



*I say to you, those who believe in Me...  
greater works than these they will do, because I go to My Father. Jesus (John 14:12)*

Prayer does not equip us for greater works, prayer is the greater work. Yet sometimes we think of prayer as a kind of quiet exercise to prepare us for God's work. Jesus tells us that prayer is the working of the miracle of redemption in ourselves, which produces the miracle of redemption in others, through God's great power. We should come to God as children because only a child gets their prayers answered, a 'wise man' does not (Matthew 11:25).

No matter our circumstances, our duty is to pray, and not just when it thrills or excites us or is convenient and comfortable. When we labor in prayer, from God's perspective, there are always results. One day, when the veil is finally lifted, we will see all the souls that have been touched by the power of our prayers.

#### Forty Days of Prayer:

Beginning on Monday, January 14, and over the following 40 days, we invite you to commit to prayer, to wrestle with and labor in praying for the denomination of The United Methodist Church. Let us approach God with confidence, knowing we are heard. May the eyes of our hearts be enlightened in order that we may know the hope to which God has called us and the riches of God's glorious inheritance to us. May we not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present our requests to God.

Please invite your family, your small group, your local congregation, your district, and your annual conference to join us in prayer.

Please join us in this very important work.



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## Day 1 | January 14, 2019 | Hear Us O Lord

### Scripture:

*Give ear to my words, O Lord;  
give heed to my sighing.*

*Listen to the sound of my cry,  
my King and my God,  
for to you I pray.*

*Lord, in the morning you hear my voice;  
in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch.* Psalm 5: 1-3

### Pray for:

The Bishop and the delegates of the Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference and Alaska Annual Conference.

### Prayer:

Gracious Creator,

We pray this morning as a community invested in the people we serve, each other, and You. Shift the perspective of our hearts toward humbleness and humility, knowing we are not self-sufficient, so we might become as children. We pray expectantly, believing that through our prayers we will be changed, and You will work miracles in our inner nature.

Amen.

### Musical Reflection:

Give Me Jesus

Songwriter Jeremy Camp

Performed by Cassandra Kellam

*Give me Jesus*

*Give me Jesus*

*You can have*

*All this world*

*Just give me Jesus*

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## Day 2 | January 15, 2019 | God is Our Refuge

*In you, Lord, I have taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.  
In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;  
turn your ear to me and save me.  
Be my rock of refuge,  
to which I can always go;  
give the command to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress. Psalm 71:1-3*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the Arkansas Annual Conference and Austria Provisional Annual Conference.

Dear God, we thank you that you are sovereign and that everything revolves around you. We ask that we become more aware of your presence and keep our focus on you. We ask you to be the center of our lives. And use all things for Your glory and for our good.  
Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: It Is Well with My Soul**

Songwriter Horatio Spafford  
Performed by Celtic Irish Club

*If our God is for us  
Who can be against us  
Nothing stands in your way  
Broken lives are restored  
Hopeless dreams are revived  
Every heart comes alive  
In the name of Jesus*

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## Day 3 | January 16, 2019 | God Restores Us

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference and Bulgaria-Romania Provisional Conference

Master Storyteller, thank you for writing Jesus into our hearts and lives. Help us to lean on you in hard times. We praise you for your story of redemption, rescue and restoration. In You we have all of those. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: If God**

Songwriter Eric Drew

Performed by Eric Drew

*If our God is for us  
Who can be against us  
Nothing stands in your way  
Broken lives are restored  
Hopeless dreams are revived  
Every heart comes alive  
In the name of Jesus*

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## Day 4 | January 17, 2019 | Encourage Each Other

*if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. Philippians 2:1-4*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the California-Nevada Annual Conference  
California-Pacific Annual Conference.

Dear God, draw us together and closer to You through the power of our personal stories. Bless our words and speak through us so we may inspire and encourage one another. Let us not give up on our stories before You have finished writing them. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love**

Songwriters: Peter Scholtes

Performed by Jars of Clay

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love*

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## Day 5 | January 18, 2019 | Listening to One Another

*We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. Colossians 1:3-7*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the Dakotas Annual Conference and Desert Southwest Annual Conference.

