

DIVERSITY ASSESSMENT PRAYER

This prayer was written for Converge by Dr. Charles Taylor (Diversity Assessment Consultant), seeking God's guidance for the Diversity Assessment that his team is facilitating. He asks that each district pray this prayer to guide its assessment efforts.

Heavenly Father,

We come seeking your guidance and grace as we begin the journey to help Converge become your instrument in modeling how the church should embrace diversity and inclusion.

Dear God, we thank you for Converge's leadership and for touching their hearts in moving this important initiative forward. Let them know that if they embrace their faith and rely on you that their organization will be strengthened and their spirituality deepened. Remind them that your prophet John the Baptist said the love of God that we experience through Jesus Christ dispels our fears of those who are in any way different from ourselves (1 John 4:18).

Jesus commanded that we love our neighbor as we love ourselves. That's why this initiative is so important, Lord. Help us remember our lives are connected and we have a deep moral responsibility to each other.

Father, if you guide Converge, they will come to know we are one family in God, but more important, the world will learn from their example and praise your holy name. Give them the courage to stand up to racism and work to eradicate it in their institution. Help them to speak from their hearts so the data we gather will help them become better servants.

Dear God, we ask that you bless all of us involved in this important work. We ask that you provide us a way forward that is sustainable and grounded in the Scripture. We thank you for this opportunity to look inward and grow stronger spiritually, because we know through your grace all things are possible.

We know, God, that from one blood you made all nations, we're called to proclaim to the world that we're all one and if we just put our faith in you, we could move mountains. The Bible says, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengthens me."

Father, we ask that you allow the Holy Spirit to guide us throughout this project. In Jesus name we pray. Amen!