

Scripture Prayers for Unity in the Body of Christ

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1).

Sovereign God, as we seek unity in the Body of Christ, we stand on the authority of Your holy Scriptures, which are able to make us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. We believe that all Scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that we will be thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:15-17).

Gracious God, as Your children, we share the same love of Christ who unites us and the fellowship of the Spirit who stirs up tenderness and compassion within us. Please help us to be one in spirit and purpose. May we do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others in place of (or better than) ourselves. Help us to look, not only to our own interests, but also to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-4).

Lord, assist us in making every effort to keep the unity of Your Spirit through the bond of peace, and in being humble, gentle, and patient, bearing with others in love. We affirm that there is one body and one Spirit, that we were called to one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all (Ephesians 4:1-6).

Jesus, we seek God's protection from the evil one. As You prayed, may we be sanctified (and set apart) by our adherence to the truth, Your word. May we be one just as You and the Father are one (John 17:15-17). Help us, Lord, to stand firm in one spirit, contending as one for the faith of the gospel (Philippians 1:27). Please connect us with those who share our passion to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything You have commanded us (Matthew 28:18-20).

Help us, Holy Spirit, to refrain from speaking unwholesome words, and instead speak only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen (Ephesians 4:29). Thank You, God, for giving us each different kinds of gifts, but each through Your same Spirit. Holy Spirit, help us to see You working through each of us, as we use Your gifts for the common good. Father God, You have combined the members of the body...so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. We are asking for Your help in this, through Your indwelling Spirit in us (1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 24-25).

Above all, show us how to love each other deeply. May we use whatever gift we have received to serve others, faithfully administering Your grace in its various forms. Let us serve with the strength You provide, so that in all things You may be praised through Jesus Christ. To You be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen! (1 Peter 4:7-11).

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