



## WCA March 2025

### Prayer Guide

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## “There is no point!”

**There is no point in going to do any ministry if the Lord does not go with us as Moses said to God in Exodus 33.**

### Moses and the Glory of the LORD

<sup>12</sup> Moses said to the LORD, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’<sup>(w)</sup> but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name<sup>(w)</sup> and you have found favor<sup>(w)</sup> with me.’ <sup>13</sup> If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways<sup>(w)</sup> so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.”<sup>(w)</sup> <sup>14</sup> The LORD replied, “My Presence<sup>(w)</sup> will go with you, and I will give you rest.”<sup>(z)</sup>

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence<sup>(AA)</sup> does not go with us, do not send us up from here. <sup>16</sup> How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us?<sup>(AB)</sup> What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”<sup>(AC)</sup>

<sup>17</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked,<sup>(AD)</sup> because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”<sup>(AE)</sup> <sup>18</sup> Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”

I have a friend who attended Westgate Chape in Edmonds, WA. She would say that the pastor, Rev. Alex Rowlands, would often mention Exodus 33: 16 in his sermons. He wrote a book entitled “The Presence: Experiencing more of God.” Dr. Terry Teykl’s book “The presence-based church” has the same theme in that unless we seek the presence of God in prayer and worship there will be no presence of God giving favor to our worship or ministry. When God said he would not go with them to Canaan (Ex. 33: 3), Moses knew the grave consequences.

**NOTE:** How else would we be **distinguished** (Separate – KJV, Special - MSG) among any people. We are marked and filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit’s anointing needs to show in our lives. So, we need to seek the Lord individually and collectively and continually as GMC supporters. Why? Because sin can stand in the way. There is no point of making decisions and moving ahead in the GMC if we don’t have the presence of the Holy Spirit going with us. That happens only as we seek his presence in fasting and prayer and we have to know God face-to-face as a friend as Moses did.

I want to highlight verses 17 and 18 about a deep personal relationship with God and an expectation to see the glory of God at work.

- 1.) And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and **I know you by name.**" Where was Moses when he had this conversation with God? Answer: In a tent called "The Tent of Meeting." (Exodus 7-11)
  - a. In this place it says in verse 11 that the "Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend." How fantastic is that?
  - b. This not only shows again that our God is a God of compassion and mercy, but he is a personal God who we can talk to from the heart. He hears and listens to our every cry.
  - c. He even changed his mind about not going to the Promised Land with Moses. The Creator of the Universe says "I will do the very thing you have asked, (why?) because I am pleased with you and know you by name."
- 2.) Now verse 18. "Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory." Note that there is an expectation that God would let his presence be felt and known as he goes with Moses and Israel along the journey. Moses asks God "Now show me your glory." This is where God hides Moses in the cleft of a rock and passes by saying you cannot see my face and live. Oh Lord, show us your glory today!

Here are the four weekly themes for March for us to focus on while in prayer and fasting

### **March 1-8 – Introspection and assessing our own spiritual life and habits**

**Question:** Is the glory of God what you, as MidSouth intercessors, are seeing in your churches? If not, what steps need to be taken to deepen prayer relationships with God and each other?

Scriptures: Exodus 33: 1– 23, Isaiah 6: 1- 6, Psalm 51

#### **Prayer Concerns:**

- Pray for love and patience for the UMC and GMC in Liberia. The Liberia United Methodist for Biblical Christianity under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Jerry Kulah has split from the UMC.
- The church in Rwanda is having trouble disaffiliating and needs a breakthrough of God's grace.
- Pray for our MidSouth Search Team for a Superintendent to replace Rev. Dr. Mike Powers who is retiring at the end of June 2025. May God's man or woman be revealed and accept the call to lead.

### **March 9 – 15 – Tent of meeting**

**Question:** Do you have a "Tent of meeting" or a prayer closet, or a regular place to meet God each day? Describe it to yourself and how could it be improved?

Scriptures: Exodus 33: 7-11, Psalm 84, Mark 1: 35-39

## **Prayer Concerns:**

- The church in Nigeria has been in conflict to the point of violence. Pray for God's peace to prevail and reconciliation be realized. Here is [link](#) to the February 17, 2025 Assembly of Bishops Statement on the situation.
- Pray for the GMC believers in Uganda who seek to join the GMC but are hindered by legal hurdles. Pray that God will make a way.
- Pray for Rev. Patrick Isabirye who pastors Mt. Olives Community Church who wants to join the GMC and needs a visa to attend Asbury Seminary to earn a doctoral degree.

## **March 16-22 – Asking big bold questions of God**

**Question:** What questions are you asking of God? Are they big, bold, audacious questions like Moses asked in Exodus 33: 12-14? If you are not asking "God-sized questions" why not? Do any of you remember Dr. Timothy Tennent's theme for Asbury Theological Seminary? He challenged faculty and students this way. "We are living into a challenge which God put into my heart many years ago: Attempt something so big, that unless God intervenes, it is bound to fail." Go attempt something big for God!

Scriptures: Exodus 33: 18; Psalm 51: 10-12; Luke 11: 1

## **Prayer Concerns:**

- Pray this bold request. Lord, raise up prayer warriors for every GMC Conference local church House of Prayer!
- Pray this bold request. Lord, establish one new church plant for every currently established local church!
- Pray this bold request. Lord, fill every pastor and lay leader with your Holy Spirit to boldly seek the Father's presence for His glory!
- Pray this bold request. Lord, show your favor on every GMC church so it can be said of us as it was in the Book of Acts. "And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Amen and hallelujah!

## **March 23-31 – What "distinguishes" you?**

**Question:** When Moses asked God "What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?", what did you think it was?

Scripture: Read again Exodus 33: 1 – 23

## **Prayer Concerns:**

- Pray for the Prayer Coordinator in your Annual Conference to be blessed both spiritually and physically to be able to do the work of prayer. In the MidSouth, pray for Sue Eaton as the leader of our conference prayer network and the prayer warriors that she works with each week through two Zoom Prayer Meetings.

- Pray for your upcoming GMC Annual Conference. Pray for the teams preparing for the MidSouth GMC Annual Conference to be hosted by the Fairview GMC Church, Maryville, TN from June 8 – 11, 2025.

Pray that we seek and know the presence of God Almighty at every level of our MidSouth Global Methodist leadership and local church congregations. We would not want anything less for them! In fact, **there is no point** in going to do any ministry if the Lord does not go with us as Moses said to God in Exodus 33.

Suggested reading: "The presence based church" by Dr. Terry Teykl  
"The Presence" by Dr. Alex Rowlands

For the awakening,  
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