



WCA Prayer Guide – November 2024

Theme: Praying and Declaring God's Word by Becky Wilder MidSouth GMC: Holston District

I often visualize our Methodist movement as a branch of the river flowing from the throne of God. There have been many twists and turns through the generations, each having a set purpose for our Methodist stream as the Lord pooled his water for a time then cut a new riverbed for it to follow. Now we are once again being directed into a new path.

When separation from the UMC first became evident I often saw in my mind's eye a neon sign flashing, "DANGER! DANGER!" Somehow, I knew it was a warning not to get tangled up in the surface issues but to look beyond...if all things work together for good, maybe it was for OUR benefit to go through this wilderness. What if the UMC has not failed, but has, instead, succeeded in completing every plan and purpose the Lord intended for it and now He is "dismantling" the structure to form a new, stronger one?

Before the 2016 General Conference I asked the Lord for prayer strategies to take back our church from the forces tearing it apart. Instead, He surprised me by dropping a picture of a cocoon into my mind, then said, "*Are you willing to let go of your cocoon to become my butterfly?*" As I watched, a butterfly struggled out of the top and launched into the air. As soon as its wings spread it burst into brilliant yellow light. That's when I knew the problem isn't people; it's that the current structure was never meant to hold the weight of glory the Lord is ready to release.

NOVEMBER 1-2 LOOK BEYOND

As we pray this month, stretch your vision to see beyond...look for what God is forming and through our prayers partner with Him to bring His Glory closer. Pray through the listed scriptures for each week, or stay focused on one the whole week, as the Lord leads. (The Lord told me as I began to write that WORSHIP is the most important part. It's ALL about worship and who will be exalted. We can join with those around the throne as a combined voice to bring the sound of heaven to earth.)

Worship

Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. We will rejoice and be glad and give You glory! Rev. 19:6, 7

Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages. Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed. Rev. 15:3

Confession – Self, Methodist Church

Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. Col. 3:1

So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Cor 4:18

Intercession – WCA leaders, GMC leaders, Others

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. Isaiah 60:1

Declarations

We live in this world by our true identity as sons of God. We declare that our spiritual senses are being sharpened to see you, Lord, and that our physical senses will take second place.

As the Global Methodist Church, we set our mind on things above, where Christ is. We set our love on God the Father, His Son Jesus Christ, and His Holy Spirit. We make Jesus Christ the Center of everything we do. We honor the Holy Spirit and yield to His presence, His power, and His will in all things. Let Your Glory shine in and through us!

NOVEMBER 3-9 TWO TREES

Over 15 years ago I was reading Psalm 125 when verse three jumped out at me. *“The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous...”* Immediately the voice of the Holy Spirit spoke into my mind, *“This is why I called you to pray for the United Methodist Church!”*

A picture formed in my mind’s eye of two trees that had grown up so close together they were twisted around each other with their bark fused. Somehow, I knew they represented the true Methodist tree and the sin that had grown up together over the years. As I cried out for mercy, the Lord said, *“I am canceling the debt.”* I knew He was referring to a coming year of Jubilee when everything would revert back to the original owner.

As I watched, His hand started at the top of the trees, untwisting them all the way down and untangling the roots. This tore off the bark, leaving a raw open wound on the true tree. Inside I could see a pulsating yellow light that I knew was the heart of Methodism.

Then the Lord said, *“This process will be both painful and freeing. But you will be amazed at the results. What used to seem so hard will now flow freely with My life and power.”*

For years I prayed this, thinking it meant the revival of the United Methodist Church. Now I realize it's more about us. *We’re the ones* who have to be stripped of our mixture in order to carry the Methodist stream forward. Pray this week for the process in you and those around you.

Worship

I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. Psalm 9:1-2

Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. 1 Chronicles 29:11

Confession – Self, Methodist Church

My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise. Psalm 51:17

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me...See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139: 23,24

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Psalm 51

I will be careful to lead a blameless life...I will walk in my house with blameless heart. I will set before my eyes no vile thing. Psalm 101:2, 3

Intercession – WCA leaders, GMC leaders, Others

“Come out from them and be separate,” says the Lord. “Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.” 2 Cor. 6:17

Since, therefore, Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin. I Peter 4:1

Send forth Your light and Your truth, let them guide me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell. Then will I go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight. Psalm 43:3-4

Declarations

We agree with you, Holy Spirit, that our bodies are your temple and we give you permission to burn out of us anything that is not holy. We WILL be totally sanctified and walk in Your truth. We WILL be a church that carries Your presence.

NOVEMBER 10-16 BEHIND OR AHEAD

Over the years when praying for the Methodist stream I often begged the Lord to “catch us up” to the exciting life I saw Him releasing in other groups. One day the voice of the Holy Spirit said in exasperation, “*Why do you always think you’re behind? What if you’re actually ahead?*” Then He reminded me of John 12:24, “*...unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.*”

At the time it didn’t make much sense, but now I see that it is God’s first plan, not his default, to take us out of the UMC. Were we following a structure or following Him? What desires, ideas, expectations do we need to let die in order to fit with the new structure for ourselves and our church?