Dear God, open our ears and heart to one another. May the power of our stories and our vulnerability in sharing them draw us closer to each other and to You. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Mighty to Save**

Songwriters: Ben Fielding / Reuben Morgan

Performed by Hillsong Global

*Savior*

*He can move the mountains*

*My God is Mighty to save*

*He is Mighty to save*

*Forever*

*Author of salvation*

*He rose and conquered the grave*

*Jesus conquered the grave*

*Shine your light and let the whole world see*

*We're singing for the glory of the risen King*

*Jesus*

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## Day 6 | January 19, 2019 | Hope in God

*Send me your light and your faithful care, let them lead me;  
let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell.  
Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight.  
I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.  
Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?  
Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God. Psalm 43:3-5*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the East Congo Annual Conference and East Ohio Annual Conference.

Jesus, help us to get off the sidelines and to be all in for You. We know that great faith does not come out of great effort, but out of great surrender. May we embrace the joy and freedom of that today. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Tremble**

Songwriters: Andres Figueroa / Charles Bentley / Mariah McManus / Mia Fieldes  
Performed by Mariah McManus

*Your name is a light that the shadows can't deny  
Your name cannot be overcome  
Your name is alive forever lifted high  
Your name cannot be overcome  
Jesus, Jesus, You make the darkness tremble  
Jesus, Jesus, You silence fear  
Jesus, Jesus, You make the darkness tremble  
Jesus, Jesus*

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## Day 7 | January 20, 2019 | Newness in Christ

*So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:16-18*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference and Estonia Annual Conference.

Father, give us more of You and less of ourselves. May we find peace in knowing that the verdict is in, and Your grace has won the day. In Christ we are new creations. Today we pray for the courage of self-forgetfulness; to live into who we're called to be as Your children. In the name of our Jesus we pray. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Thrive**

Songwriters: Mark Hall / Matthew West

Performed by Casting Crowns

*Just to know You and  
To make You known  
We lift Your name on High  
Shine like the sun make darkness run and hide  
We know we were made for so much more  
Than ordinary lives  
It's time for us to more than just survive  
We were made to thrive*

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## Day 8 | January 21, 2019 | Rest in God

*Do not be afraid—I will save you.  
I have called you by name—you are mine.  
When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you;  
your troubles will not overwhelm you.  
When you pass through fire, you will not be burned;  
the hard trials that come will not hurt you.  
For I am the Lord your God,  
the holy God of Israel, who saves you. Isaiah 43: 1-3*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the Finland Provisional Conference and Florida Annual Conference.

Dear God, our flesh and our hearts may fail but Your strength is our portion forever. You are bigger than our disappointments and our desires. Today we rest in Your goodness. Let it sink into our hearts. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Yes I Will**

Songwriters: Eddie Hoagland / Jonathan Smith / Mia Fieldes  
Performed by Vertical Worship

*I count on one thing  
The same God that never fails  
Will not fail me now  
You won't fail me now  
In the waiting  
The same God who's never late  
Is working all things out  
You're working all things out  
Yes I will, lift You high in the lowest valley  
Yes I will, bless Your name  
Oh, yes I will, sing for joy when my heart is heavy  
All my days, oh yes I will*

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## Day 9 | January 22, 2019 | Recklessly Love One Another

*I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one - I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. John 17:20-23*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the Great Plains Annual Conference and Holston Annual Conference.

Dear God, you gave up everything to become fully human in Jesus. Your love is unlimited. We pray that Your love will become our state of mind. We ask for the courage to love recklessly and unrestrained, willing to risk everything by casting our all upon You. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Come All You People (Uyai Mose)**

Songwriter: Alexander Gondo

Performed by Arundel and Brighton Diocesan

*Come all you people,  
come and praise your Maker;  
Come all you people,  
come and praise your Maker;  
Come all you people,  
come and praise your Maker;  
Come now and worship the Lord.*

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## Day 10 | January 23, 2019 | Come to Jesus

*"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. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the Hungary Provisional Conference and Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference.

