

## FURTHER PRAYERS FOR THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE

### Addressing Conflict

To hear - really hear - amid the noise

to risk being open to another perspective  
amid the impacted certainties

to be able to listen to impassioned pleas  
while owning the cries that come from our own hearts.

To hear an argument that does not resonate  
disagree, if that be our call,  
without demeaning the bearer of the words.

Amid the colliding words  
injured by the words  
injuring with our words:  
help us to hear  
Your  
Words.  
Amen

*Ms. Helen Barron in 'Women's Uncommon Prayers'  
(Morehouse Publishing, 2000)*

Dear Lord,  
You are the Way  
Help us to find new ways of Walking  
You are the Truth  
Help us to find new ways of Talking  
You are the Life  
Help us to find new ways of Living  
You are Love  
Help us to find new ways of Loving.

*Michael Reiss, England*

### Serving Others

Thank you God for the opportunities of life  
even though we live in a situation of war and conflict.  
Help us to know you  
and guide us in the right path of understanding  
that we may serve you  
to the best of our ability  
through your Son and Saviour Jesus Christ Our Lord.  
Amen

*Diocese of Rokon (Sudan), in 'The Prayers We Breathe'  
(The Mothers' Union 2003)*

## HOSPITALITY INITIATIVE

There are further resources for prayer and reflection in the 2007 leaflet (available on the PWM website, details below) and in "Entertaining Angels - A worship anthology on sharing Christ's hospitality". Compiled by Geoffrey Duncan and published by Canterbury Press. Price £14.99.

It was just a simple meal, But more – An invitation To share in life And love.	Time together, Warmth, Conversation, About nothing, And everything...
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It was a simple meal, But more it was more – Your wanting and caring, Your sharing.	It was just a simple meal, But more – It was enough – A feast.
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*Claire Smith, Guyana*

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## FURTHER RESOURCES FOR ST ANDREW'S TIDE

Further information and resources concerning the Lambeth Conference can be found online at:

[www.lambethconference.org](http://www.lambethconference.org)  
[www.themothersunion.org](http://www.themothersunion.org)

This leaflet was produced with the help of the Mothers' Union who have a collection of prayers for the Lambeth Conference on their website gathered from different parts of the Communion.



There are a variety of other downloadable resources on the PWM website:

The story behind St Andrew's Tide tradition; sermon outlines; a series of liturgies with global mission themes and material from previous year's leaflets.

This leaflet can also be downloaded as a PDF or text only document from the website or requested as an attachment from:

**Website:** [www.pwm-web.org.uk](http://www.pwm-web.org.uk)  
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## SPECIAL EDITION FOR THE 2008 LAMBETH CONFERENCE



# praying for world mission

## INTRODUCTION TO THE 2007 LEAFLET

The next Lambeth Conference will be held in Canterbury from 16th July to 4th August 2008. Archbishop Rowan has described the focus of the Conference as "equipping bishops for leadership in mission and teaching and... an opportunity for all of us to strengthen our commitment to God's mission and to our common life as a Communion". This year's St Andrew's Tide leaflet seeks to encourage us all to pray for the Conference and provides a range of prayers to be used in both public worship and more informal prayer. We have tried to give the leaflet a 'shelf-life' beyond St Andrew's Tide so that it can be used throughout the period leading up to the Conference next summer. On the back page we have also listed websites where further resources and information are available.

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### Practical Arrangements

Gracious and Loving God, we thank you for all your gifts to the great family of the Anglican Communion.

We ask for your blessing on the Lambeth Conference.

Grant wisdom and understanding to the Design Group, Conference Manager Sue Parks, staff and committees who have the task of organising the gathering. We pray especially for Archbishop Rowan as he prepares to lead the Conference.

In times of difficulty and tension within the Communion we pray for a spirit of unity. In our great diversity we pray that we may be faithful to your son Jesus who prayed that his disciples may be one, as you and he are one.

We pray for all the bishops as they prepare to journey to Canterbury, and for spouses who will accompany them. Be with them as they travel, leaving behind families and diocesan responsibilities. May the time together be an enriching experience for all who participate, encouraging them in their ministry.

