

Prayers of Intercession for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023

The following prayers are suggestions for inclusion in the daily Prayers of the Faithful at Mass during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Wednesday – 18th January

For all Christian Churches and Faith Communities, that they may continue to show one another extraordinary kindness in guiding them towards reconciliation and unity in Christ. **Lord, hear us.**

As Christians work together to end suffering caused by war and violence, injustice and inequality, disease and prejudice, poverty and hopelessness, our loving God will make our unity visible and bring healing to the world. **Lord, hear us.**

Thursday – 19th January

For church leaders everywhere during this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, that they may work together and promote unity among Christians. **Lord, hear us.**

For the leadership of the Church throughout the world during this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, that they may witness to Christ's prayer "That All May Be One". **Lord, hear us.**

Friday – 20th January

For an end to the divisions among Christians: that they work together in bringing about healing and promote reconciliation as visible signs of God's will being done on earth as it is in heaven. **Lord, hear us.**

For the success of ecumenical dialogue between our church and other denominations, that they bear witness to the quest for Christian unity in Jesus' name. **Lord, hear us.**

Saturday – 21st January

We pray for all of our Christian brothers and sisters, especially for those who do not share the same beliefs, that their faith in the Risen Lord might deepen their understanding of the mystery of God's Kingdom. **Lord, hear us.**

For all who work to bring light, understanding, and healing to the divisions that separate the Christian churches. May the Holy Spirit guide them on the path to unity. **Lord, hear us.**

Sunday – 22nd January

For Christian refugees fleeing persecution and the thousands of Christian martyrs throughout the world who gave their lives in courageous witness to Christ Jesus this past year. We give thanks to our Lord for the testimony of the lives; bless them with eternal life. **Lord, hear us.**

For civic leaders: may they uphold the rights of religious freedom, promote unity and tolerance, and defend Christian values for the good of society. **Lord, hear us.**

Monday – 23rd January

For the humility and patience to walk with those who seek harmony, dialogue, and unity among Christians. **Lord, hear us.**

For those who bear witness to Christ through the ministry of ecumenism, that they always seek the unity that is found in Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life. **Lord, hear us.**

Tuesday – 24th January

For the work of Christian Unity: through your Spirit, teach us to pray according to your will of love. Help us to be more generous as we witness to the grace that you freely give us. **Lord, hear us.**

God of abundance, in your goodness you provide for all our needs. Be with all Christians, help us to rise above selfishness and greed and give us the courage to be agents of justice in the world. **Lord, hear us.**

Wednesday 25th January

For all who promote Christian unity and who strive to model their lives in a spirit of love and understanding on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Strengthen them, Lord, in their endeavours. **Lord, hear us.**

God, in Christ you have made us one with you and with one another. Through the Holy Spirit, free us from the self-centeredness, arrogance and fear that prevent us from striving towards the full visible unity of your Church. **Lord, hear us.**