God, today we pray that we will simply come to you. In doing so, may our real lives be brought into harmony with our real desires and find the song of the Lord beginning in our lives. We ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: 10,000 Reasons (10,000 Razones)**

Songwriters: Jonas Myrin / Matt Redman

Performed by Blest

*Bless the Lord oh my soul  
Oh my soul  
Worship His Holy name  
Sing like never before  
Oh my soul  
I'll worship Your Holy name*

*You're rich in love  
And You're slow to anger  
Your name is great  
And Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness  
I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons  
For my heart to find*

**Link:** <https://open.spotify.com/track/2L1Sz2f1lgrHesRL9fWalU?si=mQV0DBeTS9-smf3Z6mbqXQ>



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## Day 11 | January 24, 2019 | Eyes on the Lord

*I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;  
even at night my heart instructs me.  
I keep my eyes always on the Lord.  
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:7-8*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the Indiana Annual Conference and Iowa Annual Conference.

Jesus, rest for our souls, may we think not so highly of ourselves that we fail to stop and spend time with You. Lead us in carving out time to renew our minds, bodies and souls - Not with the intention that we may do more, but so that we may be more for You. We humbly ask this in Your name. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: How Can I Keep From Singing**

Songwriters: Eithne Ni Bhraonain / Nicky Ryan / Roma Ryan  
Performed by Ethereal Beauty

*My life goes on in endless song  
Above earth's lamentations,  
I hear the real, though far-off hymn  
That hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife  
I hear its music ringing,  
It sounds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing?*

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## Day 12 | January 25, 2019 | Calling on the Spirit

*In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. Romans 8:26-27*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the Kentucky Annual Conference and Kivu Annual Conference Report.

Spirit of the Lord, give us ears to hear You and recognize Your voice. Reveal Yourself to us and show us Your way. Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening. We ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Reveal Your Heart: A Prayer Litany**

Songwriter Eric Drew

Performed by Eric Drew

*We need you God*

*Reveal your heart*

*Holy Spirit fall on us*

*Holy Spirit fall on us*

*Breaking through the dark*

*Shining on our hearts*

*Holy Spirit fall*

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## Day 13 | January 26, 2019 | Humble Ourselves

*As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4: 1-6*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the Liberia Annual Conference and Louisiana Annual Conference.

Jesus, apart from You we can do nothing. It's in You we find life to the very fullest. We pray for centered hearts that place our personal relationship with You above all else. Lift the veil and help us to see You clearly. Free us of our own expectations and standards, wants and desires, self-seeking goals and accomplishments, so we can get into stride with You. In Your name we ask. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Be Thou My Vision**

Songwriters: Ian Lynn

Performed by El McMeen

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light  
Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one*

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## Day 14 | January 27, 2019 | God is with Us

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the Memphis Annual Conference and Michigan Annual Conference.

Dear God, meet us here this morning as we start off our work week. Settle our spirits so we can hear from You. Draw us near to You and bless our work together. We ask with confidence and expectation in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Songwriter Thomas Chisholm

Performed by Shane and Shane

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.  
"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me!*

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## Day 15 | January 28, 2019 | Spirit Lead Us

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. Luke 4:18-19*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the Minnesota Annual Conference  
Mississippi Annual Conference

Dear God, reveal Yourself to us this day so we may know Your heart and Your character. Lead us outside of ourselves and our comfort zones so we may see You and others through Your loving eyes. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Holy Spirit Come and Fill This Place**

Songwriters: Babbie Y. Mason / Martin Russell Hennis

Performed by CeCe Winans

*Holy Spirit come and fill this place  
Bring us healing with your warm embrace  
Show Your power make your presence known  
Holy Spirit come fill this place*

*Breath of God we need a touch from you  
Shine down on us with the light of truth  
Stir our hearts and set our spirit free  
Holy spirit come fill this place*

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## Day 16 | January 29, 2019 | Love of Christ

*For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:14-19*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the Missouri Annual Conference and Mountain Sky Conference.

