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# WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2021

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an opportunity for Christians around the world to focus their prayers on the Church as the body of Christ, to celebrate its many diverse yet uniquely important parts, and to pray for closer relationships with each other and a shared vision of God's work that we are called to do. It is traditionally observed from 18-25 January, between the feast days of Saints Peter and Paul. *You are invited to use the prayers in this leaflet in the knowledge that you are praying with others across the town, country and globe. The prayers come from the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) resource leaflet on the theme "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", based on John 15:1-17. These resources have been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland and they express the Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family. We are invited in this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 'to enter into their tradition of prayer and silence that is rooted in the ancient traditions of the Church catholic.' The full leaflet, containing Bible readings, reflections and suggestions for action, can be found at <https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/WPCU-2021-English-pamphlet-Final.pdf.pagespeed.ce.SnR5lgw9dp.pdf>*

*It is with great regret that we are unable to hold a  
United Service or our planned daily prayer walks  
this year due to Covid restrictions.*

*Please join us from home in praying for the  
members and ministry of the churches listed each day,  
and for unity amongst all the churches.*

*For information about other CTW activities, visit [www.ctwarwick.org.uk](http://www.ctwarwick.org.uk)*

## Day 1

Monday 18<sup>th</sup>

Jesus Christ, you seek us, you wish to offer us your friendship and lead us to a life that is ever more complete. Grant us the confidence to answer your call so that we may be transformed and become witnesses of your tenderness for the world. Amen.

*Please pray for St Mary Immaculate and The Quakers.*

## Day 2

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>

Holy Spirit, May we receive in our hearts the presence of Christ, and cherish it as a secret of love. Nourish our prayer, enlighten our reading of Scripture, act through us, so that the fruits of your gifts can patiently grow in us. Amen.

*Please pray for Northgate Methodist Church and Saltisford Church.*

## Day 3

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

God our Father, you reveal to us your love through Christ and through our brothers and sisters. Open our hearts so that we can welcome each other with our differences and live in forgiveness. Grant us to live united in one body, so that the gift that is each person comes to light. May all of us together be a reflection of the living Christ. Amen.

*Please pray for St Mary Collegiate Church and All Saints' Church, Emscote.*

## Day 4

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

Lord Jesus, your entire life was prayer, perfect harmony with the Father. Through your Spirit, teach us to pray according to your will of love. May the faithful of the whole world unite in intercession and praise, and may your kingdom of love come. Amen.

*Please pray for St Paul's Church and New Life Church.*

## Day 5

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Blessed are you, God our Father, for the gift of your word in Holy Scripture. Blessed are you for its transforming power. Help us choose life and guide us by your Spirit, so that we can experience the happiness which you want so much to share with us. Amen.

*Please pray for St Michael's, Budbrooke and St Charles Borromeo.*

## Day 6

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Jesus Christ, we desire to welcome fully the brothers and sisters who are with us. You know how often we feel helpless in the face of their suffering, yet you are always there ahead of us and you have already received them in your compassion. Speak to them through our words, support them through our actions, and let your blessing rest on us all. Amen.

*Please pray for the Redeemed Christian Church of God and Myton Church.*

## Day 7

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

Holy Spirit, vivifying fire and gentle breath, come and abide in us. Renew in us the passion for unity so that we may live in awareness of the bond that unites us in you. May all who have put on Christ at their Baptism unite and bear witness together to the hope that sustains them. Amen.

*We ask for prayers for Christian Unity.*

## Day 8

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

Thrice-holy God, we thank you for having created and loved us. We thank you for your presence in us and in creation. May we learn to look upon the world as you look upon it, with love. In the hope of this vision, may we be able to work for a world where justice and peace flourish, for the glory of your name. Amen.

*Please pray for Castle Hill Baptist Church and St Nicholas' Church.*