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Several of these congregations have been serving their communities, providing meals and helping to purchase new water heaters and furnaces for flood victims. Pray for a slower snowmelt to prevent additional flooding; wisdom for relief organizations as they assist those affected; and that hurting people will experience Christ’s love.



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For U.S. Alliance pastors, church workers, lay delegates, international workers, and other attendees—pray for the Holy Spirit’s presence and His renewing work within, among, and through them; deep levels of ownership of and engagement in Christ’s calling on The Alliance; and protection and safe travel.

For council speakers, worship leaders, and seminar presenters—pray for God’s anointing; clarity of mind; and meaningful interactions.

For President Stumbo—pray for wisdom as he leads the Alliance family throughout the week; deep, restful sleep; and endurance for long hours of preaching, meeting with leaders, and attending multiple gatherings.

Also, ask God to unleash a spirit of bold generosity among His people as they respond to Saturday’s benevolent offering to workers in need and to Sunday’s Great

Commission Day Offering to help send and support new international workers. Pray for hotel/convention center staff to feel valued and thanked by the Alliance family and be drawn to Christ.

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ADAPTED FROM *THE LIFE OF PRAYER*, BY
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