Dear God, this morning we pray Your revelation over us. Open our hearts and minds to see and hear You in ways we never have. Through Your word, take us to the highest height and deepest depth so we may know Your fullness. We ask all things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Revelation Song**

Songwriters: Jennie Lee Riddle

Performed by Phillips, Craig and Dean

*Filled with wonder awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name  
Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water  
Such a marvelous mystery  
Oh, You're worthy, mystery  
You are worthy  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings  
You are my everything and I will adore You, I will adore You*

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## Day 17 | January 30, 2019 | Imitators of Christ

*“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?” Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:6-8*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the New England Annual Conference and New Mexico Annual Conference.

Dear Jesus, give us grace in our lives, in every thought, word, and work, to imitate Your meekness and humility. We pray for a natural willingness to serve each other out of a love for You. May our identities be secure and centered on You, knowing ourselves as Your beloved. We lift our prayers with assurance. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: I Know My Redeemer Lives/Yo sé que vive mi Señor**

Songwriter Samuel Medley

Performed by Elenyi

*I know that my Redeemer lives.  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead.*

*He lives, my ever-living Head.  
He lives to bless me with his love.  
He lives to plead for me above.  
He lives my hungry soul to feed.  
He lives to bless in time of need.*

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## Day 18 | January 31, 2019 | Voice of the Lord

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.  
The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.  
The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is majestic. Psalm 29:2-4*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the New York Conference and North Alabama Annual Conference.

Dear God, this morning we empty ourselves to create space for You. Today we set aside rather than take up, so we may hear Your voice and live deep in our faith. We pray assuredly in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Lord Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary**

Songwriters: Randy Scruggs/John Thompson

Performed by Oasis Worship

*Lord, prepare me  
to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy,  
tried and true  
With thanksgiving,  
I'll be a living  
Sanctuary  
for You*

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## Day 19 | February 1, 2019 | Let Go of Concerns

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the North Carolina Conference and North Georgia Annual Conference.

God, this morning we pray that You meet us here in this quiet space. Give rest to our anxious thoughts and our racing minds. We invite You into our time together as one body, and individually. May we have the peace in this moment to let go of our concerns, agendas, to-do lists, work, and worries, and just be with You in Your presence.

Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Be Still**

Songwriters: Isaac Slade / Joseph King / David Welsh / Ben Wysocki

Performed by The Fray

*Be still and know that I'm with you  
Be still and know that I am here  
Be still and know that I'm with you  
Be still, be still, and know  
When darkness comes upon you  
And colors you with fear and shame  
Be still and know that I'm with you  
And I will say your name*

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## Day 20 | February 2, 2019 | Presence of God

*The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1:15-17*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the North Katanga Annual Conference and North Texas Annual Conference.

Dear God, May Your power move from invisible to visible so we may touch, feel, see and hear Your miracles in our midst. As receivers, givers, participants, or witnesses, may we ourselves be a part of them. In the power of Christ we pray. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Holy Spirit**

Songwriters: Katie Torwalt / Bryan Wilson

Performed by Francesca Battistelli

*Holy Spirit, You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord  
Your presence, Lord*

*There's nothing worth more  
That could ever come close  
No thing can compare  
You're our living hope  
Your presence, Lord*

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## Day 21 | February 3, 2019 | God is With Us

*Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:8-10*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference and Northwest Texas Annual Conference.

Dear God, give us the courage to live into Your miracles. Grant us the faith to be obedient to Your guiding and embolden us with the wisdom to see from Your perspective. In the name of Christ we pray all things assuredly. Amen

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Our God (Nuestro Dios)**

Songwriters: Chris Tomlin / Jesse Reeves / Jonas Myrin / Matt Redman

Performed by Nathan Andrade

*Our God is greater, our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other  
Our God is Healer, awesome in power  
Our God, Our God  
Into the darkness you shining  
Out of the ashes we Rise  
No one like you  
None like you*

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## Day 22 | February 4, 2019 | Pray Expectantly

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the Oklahoma Annual Conference and Oklahoma Indian Missionary Annual Conference.

