

Global Methodist Church of Virginia

## 30 Day Conference Prayer Guide

*Your Kingdom Come*



**VA Annual Conference 2025**

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# **Your Kingdom Come**

## **A 30-Day Prayer and Reflection Guide**

*Based on the Lord's Prayer for the 2025 VA GMC Conference*

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Jesus taught His disciples to pray, saying, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10) As we prepare for the 2025 VA GMC Conference, Your Kingdom Come, we invite you to join in 30 days of prayer for our conference.

The first week is a devotional practice focused on cleansing our hearts and preparing each of us to seek the Lord's Kingdom as we move toward lifting the different elements of our upcoming conference. The remaining days' Scriptures will focus on the internal themes of the conference: Children of the King, Citizens of the Kingdom, and Ambassadors for the Kingdom. The prayers will move through the various groups, individuals, and purposes of our conference as we seek God's direction, provision, and protection over the work of building His Kingdom, according to His will here in Virginia.

We thank you for your willingness to join us in this important foundational work to prepare the ground for a successful and God-glorifying conference in May!

In Christ,

The Conference Planning Team

Global Methodist Church of Virginia



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## Week 1: Seeking the Kingdom

### Day 1: Kingdom Prayer

"Pray then like this:

'Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.'"

~ *Matthew 6:9-13*

**REFLECTION:** Jesus provided a model for prayer that begins with God's holiness, moves to His kingdom, and leads us to our dependence on Him for all things.

**FOCUS:** Aligning our hearts with God's kingdom.

**PRAYER:** Our Father in heaven, thank You for teaching us how to pray. We come as Jesus taught us, seeking You first, and looking for Your kingdom to come on earth. Help our hearts and prayers to align with Your kingdom. As You strengthen our faith, may our lives reflect Your love. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Day 2: The Kingdom of God

"Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."

~ *Luke 17:20-21*

**REFLECTION:** The Kingdom of God is not a future hope or distant place; it is a present reality in the people of God through the gospel of Christ.

**FOCUS:** Eyes to see God's Kingdom in our midst.

**PRAYER:** Lord, open our eyes to see Your Kingdom in our midst. Help us recognize Your kingdom dwelling in us and in our brothers and sisters in Christ. Let us be faithful stewards of the gift of Your kingdom in the vessels of our lives. Help our lives to carry Your light, love, and Kingdom to all those around us. In Jesus' name, amen.

### **Day 3: Seek First the Kingdom**

"Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

~ *Matthew 6:31:33*

**REFLECTION:** Prioritizing God's Kingdom rule in our lives leads to provision and peace.

**FOCUS:** Trusting God's provision.

**PRAYER:** Father, we know it is easy for our eyes and hearts to get fixed on this world and lose sight of Your promises. Help us to resist the pull to seek worldly ways to meet our own needs and to seek Your Kingdom first. Grant us confidence that as we live according to Your Word, You will supply all our needs. Align our hearts with Yours so that Your Kingdom will be our first pursuit. In Jesus' name, amen.

### **Day 4: Look To the King**

"On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords."

~ *Revelation 19:16*

**REFLECTION:** As King of kings Jesus reigns over all creation.

**FOCUS:** Surrendering to Jesus' Lordship.

**PRAYER:** Jesus, You are King and Lord of all. We surrender our lives, our will, and our vision to You. We acknowledge Your supreme authority over every person and creature on the earth and under the earth. We submit to that authority and ask for Your aid in faithfully serving You in Your kingdom here on earth. Help us to serve You, one another, and the world with humility and joy, reflecting Your love and sovereignty to the kingdoms of the world. Empower us to fulfill this calling with boldness and grace for the glory of Your kingdom. In Jesus' name, men.

## **Day 5: The Call to the Kingdom**

"Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.'"

~ Matthew 6:9-13

**REFLECTION:** Repentance opens the door to God's Kingdom.

**FOCUS:** Repentance lived out as scriptural holiness.

**PRAYER:** Lord, let us hear Your call to repentance as we come seeking Your kingdom to come here on earth. Reveal to us the areas where we are falling short of Your glory, where we have strayed from Your path, and where we have not loved You with our whole being. In Your kindness, lead our hearts to repentance, a turning from our ways and our will in obedience and surrender to Your perfect will and direction. May we walk in Your grace and reflect Your holiness each day. In Jesus' name, amen.

## **Day 6: The Core of the Kingdom**

"So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men."

~Romans 14:16-18

**REFLECTION:** The Kingdom is about righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

**FOCUS:** Holy Spirit transformation.

**PRAYER:** Holy Spirit, fill us with Your righteousness, peace, and joy. Let our lives reflect the goodness of Your Kingdom, drawing others to know and follow You. Help us to live with integrity and purity, bringing Your Kingdom into every part of our lives. Amen.

