



WEEK OF PRAYER 2018 FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Thu 18th Jan to Thu 25th Jan



**Your Right Hand, O Lord,
Glorious in Power**

(Exodus 15:6)



FAITH IN ACTION

As Christians pray and work together in seeking to bring about Christian Unity, one discovers just how important this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is for our world, so TODAY, see what you can do:-

- It is a good and noble to pray for Christian Unity. Please pray for fellow Christians who, in many parts of the world suffer great persecution. Stand up for the Christian Faith. Be able to explain the basic points and beauty of it.
- During the week, try and visit any Christian Church and say a few prayers for Christian Unity
- Faith-share with Christians at work
- Attend an inter-denominational Christian-Faith event, for example, Taizé Prayers
- Wish everyone the Peace of Christ

PRAYER

Eternal God,

You belong to no culture and land but are Lord of all, you call us to welcome the stranger in our midst. Help us by your Spirit, to live as brothers and sisters, welcoming all in your name, and living in the justice of your kingdom.

This we pray in Jesus' name.

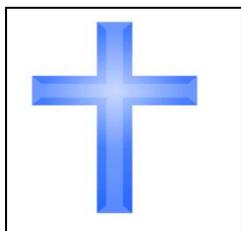
Amen.

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Throughout the Biblical narrative of salvation, an unmistakable motif is the unrelenting determination of the Lord to form a people whom He could call His own.



The formation of such a people, united in a sacred covenant with God, is integral to the Lord's plan of salvation and to the glorification of His name.



The prophets repeatedly remind Israel that their covenant demanded that relationships among its various social groups should be characterized by justice, compassion and mercy.



Reconciliation often demands repentance, reparation and healing of memories.



As Jesus prepared to seal the new covenant in His own blood, His earnest prayer to the Father was that those given to Him by the Father would be one, just as He and the Father were one. When Christians discover their unity in Jesus, they participate in Christ's glorification in the presence of the Father, with the same glory that He had lived in the Father's presence before the world existed.



Therefore, God's covenanted people must always strive to be a reconciled community that serves as an effective sign of how to live in justice and peace for all the people of the earth.



Today, the Bible continues to be a source of consolation and liberation, inspiring Christians to address the conditions that currently undermine the Body of Christ. The Church, like Israel, is called to be a sign and an active agent of reconciliation.