

PRAYERS FOR UNITY AMONG LEADERS

(Excerpts from WORDS TO PRAY BY)

Acts 2:42-43

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As I pray for my church, Lord, I ask to keep us faithful to sound doctrine that secures our spiritual foundations. I pray that our fellowship would be heart-felt and deep. I pray that we would continually celebrate the power of the cross and consistently lift our prayers and intercessions before You in unity. May we be a body that is a conduit of miracles for Your glory that would draw in the lost and the hurting.

Romans 12:16

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Father, cleanse the Church of selysh ambition and pride. Help us to see where we think less of others and more of ourselves. Give us Your heart towards those who are ill-treated by the world and shunned by society. Show us how to love them well and demonstrate Your kindness towards them.

1 Corinthians 12:20-23a

As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor.

Thank You, Lord, for using every part of the Church in a unique and special way. Forgive me for comparing or complaining about those in the Church that I don't understand. Help me see the value of each brother and sister and the unique role they play in the work of Your Kingdom.

1 Corinthians 12:25-26

So that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

Increase my capacity to love, Lord! Show me how to pray for and care for others in the Church that are hurting. Forgive me for any undue judgments I have placed on those I don't really know, and show me how to demonstrate Your kindness to them. May I be more sensitive to the needs of those around me so that we can walk together in a way that honors You.

2 Corinthians 13:11

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

Thank You, Lord, for giving us what is needed to restore one another and bring transformation in our midst. Do not let discouragement take root, but teach us to strengthen one another through the hard times. May Your Word be alive and powerful within us to break bonds of despair and bring healing and deliverance to those in bondage. May we experience a supernatural rest and peace as we bring restoration to those parts of the Body that are broken.

Ephesians 4:3-6

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

I pray for a greater unity of Your Spirit in the Church, Lord. Draw us higher in Your presence to see what we have in common more than those things that divide us. Keep us focused on the things that matter. Remind us of the power of unity and agreement so that we would pursue this bond that is unbreakable in the Spirit.

Ephesians 4:13

Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Our desire, Lord, is to be fully united with You in our faith, in our knowledge, and in our demonstrations of Your kingdom. Help us to mature towards the fullness You have in mind. Help me to do my part in growing and learning all I can about Your Word. May I know Your presence in my life that can be a sign to others of Your matchless power and love.

Ephesians 4:15-16

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ. From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Show us how to build each other up, Lord. Help us to share the truth with others in a way that brings hope and joy. Help me to do my part in building others up around me. Show me where I can assist and share my gifts and talents in a way to strengthen our church family and grow together as one.

Ephesians 5:25b-27

Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to Himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Jesus, just as You love the Church and gave Your life so that she could be holy and radiant, give me a greater love for the Body of Christ. May my words and prayers reflect Your heart for her. Bless and strengthen the Church as she becomes more and more like You. I declare that the Body of Christ will fully prepared to meet the Bridegroom in the fullness of Your glory!

Ephesians 5:29-30

After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— for we are members of His body.

Father, forgive me for any wrong attitude I've had towards the Church. Replace any bitterness or disappointment from past experiences with a compassion and love for all my brothers and sisters in Christ. Teach me how to care for others in my spiritual family with a sincere desire to meet their needs, just as I meet my own.

Philippians 2:2-4

Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Make us one, Lord! May our church be fully united in spirit and oneness of heart. May we so value our unity that personal needs and desires would be placed aside in favor of serving one another out of brotherly affection and love. Draw our hearts and minds to the same revelations and plans You have for us so we can move forward with power and effectiveness for the Kingdom.

John 17:21

That all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me.

The world is watching the Church, Lord. They are looking to see if we agree and are unified in our purpose. May we demonstrate the same kind of unity that You have with the Father and Holy Spirit. May we as believers find a joy in walking together and working towards the same goal. Make us one as You are one.

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Your Spirit moves powerfully when we are in agreement! Just like on the day of Pentecost, Lord draw us together for the common purpose of seeking Your face. May we so long for Your presence that we would not give up meeting together but pursue You with our whole heart. May Your Spirit meet us as we seek You together and may we be filled with power from on high as a result.