## **Day 7: The Harmony of the Kingdom**

"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."  
~ *Ephesians 4:1-3*

**REFLECTION:** The Holy Spirit provides unity in the body of Christ.

**FOCUS:** The love of Christ in our churches and community to maintain the unity of the Spirit.

**PRAYER:** Father, unite us as one body in Christ. May our love for one another be a powerful witness of Your truth and grace to the world. Help us to work together in harmony for the advancement of Your Kingdom, so that the world may see Your love through us. In Jesus' name, amen.

## Week 2: Children of the King

### Day 8: Receive Like a Child

"And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.'"

~ *Mark 10:13-15*

**REFLECTION:** Jesus invites all of us to receive the kingdom of God as children.

**FOCUS:** Conference Leaders

**PRAYER:** Abba, Father, we come on behalf of our brothers Mark Webb, Greg West, and Brandon Nichols. We ask that You remind them, as they bear the burden of leadership for the Virginia Conference of the Global Methodist Church, that You have invited them to receive Your kingdom as Your sons. We thank You for the gift of their leadership, and Your promise to help them carry out Your plans for Your kingdom here in Virginia.

### Day 9: The Father's Love

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

~ *1 John 3:1*

**REFLECTION:** God's lavish love makes us children of God.

**FOCUS:** Concerts of Prayer.

**PRAYER:** Father, we are so grateful for Your love for us. As Ho Kang, Sarah Bailey, Mary Sullivan-Trent, John Bright, and his team prepare themselves to lead our Conference in concerts of prayer, fill them with the overflowing fullness of Your love. Let Your love shine forth in those times so that Your people are filled with the radiance of Your love and the sanctuary is filled with deliverance and praise. Free us through Your love to joyfully worship You in the power of Your Spirit during these times set aside at Conference. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### Day 10: The Spirit of Adoption

"For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!' The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God..."

~ *Romans 8:13-16*

**REFLECTION:** The Holy Spirit leads us to be children of the King, and He testifies with our spirit to this reality.

**FOCUS:** Altar Prayer Team.

**PRAYER:** Abba, we cry out with Your Spirit on behalf of Tera Ertz and the Altar Prayer team that will be ministering at the Conference. Send Your Spirit to them and prepare their hearts to share His witness to Your children at the conference. Give them ears to hear and eyes to see Your message for Your children who will seek You at the altar. Give them boldness to speak Your love, forgiveness, healing, and deliverance as a testimony to Your kingdom and Your love for Your children. In Jesus' name, amen.

### **Day 11: The Will of God**

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

~ *John 1:12-13*

**REFLECTION:** As we receive Christ by God's divine and gracious will, we become His children.

**FOCUS:** Conference Prayer Team.

**PRAYER:** Abba, we thank You for Yunho Eo and his team who faithfully serve in prayer behind the scenes to lay a solid foundation for all the work we do together at the conference. As children of God, by Your will, we pray that You would enliven their prayers before and during conference. Let Your Spirit pray with them and through them during their time in the prayer room. Let their prayers be effective for consecrating the space, the time, and the people who will gather at conference to do Your will for the Virginia Conference of the Global Methodist Church. And let them be blessed in their time with You. In Jesus name, Amen.

### **Day 12: Longing for Pure Milk**

"Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good."

~ *1 Peter 2:2-3*

**REFLECTION:** The Holy Spirit can purify our spirits so we can grow up into the Lord's full salvation.

**FOCUS:** Children of the King Speakers.

**PRAYER:** Father, we ask Your blessing and guidance on Deborah Clark, David Lowe, and Brandon Nichols as they prepare their words for conference. Let them feel Your Holy Spirit as they speak to the need for us to become Children of the King. Aid them as they guide us in clearing away the inclination toward sin, the lies of the world, and the words spoken against us and against others from our thoughts and hearts. Give them words and images to help them share that You are good and You are feeding us with pure spiritual milk so that we can grow in faith. In Jesus' name, amen.



### **Day 13: Creation Awaits the Children**

"For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God."

~ *Romans 8:19-21*

**REFLECTION:** God has a purpose for His children in restoring creation to freedom from corruption.

**FOCUS:** General Conference Delegates

**PRAYER:** Father, we thank You for Your children who are willing to go into all creation on Your behalf. As we consider our nominees for General Conference in Africa next year, we ask for Your wisdom in the election process. We ask that You reveal to the voting delegates the candidates that You desire to go on behalf of Virginia to participate in bringing Your vision for global restoration through the Methodist movement to fruition at the 2026 GC. We ask Your blessing on every nominee, and we ask Your provision and protection for those who are elected to go on our behalf. In Jesus' name, amen.

