

*Blessing the New Indiana Conference Center
Saturday, February 27, 2010*



An Order for Blessing with Spiritual Fruit
Galatians 5:22-23

Gathering in the Entryway of the Conference Center...

ONE: As we gather in the entryway, let us pray for the gift of hospitality to bless this place, so that all who enter may find welcome in the name of Christ.

ALL: O GOD, WE PRAY FOR YOUR PRESENCE IN THIS PLACE. MAY THIS ENTRYWAY BE A PATHWAY INTO THE SPIRITUAL FRUIT OF LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GENEROSITY, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, AND SELF-CONTROL. AMEN.

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Gathering in the Conference Rooms of the Conference Center...

ONE: As we gather in the conference rooms, let us pray for the gift of wisdom to bless these places, so that the meetings here may be blessed by the discernment of God's purposes and direction.

ALL: O GOD, WE PRAY FOR YOUR WISDOM IN THIS PLACE. MAY ALL WHO MEET HERE ALSO ENCOUNTER THE SPIRITUAL FRUIT OF LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GENEROSITY, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, AND SELF-CONTROL. AMEN.

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Gathering in the Cubicles and Offices of the Conference Center...

ONE: As we gather in these working areas, let us pray for the gift of service to bless these places, so that all who work here may be blessed with a sense of service to God's people.

ALL: O GOD, WE PRAY FOR YOUR SPIRIT IN THIS PLACE. MAY ALL WHO WORK FIND THEIR WORK IS BLESSED WITH THE SPIRITUAL FRUIT OF LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GENEROSITY, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, AND SELF-CONTROL. AMEN.

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Gathering in the Staff Lounge of the Conference Center...

ONE: As we gather in this resting place, let us pray for the gift of peace to bless this place, so that all who pause here may be strengthened and nourished to continue their ministry.

ALL: O GOD, WE PRAY FOR YOUR PEACE IN THIS PLACE. MAY ALL WHO WORK HERE FIND THEIR WORK IS BLESSED WITH THE SPIRITUAL FRUIT OF LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GENEROSITY, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, AND SELF-CONTROL. AMEN.

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Gathering in the Bishop's Office of the Conference Center...

ONE: As we gather in this Bishop's Office area, let us pray for the gift of leadership to bless this place, so that all who work here may be guided by the leadership of Your Spirit in order to lead the people, pastors, and churches of the Indiana Conference.

ALL: O GOD, WE PRAY FOR THE LEADING OF YOUR SPIRIT IN THIS PLACE. MAY ALL WHO WORK HERE FIND THEIR LEADERSHIP IS BLESSED WITH THE SPIRITUAL FRUIT OF LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GENEROSITY, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, AND SELF-CONTROL. AMEN.

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Gathering in the Conference Room of the Bishop's Office...

ONE: As we gather in this Conference Room, let us pray for the gift of administration to bless this place, so that all who gather here may be guided by Your Spirit in order to administer the needs of the Indiana Conference.

ALL: O GOD, WE PRAY FOR YOUR LEADING SPIRIT IN THIS PLACE. MAY ALL WHO MEET HERE FIND THEIR ADMINISTRATION IS BLESSED WITH THE SPIRITUAL FRUIT OF LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GENEROSITY, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, AND SELF-CONTROL. AMEN.

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Gathering in Lobby of the Conference Center...

ONE: As we gather in this Lobby area, let us pray for the gift of presence to bless this place, so that all who pass through here may be guided by Your presence as they come and go, no matter what their destination or what their own faith journey may be.

ALL: O GOD, WE PRAY FOR YOUR GUIDING SPIRIT IN THIS PLACE. MAY ALL WHO WORK IN THIS BUILDING AND ALL WHO ENTER AND DEPART HERE FIND THEIR JOURNEY IS BLESSED WITH THE SPIRITUAL FRUIT OF LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GENEROSITY, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, AND SELF-CONTROL. AMEN.

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Final Blessing ...

BISHOP: God's blessings welcome us in love, fill us with grace, fill us with peace, and lead us in love. Let us pray that this new Indiana Conference Center and all of this building may be blessed with the spiritual gifts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. May the sounds of the Lord's Prayer offer a final blessing to this place ...

ALL: OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME. THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD, AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US. AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY FOREVER, AMEN.