



# Call to Prayer

April 12, 2016

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Holston Conference Prayer for General Conference 2016

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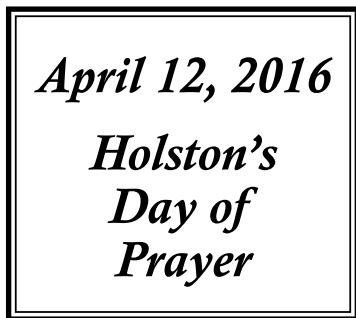
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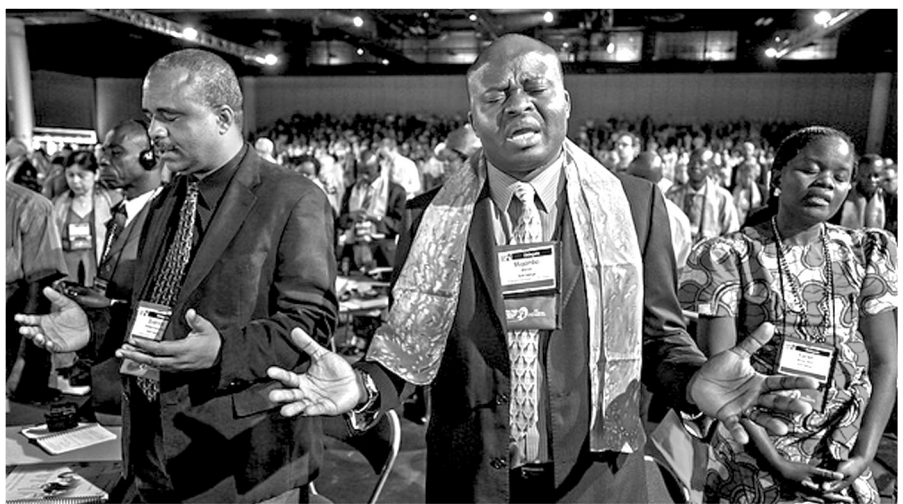


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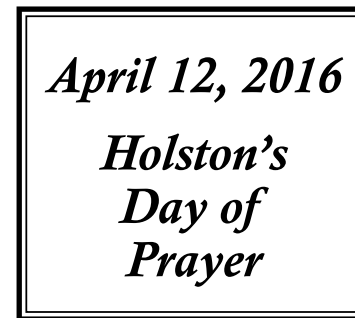
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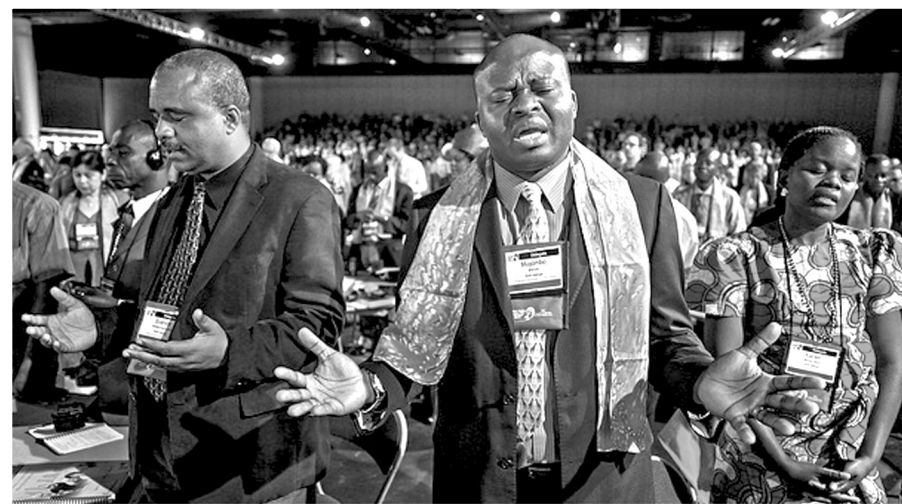


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