Acts 2:42-43

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

I pray that my church family would be devoted to those things that really matter for eternity. Give us good teachers to understand and apply Your Word. Draw us in fellowship with a greater joy in doing life together. Remind us to pray consistently for one another and for our city. May our city see the Kingdom of God at work through our witness and be in awe of Your love and power.

Acts 4:32-34a

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them.

May we have the same testimony as the early Church, Lord! May we be of one heart and mind to help those around us and be a blessing to our community. Shake us from our isolation and self-preoccupation and help us find joy in serving one another. May we freely give away what You have given us and demonstrate the abundance of Your house to others!

Romans 12:4-8

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Open my eyes, Lord, to see the unique gifts of each of my brothers and sisters. Rather than comparing ourselves with each other, may we see our unique contributions as gifts from You. May we recognize the grace on one another's life and champion one another's call. Help us celebrate our differences as pieces of a larger picture. May we honor and glorify You as each one does their part.

Romans 12:16

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

If there is any way that I have looked down on others because of their position in life, please forgive me Lord! Cleanse my heart of any entitlement and give me Your compassion for those who are different than me. Help me to see them as You do and speak blessing and promise over their life. May I see the hidden treasure within to call out their purpose and destiny.

Romans 14:19-21

Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a person to eat anything that

causes someone else to stumble. It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to fall.

When we have differences among us, Lord, help us to see how we affect those around us. Show us how to walk out our faith in a way that compels others to know You and doesn't become a stumbling block to the weak. Give me a greater sensitivity to those around me as I share my convictions. Show me how to share in such a way that invites change and doesn't demand it.

1 Corinthians 1:10

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

Lord, give us the kind of unity that comes from thinking like You! You have given us the mind of Christ so we can access Your wisdom and counsel. May we find that kind of oneness of thought so that we can move forward in our purpose and in Your plans. When there are disagreements, show us how to access Your heart and mind so that we can prioritize our ideas and yield them to Your direction.

1 Corinthians 12:18-20

But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as He wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

Thank You for the diversity within the Church! Thank You for giving each of us a unique part to play and a specific role to fulfill. May we all see these differences as a strength and not a weakness. Give me and my brothers and sisters the grace to recognize the blessing of one another and learn to walk and work together towards Your purposes with joy.

1 Corinthians 12:25-27

So that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Forgive me, Lord, for comparisons and expectations that I have placed on others in the Church. Show me the unique blessing that each one is to Your plan and purposes. I want to embrace their part with joy and encourage them in their walk. Give me greater empathy towards those I don't understand or are hurting, and sensitivity towards those who need more encouragement.

Ephesians 4:3-6

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Father, forgive us for all the ways we divide over things. Remind us of those things that unite us and make us one. Separate out those opinions and ideas that are counterproductive to Your purposes in this hour and help us to focus on that which is eternal. Strengthen our resolve to fulfill our call and agree on that which will make a lasting difference.

Ephesians 4:11-13

So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Thank You for giving us everything we need to grow up and become a mature Ecclesia! Bless the leaders who are called and anointed to teach us and empower us to be a mighty force in this world. Help us see those whom You have called to this task so we can benefit from all their gifts. Help us receive from the grace on their lives so we can be more effective in our own call and purpose.

Ephesians 5:25-27

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to Himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Jesus, may we as believers have the same passion and concern for the Church as You do. Help us see what You see and pursue holiness and righteousness with anticipation of our future. May we be united in our desire to be all that You intend. May we encourage one another to do our part in fulfilling Your call and preparing for Your return.

Ephesians 5:29

After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church.

Forgive us, Lord, for our offenses and divisions within the Church. Forgive me for my frustration towards others and a lack of love for their wellbeing. Give me Your heart for my brothers and sisters so that I can embrace any differences with grace, patience, and kindness. Show me how to encourage others, especially those that rub me the wrong way. May my words and actions show Your love and care towards all of my spiritual family.