of the earth. Remind us of your presence as your light shines through us to do your work. Amen.

Pray For:



Rev. Daniel Hawkins,
Reserve Delegate,
CTC



Rev. Dr. Andy Stoker,
Reserve Delegate,
NTC



Rev. Jenna Johnson,
Reserve Delegate,
NTC



Laura Hudec,
Reserve Delegate,
NTC

Saturday, May 4, 2024

“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.” Matthew 11:28-29

Loving Jesus, in you we seek rest, comfort, and peace for our souls. Help us bring every anxiety and burden to your feet and abide by your gentle and compassionate heart. Renew our hopeful souls with rest and renewal so we may boldly be your Church who acts justly, loves mercy, and walks humbly with you, the Great “I Am.” Amen.

Pray for:

Travel mercies and rest for all Delegates, Alternate Delegates, Reserve Delegates, Bishops and their families

Links to Additional Resources

- [A Guide for Prayer in Preparation of General Conference](#)
- [40 Days of Prayer](#)