Dear God, we praise You for always being at work in our lives and our world. Open our minds and hearts this day so our limited perspectives may shift to see the miracles happening all around us. We pray expectantly this morning, with an attitude of thankfulness, believing You are with us and that You will do great things among us and through us. Starting now, may we become active participants in your miracles. You are on the move, doing a new thing, and we believe the best is yet to come. In the name of Jesus we pray assuredly. Amen

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Now Thank Thee All Our God**

Songwriter Martin Rinkart

Performed by Maranatha Players

*Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.*

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## Day 23 | February 5, 2019 | Pray in the Spirit

*Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel. Ephesians 6:18-19*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference, Oriental and Equator Annual Conference.

Dear God, we come to You this morning in prayer, knowing our requests, our desires, and our longings are heard and understood by You. You answer prayers in ways that surpass our understanding. Give us peace today as we rest on this promise and help us to live and be our best where You have us. We trust in Your infinite wisdom, Your perfect timing, and Your uncontainable love for us. In the name of Jesus we pray with assured confidence. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Spirit of the Living God**

Songwriter Meredith Andrews

Performed Vertical Worship

*Cause when You speak, when You move  
When You do what only You can do  
It changes us  
It changes what we see and what we seek  
When You come in the room  
When You do what only You can do  
It changes us  
It changes what we see and what we seek  
You're changing everything*

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## Day 24 | February 6, 2019 | Seeking God

*Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord. Jeremiah 29:12-14a*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference and Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference.

Dear God, we lift up Your name and give You praise. We pray for the hearts of your leaders; that they would diligently seek You. We're in awe when we experience the mountaintops of life, but we can't live there forever. May we go forth to live for Your glory in life's valleys. Through our trials You are faithful, and You form our characters. May we press in and conform to You, holding fast to Your truths. Amen

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: I Can't Give Up Now**

Songwriters: Curtis Burrell

Performed By Mary Mary

*Never said there wouldn't be trials  
Never said I wouldn't fall  
Never said that everything would go  
The way I want it to go  
But when my back is against the wall  
And I feel all hope is gone  
I'll just lift my head up to the sky  
And say help me to be strong, oh  
I just can't give up now  
I've come too far from where  
I started from  
Nobody told me  
The road would be easy  
And I don't believe He's brought me this far  
To leave me*

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## Day 25 | February 7, 2019 | Counting on God

*He gives strength to the weary  
and increases the power of the weak.  
Even youths grow tired and weary,  
and young men stumble and fall;  
but those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:29-31*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the Poland Annual Conference and Red Bird Missionary Annual Conference.

Dear God, you are just and merciful, and our cries do not go unheard. You work in our midst even when we don't see it at the time. Today we acknowledge our need for You, knowing we can count on Your faithfulness. Bless us today so we may go and be a blessing to others. In Jesus' name we pray all things. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Come Thy Fount of Every Blessing**

Songwriter Robert Robinson  
Performed by Chris Rice

*Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let that goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above*

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## Day 26 | February 8, 2019 | Faithful Promise

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.  
I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust." Psalm 91: 1-2*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the Rio Texas Annual Conference  
Serbia-Macedonia Provisional Conference.

Dear God, today we stand on Your promises, knowing that You are with us in our circumstances. We praise you and rest assured knowing that You are faithful and trustworthy and never go back on Your word. Be with us today and remind us of Your promises and Your character so we may know You more. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Abide with Me**

Songwriter Henry F. Lyte

Performed by Dallas Adult Concert Choir

*I need Thy presence every passing hour;  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.*

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## Day 27 | February 9, 2019 | Pray Continually

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the South Carolina Annual Conference and South Georgia Annual Conference.

Dear God, we hold onto Your promise that You go before us and will be with us at all times and in every circumstance and season of our lives. We know that having faith is having absolute trust in You, so much so that we can never imagine You forsaking us. Help us to cling to Your promises, knowing that if we believe, we will see Your glory. May we stay focused on You so that out of us will flow irrepressible life that goes on to bless others. We lift our prayers with confidence in the name of our Jesus. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Bless the Lord My Soul**

Songwriters Communauté de Taizé  
Performed by Liedereren Uit Taizé

*Bless the Lord, my soul  
And bless God's holy name  
Bless the Lord, my soul  
Who leads me into life*

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## Day 28 | February 10, 2019 | New Day

*"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the Susquehanna Annual Conference and Tanzania Annual Conference.

