

1 **OVERTURE 50** from the Mississippi Valley Presbytery (to OC)  
2 “Call for a Day of Fasting and Prayer for Revival and Renewal of the Church”  
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4 **Whereas**, the urgent present need of the unconverted around us, and the persistent divisions  
5 and relative spiritual poverty of the church are a source of great grief to all who love  
6 the Lord Jesus Christ; and  
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8 **Whereas**, Christ told us that “the fields are white unto harvest” (John 4:35), and that “the  
9 harvest is plentiful” and commanded us to “pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest”  
10 to send more laborers (Matt. 9:38); and  
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12 **Whereas**, the Scriptures abundantly testify that our God delights to hear and answer the  
13 prayers of his people (Prov. 15:29; Ps. 17:6, 65:2, 116:1; Jer. 29:13; Matt. 7:7; John  
14 14:13-14; 1 John 5:14); and  
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16 **Whereas**, the Word of God clearly teaches the instrumentality of prayer in the fulfilment of  
17 the divine design (Romans 15:30; 2 Cor. 1:11; Phil. 1:19); and  
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19 **Whereas**, in Scripture, seasons of renewed blessing and gospel fruit have frequently followed  
20 the humble, repentant, united prayers of God’s people (Num. 20:16; Judges 3:9, 4:3,  
21 6:7, 10:10; 2 Chron. 13:14; Ps. 107:6, 13, 19, 28; Acts 1:14, 2:42, 4:24-31, 12:12-17,  
22 13:1-3); and  
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24 **Whereas**, throughout church history the blessing of God has often followed the efforts of the  
25 church to unite in prayer for the revival of religion; therefore  
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27 **Be it resolved** that the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley overture the 53<sup>rd</sup> General  
28 Assembly to call upon the Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America to  
29 appoint a time most convenient to them during the month of September 2026, to  
30 observe a solemn day of fasting and prayer for the revival and renewal of the church.  
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32 On this day, Presbyteries, congregations, RUF campus chapters, officers, and members of the  
33 Presbyterian Church in America shall be urged to humble themselves before the  
34 LORD, fast and pray, and seek his mercy in heartfelt repentance over ministerial sins,  
35 the sins of officers, members, and whole congregations. Earnest prayer should be made  
36 for the pouring out of the Holy Spirit, the blessing of heaven on the preached word,  
37 the conversion of the lost, the planting of faithful churches at home, and the success  
38 of the gospel in our communities, on college campuses, and on the mission field  
39 around the world.  
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41 **Be it further resolved** that Presbyteries of the PCA be urged to hold a solemn convocation  
42 on the day appointed, at which the fast may conclude. This convocation shall include  
43 the praise of the triune God, the preaching of the Word, and a season of prayer for the  
44 concerns stated above.  
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Overture 50, Mississippi Valley Presbytery

1 **Be it further resolved** that the Moderator of the 53<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly be empowered to  
2 appoint one Teaching and one Ruling Elder to assist him in the preparation and  
3 dissemination of guidance for the prayers of the PCA on this occasion.  
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5 **Be it further resolved** that the 53<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly invite the sister churches of NAPARC  
6 to join her during the month of September in seeking the mercy and favor of God in  
7 the revival and renewal of Christ's church in America; and that, as prudence and  
8 opportunity allow, presbyteries extend an invitation to like-minded evangelical  
9 churches in their regions to participate .  
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12 *Adopted by the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley at its stated meeting, February 3, 2026*  
13 *Attested by TE Chris Wright, Stated Clerk*