

## A Call to Prayer for General Conference

The General Conference Host Committee invites you, wherever you are, to pray daily for General Conference 2008. They ask that you “Breathe deeply the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and pray that all we do may be rooted and grounded in love.” The committee has written the following prayer.

*O Creator of all, Be Thou our Vision,  
For the United Methodist Church....*

*For each of the Annual Conferences around the world.*

*O Christ, Be Thou our Vision throughout the world...*

*We pray for Your guidance and Your strength.*

*Help us to be instruments of Your justice and Your peace.*

*O Holy Spirit, Inspire us to re-form and deepen our fellowship.*

*Through Your Amazing Grace,*

*Help us to see what we need to see...*

*Help us to be who You call us to be...*

*Ground us as a church in the depths of Your Love.*

*Through our very breathing help us to become Your Prayer.*

*Awaken us to Your Divine Indwelling where you promise,*

*“I shall live in them and I shall walk the corridors of their heart.”*

*Let this be a time of...*

*Holy Listening...Holy Conversation...and Holy Conferencing.*

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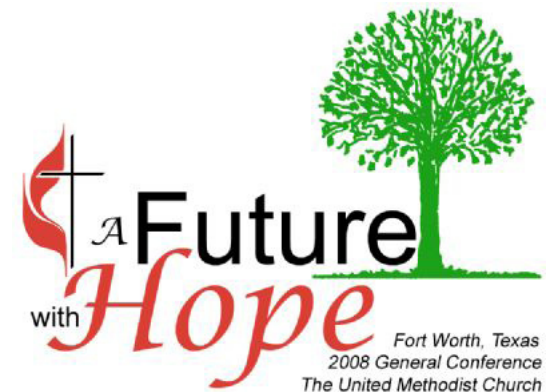
Almost 1,000 delegates from around the world will gather for General Conference April 23 - May 2 in Fort Worth, Texas.

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# Prayers for a Future with Hope



“For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a future with hope.” — Jeremiah 29:11

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 God, thank you for the promise of a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11	2 God, may our church change the world "so that the poor have hope and injustice shuts its mouth." Job 5:16	3 God, bring clarity to the complex issues we face as a denomination. Mark 8:25	4 God, let hope be the cornerstone for the future of the United Methodist Church. Proverbs 23:18	5 God, let my church be an example of how to treat each other with kindness and respect. Ephesians 3:17
6 God, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:5	7 God, direct our church as we plant new congregations and train new leadership. Luke 5:4	8 God, enhance our ministries with youth and young adults. Psalm 145:4	9 God, help us to know what it means and what it takes to make disciples and transform the world. Romans 12:2	10 God, be our vision for the church, for the world, for the future. Jeremiah 29:13	11 God, we pray for those people who feel that they have no hope, who are lost and who need love. Luke 19:10	12 God, remind us that no person and no problem is hopeless. Mark 16:16
13 God, I put all my hope in you and your unfailing love and your offer of redemption. Psalm 130:7	14 God, help me to celebrate all the many ways United Methodists agree, even as we try to resolve disagreements. 1 Corinthians 10:17	15 God, raise our cultural awareness and assist us in reducing stereotypes and prejudices. Acts 1:8	16 God, when I become cynical, renew my certainty that in you all things are possible. Matthew 19:26	17 God, remind me that in my church, results are never measured in terms of winners and losers. John 1:16	18 God, help me to see through the eyes of my neighbors and to respond to them with love and grace. Isaiah 61:1-3	19 God, even in our disagreements, help us focus on respect, civility and mutual understanding. John 13:34
20 God, thank you for the gift of hope you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. 1 Peter 1:3	21 God, may the delegates to General Conference find time to be in prayer and meditation. Luke 11:1	22 God, we simply pray for your guidance and your strength. Deuteronomy 4:7	23 God, as the United Methodist Church gathers let hope be at the center of our thoughts, words and deeds. Proverbs 3:5-6	24 God, inspire us and enhance our creativity as we seek to develop and fund the ministries of our church. Psalm 37:5	25 God, sustain our hope and enthusiasm until we find a solution to global health problems. Romans 8:24	26 God, teach us to partner with the poor and the rich, with youth and older adults, with our neighbors and Christians far away. Matthew 25:35-36
27 God, give us hope that together we can represent the gospel to the larger church and to the world. Hebrews 11:1	28 God, provide a means of communication when language is a barrier. Acts 17:28	29 God, as we carry out the business of the church keep us rooted and grounded in love. Colossians 3:17	30 God, move us every single morning to look forward to the future with hope. Psalm 139:14			