### **Day 14: Peacemakers in the Kingdom**

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."

~ *Matthew 5:9*

**REFLECTION:** An important part of being a child of God is using the truth and grace of Christ to create peace out of chaos and conflict.

**FOCUS:** Conference Delegates

**PRAYER:** Abba, we cry out to You on behalf of those You have called to represent Your people in the congregations of the Global Methodist Church of Virginia. Strengthen their hearts and minds to seek Your guidance and direction in every decision they make during Conference. Let every hidden hurt be brought to the surface and laid before Your throne before we gather. Let every area of conflict be saturated with the presence of the Holy Spirit. Let each delegate overflow with the perfect love of Christ in their preparations, conversations, and voting. And let the decisions of the Conference bear the fruit of true peace for all the congregations in Virginia. In Jesus' name, amen.

## Week 3: Citizens of the Kingdom

### Day 15: Maturing in the Kingdom

"Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature."

~ 1 Corinthians 14:20

**REFLECTION:** While Scripture calls us to remember our dependence on God and our status as children of God, we are also called to grow into mature, knowledgeable, and wise citizens of His kingdom.

**FOCUS:** Lay & Clergy Sessions

**PRAYER:** Lord God, we ask Your guidance on Keith Boyette and Tim Trezise as they prepare their messages for the clergy and laity sessions at Conference. Give Tim bold words and teaching on the Lord's Prayer to encourage and empower the laity of the Virginia Conference to carry Your kingdom with them wherever they go. Provide Keith strong wisdom and exhortation for the clergy of the Virginia Conference to help them equip their congregations and all those they serve with strong tools and foundations for building the Kingdom here in Virginia. Let the Holy Spirit guide and infuse these sessions. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Day 16: Grafted into the Kingdom

"For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God..."

~Ephesians 2:18-19

**REFLECTION:** The Holy Spirit grafts us into the kingdom of God, with all God's holy people, throughout all the ages.

**FOCUS:** Conference Planning Team

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, we praise You for the reminders that by Your Spirit we are made one with all the saints, that even as we still abide on earth, we are already united with all the citizens of Your heavenly kingdom. We ask that You aid David Bean and each member of the Conference Planning Team in visualizing how to share this vision of the breadth of Your kingdom and our place in it. Encourage each member as they use their gifts and graces to plan for, create for, and welcome people to the Virginia Annual Conference. Bless each of them with the presence, power, and peace of Your Holy Spirit. Protect their hearts, minds, bodies, and souls as they go about Your work, and give them the endurance and time to bring all things to completion in Your perfect timing. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **Day 17: Citizenship in the Kingdom**

"Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself."

~ *Philippians 3:19-21*

**REFLECTION:** Our citizenship is defined by our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ, and He calls us to live in contrast to the citizens of this world.

**FOCUS:** Citizens of the Kingdom Speakers

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, we lift Marc Roberson, Sung Yoo, Steve Hay, David Bean, and Bob Cooper to You as they prepare their messages about citizenship in Your Kingdom. Your children desperately need Your guidance on growing to maturity in Your Kingdom. We thank You for these grace-filled men of God whom You have chosen to carry Your instruction to us in this area. Bless each of them in their preparation, give them boldness and wisdom in their words, and protect them from all distraction, discouragement, and deceptions from the enemy as they go about Your work. In Jesus' name, amen.

## **Day 18: Sojourners and Exiles for the Kingdom**

"Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation."

~ *1 Peter 2:10-12*

**REFLECTION:** Even as we are no longer strangers in the Kingdom, we are still sojourners on behalf of the Kingdom, present in the world so those outside the Kingdom will see God and glorify Him.

**FOCUS:** Mission Trip to Cuba

**PRAYER:** Father, even as planning and preparation for Conference is ongoing, brothers and sisters from our Conference are in Cuba sojourning there to encourage the Methodist Church in Cuba in the amazing work they are doing for Your glory. We ask Your hand of protection on Jason Goins, David Bean, David Ford, and all the members of the teams in Cuba. We ask that Your Holy Spirit pour out upon them and through them as they proclaim the Word of God in power and with signs and wonders. Lord, bring them safely home and let them carry the testimony of Your glorious work in Cuba back here to Virginia. Let that testimony fan into flame all the gifts and power of Your Holy Spirit among the people of the Global Methodist Church in Virginia. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **Day 19: One Citizenship in the Kingdom**

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

~ *Galatians 3:28*

**REFLECTION:** God makes no distinction of ethnicity, rank, or sex between His people. If you believe in Christ as Lord and Savior and follow Him in obedience, then you are a citizen of His kingdom.

