

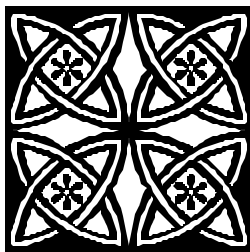
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**Reader 5:** We open our hearts to the coming of the Holy Spirit, who breathes into us renewing power in the service of God's new community, and leads us to live and work as one body for the good of all.

**All:** We joyfully believe that we are the church, called by God, sent forth by Christ, and led towards unity by the Holy Spirit, that the world may believe. We are called to be engaged in the ministry of reconciliation, that we may become a foretaste of God's new creation, where all things are made new.

**Leader:** Together we pray the words that Jesus gave to all Christians :

Our Father ...



## Sending Forth

**Reader 1:** Loving God, who gives us the light of eternal life and love, enlighten us on our way, inflame us with courage and hope, inspire our thinking and doing.

**Reader 2:** In Christ, we have come to know that God's heart is open to us. Therefore, let us open our hearts to one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** Peace be with you. (All are invited to exchange a sign of peace)

**Leader:** God has given us a common calling. Let us go in peace to love and serve in Christ's name.

**All:** Amen.

*Sources: Community Worship Service, St  
Peter's Anglican Church, Toronto, Jan. 23,  
2000*

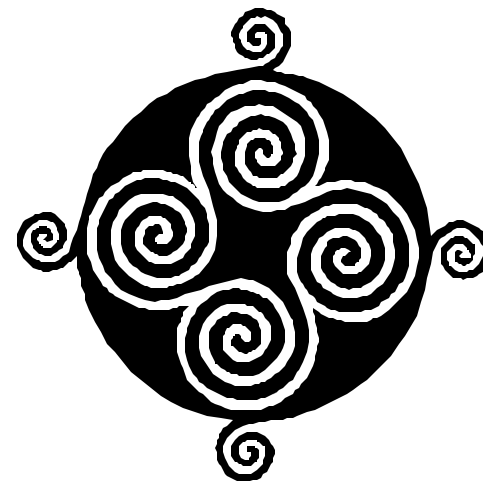
*Children's Daily Prayer, 2000*

*Compiled by Les Miller and Melinda Rapallo  
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## Prayer for Christian Unity

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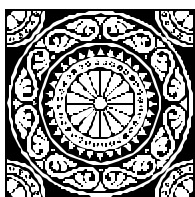
***"The desire to recover the unity  
of all Christians is a gift of  
Christ and a call of the Holy  
Spirit...."***

***Catechism of the  
Catholic Church, 820***



## Call to Worship

Loving God, we who are baptized in Your son Jesus Christ, form one body, one church. Although we now see many churches, all who live in Christ are called to unity through Your Holy Spirit. Amen



### Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:3—5

Let us listen to the words of the apostle Paul:

I...beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

The word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us bless the Lord with all the people in the Christian tradition who teach us to live as disciples of Christ;

**Response:** Thanks be to God!

For Martin Luther, Teresa of Avila and all who speak out for reform in the churches, let us bless the Lord:

**Response:** Thanks be to God!

For Martin Luther King, Oscar Romero and all who suffer for the sake of justice, let us bless the Lord:

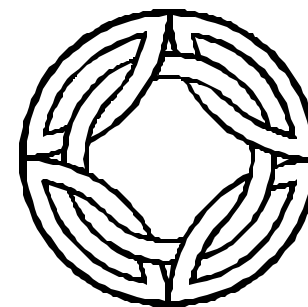
**Response:** Thanks be to God!

For Elizabeth Fry, Mother Teresa, and all who serve the poor and homeless, let us bless the Lord:

**Response:** Thanks be to God!

For Jean Vanier, Desmond Tutu and all who preach and sing to the glory of God, let us bless the Lord:

**Response:** Thanks be to God!



## Affirmation of Faith

**Leader:** Renewed in God's forgiveness, let us proclaim our faith in God: Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

**Reader 1** We proclaim that God is with us in love, bringing all people together.

**Reader 2** Creator and *life-giver*, father and mother of us all regardless of race, gender or class: you reveal yourself in justice, peace and love, and desire for all peoples on earth your equity and truth.

**Reader 3** We welcome Jesus Christ, our Saviour, God's beloved son, who was raised from the dead. We commit our lives to Christ and his transforming power.

**Reader 4** We reveal Christ's truth by challenging injustice and upholding faithfulness. We resolve to live into being Christ's community of peace.