



Our Father



Let us pray together the words
that Jesus taught us.
Our Father...



Let us now offer each other a
sign of peace...

Concluding Prayer

Blessed be God, Great Spirit,
Your Breath fills all creation...
It fills each of us, making us all
Your children, sisters and
brothers of many roots and
colours...



We give thanks to You today for Your
many gifts to us,
Your beauty and depth are mirrored
in us,
In the many faiths and cultures that
enrich us as a people.
Help us to reverence our diversity as
an expression of Your Divine
Creativity....
All: Amen

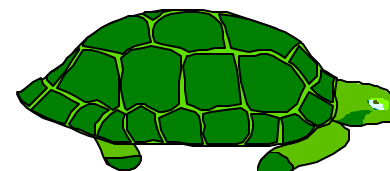
—Renee Yann



"Spirituality is there between the words
and underneath the ink as well as in the
watercolors and inside the voice of Old
Turtle. People can draw their own mean-
ings and find their own beauty within the
book".

Douglas Wood,
Author of Old Turtle

Old Turtle



A Prayer Service for the Week of Christian Unity

"God is all that we dream of, and
all that we seek," said Old Turtle,
"All that we come from and all
that we can find."

"God IS."

Old Turtle

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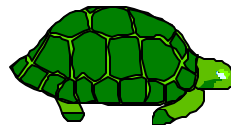
Introduction

This Sunday begins the week of Prayer of Christian Unity. We turn our hearts and minds to unity with our sisters and brothers in other Christian congregations. Wherever there is brokenness—in our hearts, in our family, in our friendships, in our workplace, in our community, in our country, in our global village—may we find healing.



Reading of Old Turtle By Douglas Wood

As followers of Jesus, the storyteller, let us listen to the story of Old Turtle.



Scripture Reading: John 17:20-21

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, 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 Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Prayer for Christian Unity

Leader: Christ, You are our *wisdom*,

All: Teach us the unity that lies in diversity.

Leader: Christ, You are our *light*,

All: Illuminate the paths that will lead to our reconciliation.

Leader: Christ, You are our *song*,

All: Move us from discord to harmony.

Leader: Christ, You are our *alpha*,

All: Our origin, bring us back into your encircling arms.

Leader: Christ, You are our *omega*,

All: Our destiny, unite us in our faith, hope and charity.

—Les Miller

