



# PRAYER GUIDE

GENERAL CONFERENCE 2019



The General Conference, which will be held February 23-26, will have a great impact on the United Methodist Church. We are confident that God remains in control, and we invite you to join us in prayer over the next several weeks as we prepare for the conference and afterwards as our denomination decides next steps.

## **Week of February 10-16**

### **Prayer Theme: Mutual Love & Unity**

*Feb. 10:* As we approach the General Conference, pray the United Methodist Church will demonstrate to the world how fellow Christians can love one another, having mutual love to one another even when we differ in our opinions.

*Feb. 11:* Pray for understanding and harmony within our body as we grapple with these complicated issues.

*Feb. 12:* Pray that we are able to remain united in our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

*Feb. 13:* Pray for the 864 delegates as they travel to St. Louis and take part in the Special Decision of General Conference 2019.

*Feb. 14:* Pray for the leaders of Texas Annual Conference, Council of Bishops and every pastor and member attending. Ask the Lord to descend upon this conference with a spirit of Catholic Spirit and love, and that all involved embrace the words of our founder John Wesley: "Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion?"

*Feb. 15:* Pray for unity and mutual love to grow within your local church both now and following General Conference.

*Feb. 16:* Pray for wisdom over your church leaders as they shepherd their flock, understanding there may be differing opinions even within your congregation.

## **Week of February 17-23**

### **Prayer Theme: Wisdom**

*Feb. 17:* Pray for godly wisdom for the 864 worldwide leaders that will serve as delegates for the General Conference.

*Feb. 18:* Pray for each of the Texas Annual Conference delegates by name: <https://www.txcumc.org/2019Delegates>.

*Feb. 19:* Pray for the selection of presiding bishops, and for the leadership that will be chosen for the legislative committee day on Monday, February 25.

*Feb. 20:* Pray for delegates and leaders to fully evaluate each plan and to work in mutual love to decide the best step forward.

*Feb. 21:* Pray for spiritual protection over our delegates as they prepare for this important decision-making.

*Feb. 22:* Pray for the translators who will work during the Conference, simultaneously translating the entire proceedings into nine languages.

*Feb. 23:* Ask the Lord to give each delegate a heart of discernment.

## **Week of February 24-28**

### **Prayer Theme: Future**

*Feb. 24:* Pray that there is a clear outcome from the work of this Conference that all may understand and that those who may not agree can yet accept the decision.

*Feb. 25:* Pray for a spirit of peace as a decision is made.

*Feb. 26:* Pray for Bishop Jones as he leads the Texas Annual Conference and your pastors and local church leaders as they shepherd your congregation following General Conference.

*Feb. 27:* Pray for our Texas Annual Conference that we may continue to greatly impact our communities, state and the world through the Gospel of Jesus.

*Feb. 28:* Pray that our global churches are able to come together to continue advancing the Gospel to every country, community and neighborhood in the world.