**FOCUS:** Conference Partners

**PRAYER:** Almighty God, we thank you for the partners who have come alongside us to help make this Conference a time of connection and opportunity for growth for our people. We ask that You bless the work of each organization here and around the world. Would You increase the reach of each ministry represented so that they can carry the message of Your kingdom into every corner of the world so that all might hear the wonder of Your extravagant love that invites everyone to come to Your Son Jesus so they can join You in Your kingdom. In Jesus' name, amen.

## **Day 20: Every Nation, Tribe and People**

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands..."

~ *Revelation 7:9*

**REFLECTION:** God's kingdom is radiantly diverse in its people, and we will all gather as one people to worship and praise Him.

**FOCUS:** Central African Republic

**PRAYER:** God of all creation! We delight in the gift You have given us to partner with our brothers and sisters in the Central African Republic as they build Your church there. We lift Bishop Kimba Evariste and Superintendent Lucien Dockpa as they lead the Global Methodist Church there. Lord, stretch out Your hand of protection and surround them with Your encouragement and light. Give them supernatural gifts of wisdom and let the peace of Your presence in them infuse the chaos of their nation so that violence will cease. Let the strength of Christ fill each person in Your kingdom in the Central African Republic so that Your kingdom will come there, on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus' name, amen.

## Day 21: The Gospel of the Kingdom

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, ‘Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’”

~ Luke 4:18-21

**REFLECTION:** The good news of the gospel is that Jesus initiated the Kingdom of God on earth with healing and deliverance, and He calls each of us to participate in the continued inbreaking of His kingdom.

**FOCUS:** Healing and Deliverance Throughout Virginia

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, You brought Your kingdom into power during Your earthly ministry. The Spirit of God rested on You to proclaim this good news to the poor, the sick, and the oppressed. We need Your kingdom here in Virginia, and we humbly come in expectation. We ask, Lord Jesus, that Your Spirit would rest on us to proclaim this good news to the poor, the sick, and the oppressed among us. Open our eyes, our ears, and our minds to the work of the Holy Spirit as He brings healing from illness, cures from diseases, and deliverance from demons and oppression throughout the commonwealth of Virginia and beyond. As we see and experience Your kingdom work, let us testify boldly to the glory of God. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Week 4: Ambassadors for the Kingdom

### Day 22: The Covenant of the Kingdom

“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people... For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

“Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, ‘Take, eat; this is my body.’ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.’”

~ *Jeremiah 31-34; Matthew 26:26-28*

**REFLECTION:** Jesus was the fulfillment of God’s promise of a new covenant for a new kingdom under His direction.

**FOCUS:** The Lordship of Christ in our Conference

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, we no longer live in a land of kings, and it is often difficult for us to understand our relationship to You as Lord. We no longer live in a time of covenants, and it is often difficult for us to understand the depth and breadth of the promise You both fulfilled and made with Your life, death, and resurrection. We profess that You are Lord, that we accept Your covenant, and submit ourselves to Your authority. We ask that Your Spirit aid us in every sphere of our lives and to understand and obey Your sovereign will, especially in our conferencing together. Help us, Lord, to live as Your kingdom people. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### Day 23: Going for the King

“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”

~ *Matthew 28:18-20*

**REFLECTION:** As King, Jesus grants us His authority and commands us to teach others to love and follow Him.

**FOCUS:** Conference Attendees

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, we long to share Your kingdom with others. We ask that You would draw everyone to our annual conference that You desire to be there. We know most of those who will come already know You as Savior. Help us to communicate Your Lordship to any who need to hear the truth of your Gospel. We also ask that You would empower our worship, conferencing, and training to build up every person who attends the conference for disciple-making. Bring fresh power and authority to all those who come to be equipped for building Your kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **Day 24: Witnesses for the Kingdom**

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

~ Acts 1:8

**REFLECTION:** Power from the Holy Spirit is necessary for us to be effective witnesses for Christ in all the world.

**FOCUS:** The Power of the Holy Spirit in Virginia

**PRAYER:** Holy Spirit, come! We sense the urgency of Christ's call to make disciples, to share the gospel, and to tell the world of all that He has done and is doing. But we know that alone we are unable to fulfill the call. Holy Spirit, pour out Your power on Your people. Kindle in each of us a vision, a burden, and the gifts to accomplish the purposes for which You have drawn us to this congregation of people called the Global Methodist Church of Virginia. Grant us the supernatural power to be Christ's witnesses in our homes, in our churches, in our communities, in our state, and around the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **Day 25: Letters from the King**

"And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts."

