

## **Prayer**

WHEREAS the great God of the universe has opened a new and living way by which believers may draw near in full assurance of faith (Hebrews 10:19–22); and

WHEREAS He invites and commands His children to come boldly to the throne of grace (Philippians 4:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Hebrews 4:16), making human prayer an integral part of His sovereign plan for earth's history; and

WHEREAS the spirit of our age influences the focus of God's people away from prayer by its omission of God and dependence solely upon the useful but limited devices of marketing techniques, strategic planning and consumer satisfaction as tools for growth; and

WHEREAS the prayers of God's people often contain relatively few requests about the deep spiritual matters of life (such as those found in Ephesians 1:17–19; 3:16–19; 6:19, 20);

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Toledo, Ohio, on June 24–28, 1995, reaffirm our conviction that prayer is a great privilege and responsibility for God's people, as well as a vital element in both the worship of God and our spiritual well-being; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, in unity of heart and mind, implore God during this Conference to teach us to pray and then to use our on-going, believing, Spirit-led prayers to bring revival to ourselves and His churches, to convey spiritual life to the lost, and to glorify Himself in His world.

*Toledo, Ohio  
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