Worship

Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. I Chronicles 29:10-11

Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. Psalm 63:3-4

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, YET I WILL REJOICE IN THE LORD, I WILL BE JOYFUL IN GOD MY SAVIOR. Habakkuk 3:17-18

Confession – Self, Methodist Church

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Is. 55: 8, 9

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and don't rely on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path.” Prov. 3:5-6

Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. Matt. 10:38

Intercession – WCA leaders, GMC leaders, Others

They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. Rev. 12:11

Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. 2 Timothy 4:2

Declaration

We will obey and move forward when we hear the Lord telling us, “THIS is the way; walk in it”. We will not be deceived by the shadow of death. We ARE the victorious bride of Christ and God WILL build His church through us.

NOVEMBER 17-23 RIVER DREAM

I shared this vision last Dec. but it is still very much on my mind. Could part of our prayer assignment be to hold open the door for others to squeeze through?

Word from the Lord 12.6.23

A few days ago, the Lord broke through my thoughts with, “*I never told you to stop praying for the UMC.*” It pulled me up short. In hindsight, I realized that at some point in the past year I decided I was done and was ready to shake it off and focus on the bright GMC future.

With this prompting from the Lord a picture started downloading in my mind of people I know who are still in the UMC. I felt their confusion and helplessness as they looked for a leader but saw no one to lead them out. They were calling, “Don't leave us!” as they saw the Methodist stream moving along. Then the gentle water current of the river picked them up and floated them along in the outgoing stream.

Next, I heard another cry of, “Don't leave us behind!” I saw cemeteries of many country churches and the voices were rising up from the graves. I knew they were drawing attention to the many prayers and faithful labors of past

generations of Methodists which are still alive and part of our harvest ahead. The river scooped them up and carried them along as well.

Now I heard a desperate, barely audible cry, “Don’t leave us here!” As I looked around trying to pinpoint this faint sound, I saw many figures that looked like large stones the color of mud standing in the water and along the banks of the river. I knew they were the ones who have polluted and stopped up the Methodist stream, the ones I would like to walk away from. In the distance I saw a great tsunami wall of water rushing toward them. When it hit, they were knocked off their feet, hurled into the water and spun around and upside down, over and over again. The Lord said, “*This is like a rock tumbler and will complete its work*”. As I watched, layer after layer of mud washed off and they got smaller and smaller. Eventually it was all gone, but I was surprised to see what was left—a very small but sparkling gemstone.

Once again, the Lord spoke, “*See? I hear even the faintest heart cries. Don’t stop praying for your United Methodist family! Intercede for them; stand in the gap. ALL OF METHODISM WILL BE SAVED.*”

Worship

Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago. Isaiah 25:1

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth. Selah. Psalm 67:3-5

I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you. You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel! Psalm 22:22-23

Confession

One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and of your wonderful works, I will meditate. Psalm 145:4-5

Both I and my father’s house have sinned. We have behaved corruptly against You and have not kept the commandments, statutes, and ordinances that You gave...Remember, I pray, the word that You commanded Your servant Moses when You said, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, but if you return to Me and keep and practice My commandments, then even if your exiles have been banished to the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for My Name.’ Nehemiah 1:6-9

And such were some of you: but you are washed...sanctified...justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Corinthians 6:11

Intercession – WCA leaders, GMC leaders, Others

...so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:11

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, authorities, powers of this dark world and the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12

Declaration

We declare that every original mantle given to the Methodist stream will bear its fruit. We grab hold of every prayer, every labor of Methodism from previous generations and pull it forward for completion.

We agree with God that ALL of Methodism will be saved. We intercede for and hold open the door for all carrying the Methodist mantle to make it out of bondage into freedom in Christ. By the authority given us in the name of Jesus we command the forces of darkness to LET GOD'S PEOPLE GO! They WILL worship the one true God!

We WILL flow where you flow, Lord, and welcome your sanctifying glory wave as you cover us.

NOVEMBER 24-30 LITTLE WESLEYS

Recently I had a convicting moment when I realized I was thinking and talking about Wesley more than Jesus. What would the man John Wesley think of our honor and reverence of him today? Would he be shocked? Protest that he is just an ordinary man? We do have glimpses that at times his personal life was a struggle...

My thoughts flipped to a "God moment" I had years earlier when I went to our UMC conference youth gathering for the first time, to pray in the background. As I looked out over the youth I freaked out. What was I thinking!?! I can't hold up 5,000 kids! Immediately the Holy Spirit spoke into my mind, "*Don't be ridiculous...I'M going to do the praying. I just need a warm body to flow through.*"

As I refocused to the current prayer time I heard the Lord's weighty point, "*Do NOT dismiss even my smallest promptings. It is always me producing as I flow through you, not the person. Remember... you are ALL LITTLE WESLEYS! It is not who you are but what I can do through you.*"

Worship

You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made us to be a Kingdom and priests to serve our God and we will reign on the earth. Rev. 5:9, 10

Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. Psalm 63:3-4: Psalm 8:3

Confession – Self, Methodist Church

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Eph. 2:10

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 1 Cor. 6:19

For this commandment I give you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach...the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you may obey it. Deut. 30:11-14

Intercession – WCA leaders, GMC leaders, Others

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Phil. 1:3-11

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21

Declaration

We declare our church leaders are full of faith, wisdom and love because they are full of you, Holy Spirit. We are crucified with Christ and the life we now live, both individually and as a church, we live by faith in the Son of God who loved us and gave His life for us. Jesus Christ, come take your rightful place as head in our body.