



A CALL TO PRAYER FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE 2008 FROM THE CENTRAL TEXAS HOST COMMITTEE

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”
—Martin Luther King, Jr.

Just as prayer is as essential to the Christian life as breath, so prayer is essential to our shared life together as we prepare for and meet during General Conference 2008.

Please join us, wherever you are. We on the General Conference Hosting Committee Prayer Ministries Team invite you to pray daily for General Conference 2008. Breathe deeply the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and pray that all we do may be **“rooted and grounded in love.”**

We as a church need to breathe the cleansing, healing and guiding presence of the Holy Spirit
through all of the details in preparation for General Conference 2008,
for the delegates as they prepare, deliberate and discern in the Holy Spirit,
and for every other large and small thing that goes into General Conference.

We pray that the work itself may be an act of prayer and that we will be attentive through it all to God's Transforming Presence. We pray that we are able to let go of our own agendas and follow the compassionate lead of Jesus the Christ. And we pray that the Holy Spirit empower us to offer and entrust all things to the Way of Christ. Please breathe this or other prayers with us:

*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.