WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
JANUARY 18–25, 2027

Sample Intercessions for the Universal Prayers of the Faithful



***"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."* (Luke 12:32)**

Over the years there have been requests for sample intercessions or prayers of the faithful that could be used in the various celebrations during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The following are sample petitions that can be utilized in any setting. They are by no means exhaustive but are meant to assist those who are planning various activities throughout the week.

- Good Shepherd, we pray for the unity of Christians and peace in the world. Guide us out of our divisions to reconciliation, that we may bear witness convincingly…

- Good Shepherd, as we mark this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for your flock throughout the world, especially those experiencing various forms of persecution. Strengthen and protect them; may they bear witness courageously…

- During this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Good Shepherd, we pray for those who are victims of systematic persecution of ethnic, racial, and religious identity. Unite our churches in opposing hatred and prejudice; may we bear witness to the dignity of our common humanity …

- Good Shepherd, in this week dedicated to prayer for Christian unity, we pray for those who endure the worry of economic uncertainty and food insecurity. Embolden our churches to challenge oppressive structures; may our witness be compassionate ...

- As Christians pray together for unity this week, Good Shepherd, we pray for all created life, threatened by climate change and ecological injustice. Make us wise and gentle stewards of creation; may our witness be effective in addressing the global urgency of care for the earth …

- Good Shepherd, throughout this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for those in positions of leadership in our churches. Be their pattern as they exercise the responsibilities entrusted to them. May their care for your flock be a wise, discerning, and courageous witness to the unity of the church…