Dear God, thank You for a new day and another fresh start. Help us to see through the lens of gratitude and not take for granted Your many blessings and provisions. We come to You this morning asking that You produce Christ-awareness in us, as we continually learn what it means to truly and fully abide in You. Thank You for the opportunity to work amongst each other for our good and Your glory. In the name of Jesus we pray confidently all things with assurance. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Today is the Day**

Songwriters Paul Baloche, Lincoln Brewster  
Performed by Lincon Brewster

*Today is the day You have made  
I will rejoice and be glad in it  
Today is the day You have made  
I will rejoice and be glad in it*

*And I won't worry about tomorrow  
I'm trusting in what You say  
Today is the day*

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## Day 29 | February 11, 2019 | Power of Grace

*My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the Tennessee Annual Conference and Texas Annual Conference.

Dear God, we come to You with hearts of gratitude as Your beloved children. Give us the courage to walk humbly and confidently before You, secure in who we are; shining with love and grace toward each other. Bind us together in love and friendship as Your followers and as sisters and brothers. May our faces reflect what it means to be wholly accepted and unconditionally loved by an infinite, trustworthy Master Artist. We pray confidently in the name of our Jesus. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Chainbreaker**

Songwriters: Jonathan Lindley Smith / Mia Fieldes / Zach Williams

Performed by Zach Williams

*If you've got pain  
He's a pain taker  
If you feel lost  
He's a way maker  
If you need freedom or saving  
He's a prison-shaking Savior  
If you've got chains  
He's a chain breaker*

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## Day 30 | February 12, 2019 | God's People

*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.*

*Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.*

*Know that the Lord is God.*

*It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Psalm 100:1-3*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the Upper New York Annual Conference and Virginia Annual Conference.

Dear God, we come to You knowing that a life of faith means never knowing where we're being led, but it does mean loving, knowing and having the assurance and confidence to trust the one who is leading. Thank You for writing our stories into Your master script. Help us to see Your fingerprints on all aspects of our lives, the people around us, those we serve and those who serve us. In doing so, may we naturally desire to know and love You more. In the name of Jesus we pray all things.  
Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Beautiful Things**

Songwriters: Brian Johnson / Christa Black / Jeremy Riddle

Performed by Gungor

*All this pain  
I wonder if I'll ever find my way  
I wonder if my life could really change, at all  
All this earth  
Could all that is lost ever be found?  
Could a garden come out from this ground, at all?  
You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of the dust  
You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of us  
All around,  
Hope is springing up from this old ground  
Out of chaos life is being found, in you*

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## Day 31 | February 13, 2019 | I Am Yours

*You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other. John 15:16-17*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the West Ohio Annual Conference and West Virginia Annual Conference.

Dear God, may we believe so we will see Your glory in all things. Help us to step out with courage as You call us forward into new life and may we have eyes to see Your greater purpose for our lives. We rejoice because You have changed our heredity. Through Your redemption, we are being remade from within. Amen

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Just As I Am**

Songwriters: Sue C. Smith / Travis Cottrell / David E. Moffitt

Performed by Travis Cottrell

*Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come  
Just as I am, and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come*

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## Day 32 | February 14, 2019 | Endless Possibilities

*Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:20*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the Western North Carolina Conference, Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference and Wisconsin Annual Conference.

Dear God, today, may we have an attitude of unrestrained abandon and surrender toward You. May our hearts deliberately choose You. With faith, may we recognize the possibilities around us and acknowledge that we're a part of a bigger story with You as the Master Author. Bless our time together this morning, speak to our souls, and inspire us to see from a heightened perspective. We pray all things in the name of our Jesus.

Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: I Surrender All**

Songwriters Judson Wheeler, Van DeVenter, Mark Hall

Performed by Casting Crowns

*All to Jesus I surrender  
All to Him I freely give  
I will ever love and trust Him  
In His presence, I will  
All to Jesus I surrender  
Savior, make me wholly Thine  
Let me feel Your Holy Spirit  
Truly know that You are mine*

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## Day 33 | February 15, 2019 | Believe in God

*Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for. Hebrews 11:1*

Today we pray for the Bishop and the delegates of the Wisconsin Annual Conference

Dear God, we often find ourselves saying, "If only I really could believe." But the question is, "Will I believe?" If we really believe that You mean what You say, we can only imagine what we would be like. Today, may we dare to let You be all that You say you will be, so You may exhibit Your wonderful life in us. In the name of Jesus we pray all things with assured confidence. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: I Believe**

Songwriter Mark Miller (Traditional Jewish Prayer)

Performed by Lydia Munoz

*I believe in the sun  
I believe in the sun  
Even when its not shining  
I believe in love  
I believe in love  
Even when I don't feel it*

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## Day 34 | February 16, 2019 | Simplicity

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13*

Today we pray for the Bishop John Schol.

Master Artist, open our hearts and minds today to receive, learn, and grow from Your word. Give us a spirit of vigorous childlike simplicity. Free us from the binding, unhealthy habit of thinking only about ourselves. Let us live with reckless, unrestrained belief that Your redemption is complete. We pray with the realization that we are perfect only in Christ. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: How Great Is Our God**

Songwriter Chris Tomlin

Performed by Chris Tomlin

*How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God  
Age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end  
The Godhead Three in One  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb*

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## Day 35 | February 17, 2019 | Bind Us in Love

*Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18*

Today we pray for the GNJ delegates Bethany Amey and Lynn Caterson.

Holy Spirit, you are our continual source of original life. May we rest assured of Your faithfulness and rely on Your character with unrestrained surrender. We give You our circumstances, our hearts, souls, doubts, fears, bodies, thoughts, worries, and actions, with nothing to lose and everything to gain. We know that in You there is triumphant and abundant life. Bless our relationships with one another. Bind us close in love and friendship. We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Love Take Me Over**

Songwriters: Steven Curtis Chapman

Performed by Stephen Chapman

*Love, take these words that I'm speaking  
Love, take these thoughts that I'm thinking  
Love, take me over  
Love, fill up all of my space and  
Love, stand right here in my place  
Love, hear this prayer that I'm praying  
Love, take me, love, take me over  
Love, take me over*

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## Day 36 | February 18, 2019 | Blessed Assurance

*No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:37-39*

Today we pray for the GNJ delegates Judy Colorado and Rev. Jisun Kwak

Dear God, may we put everything in our lives afloat upon You, going out to sea on the great swelling tide of Your purpose. Let us remember Your words of assurance, that You are our helper, even in our present circumstances, and that we, Your children whom You love, are more than conquerors through Jesus. Let us go forth today investing our faith in the character and faithfulness of who You are. Let's begin to know You and never finish. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: Blessed Assurance**

Songwriters: Christopher Joel Brown / Mack Donald Iii Brock

Performed by Matthew West

#### *Blessed Assurance*

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine*

*O what a foretaste, of glory divine*

*Heir of salvation, purchase of god*

*Born of his spirit, washed in his blood*

*And this is my story, oh this is my song*

*Praising my savior, all the day long*

*This is my story, this is my song*

*Praising my savior, all the day long*

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## Day 37 | February 19, 2019 | Embrace Trust

*Do not forget my teaching,  
but keep my commands in your heart,  
for they will prolong your life many years  
and bring you peace and prosperity.  
Let love and faithfulness never leave you;  
bind them around your neck,  
write them on the tablet of your heart.  
Then you will win favor and a good name  
in the sight of God and man.  
Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:1-6*

