

Prayer for Christian Unity

16 – 23 May, 2010

During this time we have a wonderful opportunity to renew and deepen our relationships in the one God in whom we share together through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. This year's theme is 'You are witnesses of these things' (Luke 24:48) and a variety of resources and links can be found below to assist Australians in joining more effectively in that great wave of prayer begun by Jesus himself when he prayed 'that they may all be one... so that the world may believe' (John 17:21).

In the 2010 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are encouraged to reflect each day on chapter 24 of Luke's gospel stopping at the questions Jesus' asks to his disciples and those they ask of Jesus. Each of these questions highlights a particular way of witnessing to the Risen One, and invites us to think about church division and about how, concretely, we can remedy that.

Resources are available for communities at
<http://www.ncca.org.au/departments/faith-unity/wopcu>

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2010 is also an opportunity to reflect further on the vital importance of sharing in the mission of God (*missio dei*) in our own age.

Some simple Prayer points

- * Give thanks for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and for our unity in prayer with Christians all across the world,
- * Give thanks for the witness of the Church,
- * Give thanks for all those who work for reconciliation between peoples and the healing of the earth,
- * Pray for the national & state ecumenical bodies in Australia, for the World Council of Churches, the Global Christian Forum and other global networks,
- * Pray for the unity of all Christians in our local community and further afield.

Living Lord Jesus,

On the road to Emmaus you were the disciples' companion.

Be at our side on the journey of faith, and help us to listen to the stories of others.

On the road to Emmaus you opened their hearts to understand the scriptures.

Illumine our minds to see wonderful things in your Word, and help us bear witness to your truth.

On the road to Emmaus you made yourself known in the breaking of the bread.

Open our hearts to feel your heart-warming presence within us,
and help us live out your compassion.

We make our prayer in your name, Lord Jesus. Amen.

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