

P R O C E E D I N G S

THE PRESIDENT: The Sergeant at Arms will clear the aisles and close the doors.

The Convention will please come to order.

The invocation this morning will be offered by the Reverend W. L. Clayton of Macedonia Baptist Church, Baltimore City.

Reverend Clayton.

REVEREND CLAYTON: May we bow our heads.

Almighty and Alwise God, Father of all mankind, we come today as empty pitchers to full fountain. We confess our need for Thy love, Thy grace and Thy tender care.

With grateful hearts we offer our sincere thanks, for the preservation of life, for the peace of mind, and for the renewing of our strength.

We pray for these faithful servants of humanity, who have labored these many months in the long hours of the night. May their labors be not in vain.

May, O God, Thy wisdom and power prevail in bringing through this assembly a new climate for truth, justice and righteousness.