

**A Prayer for the ABC/USA Biennial Meeting  
July 1-3, 2005 at the Colorado Convention Center  
in Denver, Colorado**

*Leader: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.*

**People: God does not grow tired or weary; God's understanding is unsearchable.**

*Leader: God gives strength to the weary, and empowers the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and the young stumble and fall;*

**People: But those who hope in the Lord renew their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles, they shall run and not grow weary, they shall walk and not be faint.**

*Leader: Today we lift up the Local Arrangements Committee, our brothers and sisters from around our Region who have been tasked with numerous details for the Biennial.*

**People: Renew their strength, O God.**

*Leader: We thank you that young, middle-aged, and senior adults are all working together to prepare for the Biennial.*

**People: Strengthen their inner beings with power through God's Spirit.**

*Leader: We know that even the most carefully laid plans will sometimes go awry.*

**People: Inspire them to wait for your guidance at crucial turning points in their preparation and implementation**

*Leader: May we always lift up our eyes to the hills and recognize that our help indeed comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.*

**People: God will not let our feet slip.**

*Leader: God watches over us always.*

**People: Thank You, God, for watching over our coming and going, both now and forevermore. Amen.**

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