Today we pray for the GNJ delegates Rev. Tom Lank and Rev. Eunice Vega-Perez

Dear God, may we be daring enough to invest our faith in Your unchanging character. Let us rest today in the fact that You are a literary genius and Master Storyteller who makes our doubts look foolish. Help us to abandon security and embrace trust. Be for us the courage to let go and sever the line that secures the boat to the shore. Be the wind in our sails, the anchor in the waves of our lives, the fire inside our veins, and the echo of our days. We pray in the Holy name of Jesus, knowing the power and access that it grants. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: A Good Work**

Songwriter Mark Miller  
Performed by Sam Dedian

*May the one who began a good work  
Be faithful to complete it in you  
I thank God every time I remember you  
Constantly praying  
May the one who began a good work  
Be faithful to complete it in you*



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## Day 38 | February 20, 2019 | Gift of Grace

*And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:6-10*

Today we pray for the GNJ delegate Rosa Williams and Rev. Varlyna Wright

Dear God, we freely approach You knowing that we did not do anything to achieve the gift of grace you've poured out on us even when we did not know You. May we now exhibit that gift in who we are, working out what You have already worked inside of us. May we approach You with gratitude and a readiness to face anything that comes our way. We boast in Your faithfulness and Your strength, and it's upon those things that we rest. Be with us this day, bless our work, and grant us peace. We pray with assured hope in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: The Prayer**

Songwriters: David W. Foster / Tony Renis / Carole Bayer Sager / Alberto Testa

Performed by Donnie McClurkin and Yolanda Adams

*I pray You'll be our guide  
And watch us where we go  
And help us to be wise  
In times when we don't know  
Let this be our prayer  
When we lose our way  
Lead us to a place  
Guide us with Your grace  
To a place where we'll be safe*

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## Day 39 | February 21, 2019 | Uniquely Christ's

*For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.*

*My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place,  
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Psalm 139:13-15*

Today we pray for the GNJ reserve delegates Rev. Drew Dyson and Steve Quigg

Dear God, In You we find our true selves. Thank You for making each one of us with specific gifts, interests, and abilities. In all of these things, You are the vine and we are the branches. Apart from You there is no purpose. Each of us grow uniquely, yet together we make up the whole body, with You at the center. We thank You for showing us Your love through Jesus in such a profound, world-changing way, that grace abounds and overflows into the lives of we who believe and follow You.

Let us lift each other up, carry each other's burdens, intercede for one another in prayer, and care for each other as sisters and brothers in Christ. Jesus, be with those of us who are hurting. Heal broken hearts. Calm our nerves and our anxieties as we know You are trustworthy and faithful. Give us peace and may we worship and live as many parts of one diverse and unified body in Christ. We pray with assured hope and confidence in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: And All the People Said Amen**

Songwriters: Matt Maher / Paul Moak / Trevor Morgan

Performed by Matt Maher

*If your rich or poor, well it don't matter  
Weak or strong, we know love is what we're after  
We're all broken but we're all in this together  
God knows we stumble and fall  
And he so loved the world he sent His Son to save us all  
And all the people said Amen  
And all the people said Amen  
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends  
And all the people said Amen*



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## Day 40 | February 22, 2019 | Rely on God

*May the Lord answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.  
May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion.  
May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings.  
May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.  
May we shout for joy over your victory and lift up our banners in the name of our God.  
May the Lord grant all your requests. Psalm 20-1-5*

Today we pray for the United Methodist Church.

Dear God, we praise You because of who You are, knowing that You won't let us down. You have our best interest in mind and work in all circumstances. You can be trusted, and You will see us through. We praise You that we can rest on these assurances. We praise You for a fresh start each day. Stir our hearts so we may be deliberate in our faithfulness and focus. May we have the attitude of a child who believes without hindrance and relies on You. Thank You for Your unchanging grace that we're held steadfast in. In the name of Jesus we pray these things with assured confidence. Amen.

### **Musical Reflection of the Day: God Will Take Care of You**

Songwriter Civilla D. Martin

Performed by Plumb

*Be not dismayed whate'er betide,  
God will take care of you;  
Beneath His wings of love abide,  
God will take care of you.*

*Refrain:*

*God will take care of you,  
Through every day, o'er all the way;  
He will take care of you,  
God will take care of you.*

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