~ 2 Corinthians 3:3

**REFLECTION:** God promises to write His Word on our hearts, and as He does this and transforms us into the image of His son, we become His message to a waiting world.

**FOCUS:** Conference Worship Team

**PRAYER:** Holy Spirit, we lift Alex Giovinazzo and the Riverton Worship team to You. We know that You have already been at work in their preparations for the Conference. We ask that You pour out a special anointing on them as they complete their preparations. Write the message of Your love and grace deeply on their souls. Let Your presence in them infuse their worship with Your joy as they share the message of Jesus with Your people at Conference. Bless them in their work and empower their praise and worship. In Jesus' name, amen.

## **Day 26: Marks of the Kingdom**

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."

~ *Galatians 5:22-23*

**REFLECTION:** Scriptural holiness is a reflection of the nature of God and His kingdom which is described by the fruit we bear by the Spirit.

**FOCUS:** Outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our Worship times

**PRAYER:** Holy Spirit, we invite You to inhabit our praise and use our worship to reshape us into the image of God. In all our times of worship together, please pour out your Spirit through each speaker, singer, and musician. Let Your presence in each one of us resonate with Your presence in all the others until our gathering is saturated with the fullness of Your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Let us carry the weight of that glorious fruit throughout the conference and into the year ahead. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **Day 27: A New Command from the King**

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

~ *John 13:34-35*

**REFLECTION:** The world knows we belong to Jesus when we love one another, our brothers and sisters in Christ, the way that Jesus loved His disciples in Scripture.

**FOCUS:** Ordinands

**PRAYER:** Holy Spirit, we lift the 2025 class of ordinands to You. Help us to love our clergy as Jesus loved His disciples. Help our ordinands to teach their congregations to love one another as Jesus loved His disciples. Help us remember that the love of God in us is the mark of His kingdom in us, and that He calls us to be bound to one another by this love. Surround these ordinands with brothers and sisters in Christ who will encourage them, correct them, and even rebuke them when necessary, so that they will forever find joy in the work You have called them to, set them apart for, and anointed them to accomplish. In Jesus' name, Amen.



## **Day 28: Ambassadors for the Kingdom**

"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

~ 2 Corinthians 5:20

**REFLECTION:** As ambassadors, we represent God as He makes His appeal to the world through us.

**FOCUS:** Ambassadors for the Kingdom Speakers

**PRAYER:** Lord, we lift Don Gibson, Greg West, Tera Ertz, and Terry Hendricks to you as they prepare to share Your message on what it means to be Your ambassadors in the world. We know You have gone ahead of them, preparing their hearts, their minds, and their messages. We ask that You would strengthen them and embolden their preaching and teaching. Let Your Spirit speak in power through them and communicate to Your people what it looks like to represent You well in a world that desperately needs the hope of Your Kingdom. Prepare the hearts, minds, and ears of Your people to receive Your message and to walk away, transformed by the work of Your Holy Spirit through these servants of Christ. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **Day 29: The Kingdom to Come**

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God."

~ Revelation 21:1-3

**REFLECTION:** Anticipating the fullness of the Kingdom.

**FOCUS:** God's vision for the GMC of Virginia

**PRAYER:** Almighty God, we live in eager expectation for the fullness of Your Kingdom, when You will make all things new. Grant us Your vision for what that looks like here in Virginia. Help us to see what it looks like for You to dwell with us and for us to be Your people. Help us to visualize what it looks like to share the truth that You are our God, and we are Your people with a world longing for the glory of Your kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Day 30: Your Kingdom Come

"Pray then like this:

'Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil."

~ *Matthew 6:9-13*

**REFLECTION:** A lifelong prayer for all we long for.

**FOCUS:** Protection on all those coming to the Conference

**PRAYER:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. We do indeed pray, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. We know Your kingdom has an enemy who often tries to interfere with Your mighty works among Your people. Today we lean into the last part of the prayer Jesus taught us, and we ask that You would deliver us from the evil one and from all his schemes. Place Your mighty hand of protection over all those who are traveling to the Conference to do Your work and to gather as Your Word commands. Place a hedge of protection around their health, their travels, and especially around their minds and souls, Lord. We speak against all calamity, all discouragement, and all weariness of soul, Lord God. We joyfully proclaim our delight as we come together as Your Kingdom for this sacred time of holy conferencing. In Jesus' name, Amen.

\* All Scripture is taken from the ESV translation at [Biblegateway.com](http://Biblegateway.com).