We pray that the Conference may be governed by your will and led by your grace. May all those who attend be courteous in discussion and considerate of others' views. Grant to all the bishops the vision to see the way forward and the courage to follow the leading of your Holy Spirit.  
In Jesus' name, Amen

*Elizabeth Appleby, Mothers' Union (Australia)*

### The Guidance of the Spirit

O Risen Christ,  
you breathe your Holy Spirit on us and you tell us: 'Peace be yours'.  
Opening ourselves to your peace –  
letting it penetrate the harsh and rocky ground of our hearts –  
means preparing ourselves to be bearers of reconciliation  
wherever you may place us.  
But you know that at times we are at a loss.  
So come and lead us to wait in silence,  
to let a ray of hope shine forth in our world.

*Brother Roger, Taizé*

Open Your Way  
and show its absolute Good.  
Open Your Word  
and spread out pure Truth;  
pour Your Spirit  
and send down His sheer Delight.  
Please take  
this heart, soul and power.  
Let them make  
parts of Your glorious Throne.

*Malomo, Nigeria, in 'Even Angels Tread Softly'  
(MU Enterprises LTD 2003)*

## THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE 2008

Archbishop Rowan, in writing to all the bishops in the Anglican Communion outlined his hopes for what the Conference could be. He said,

*"The Conference is a place where experience of our living out of God's mission can be shared.*

*It is a place where we may be renewed for effective ministry. It is a place where we can try and get more clarity about the limits of our diversity and the means of deepening our Communion, so we can speak together with conviction and clarity to the world.*

*It is an occasion in which the Archbishop of Canterbury exercises his privilege of calling his colleagues together, not to legislate but to discover and define something more about our common identity through prayer, listening to God's Word and shared reflection.*

*It is an occasion to rediscover the reality of the Church itself as a worldwide community united by the call and grace of Christ."*

There are two other aspects of the Conference that we are also asked to pray for. The first is the Spouses' Conference that will take place in parallel at Canterbury. Its theme will be "God's People for God's Mission" and the sharing of stories from around the world will be a fundamental part of the Conference, which will seek to equip bishops' spouses in their varying leadership roles and contexts. The second aspect we are asked to pray for is the Hospitality Initiative – that time before the Conference when the bishops and dioceses in Scotland, Wales and England will host most of the bishops and spouses attending the gathering.

### LAMBETH CONFERENCE PRAYER

**Pour down upon us, O God, the gifts of your Holy Spirit,  
that those who prepare for the Lambeth Conference may be  
filled with wisdom and understanding.  
May they know at work within them  
that creative energy and vision which belong to our humanity,  
made in your image and redeemed by your love,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### COLLECT FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

**Almighty God,  
who called your Church to witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.**

## FURTHER PRAYERS FOR THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE

### Building Relationships with God and One Another

Make Lambeth a place of Spiritual Oasis  
for all those in need of refreshment, O God.  
May their inner vision be transformed  
so that they can see more clearly  
their own journey with all humankind  
as a journey of peace, bonded with hope. Amen

*Mothers' Union*

Lord,  
We are communities in communion  
with You,  
Our rainbow-loving,  
Promise-keeping,  
Creating Father God.

We are communities in communion  
With Your Son,  
Our companioning Brother,  
Faithful Friend,  
God-with-us.

We are communities in communion  
With Your Spirit,  
Our holy Guide,  
Inspiring Peace,  
Indwelling Joy of God.

Bring us together  
In trust and hope,  
Remembering the marginalised we must represent,  
The needy for whom we can speak,  
The poor with whom we are included.

Bless our coming together  
Open to see You,  
Listening for Love's whisper  
Ready to be changed by You,  
As You did yesterday and will do tomorrow,  
For Your Glory and Your Kingdom, Amen

*Helen Van Koevering, USPG & Mothers' Union (Mozambique)*

O God, we pray to you amid the perplexities of a changing order.  
Help us to learn new ways that You would teach us,  
and in every unknown path give us boldness to follow Him  
who is the same Saviour yesterday, today and forever.

*Adapted from prayer used in Mengo Hospital, Uganda  
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John Carden.*