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Scripture // John 17:7-23

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 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. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Scripture to Pray Over the Church

Ephesians 3:16-19

What to pray over:

Church Unity | Christian Unity | Church Health | Church Community Impact | Neighbours of Christians | For Those Hurt By the Church

For Unity of All Christian People in Our City

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace to take to heart the grave dangers we are in through our many divisions. Deliver your Church from all enmity, prejudice, fear, jealousy, and everything that hinders us from Godly union. As there is one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so make us all to be of one heart and of one mind, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and love, that with one voice we may give you praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in everlasting glory. Help us as a church in our city to be team players and peacekeepers Grant to us a spirit of cooperation and desire to see all the churches in our city to flourish and grow.

Amen.

<http://bcp2019.anglicanchurch.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/56-Occasional-Prayers.pdf>

Prayer for the Universal Church

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy Universal Church worldwide. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace.

Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

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Prayer for Those Wounded by the Church

Abba, sometimes you call us to walk through very difficult circumstances just as You asked of Jesus. Though sweating drops of blood which was proof of His distress, He did it! And, thank you that He did. We greatly rejoice, though now for a little while we may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that our faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though we have not seen Christ, we love Him; and even though we do not see Him now, we believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for we are receiving the goal of our faith, the salvation of our souls. Lord, I give you my brothers & sisters who have been wounded and I ask you to heal the broken hearted and bind up their wounds. I know Father that there are many who want to come back to you and don't know how. Just as you walked through a shut door TWICE with your disciples to show them that you were in fact alive and able, walk through the shut door of their hearts.

Heal them in the places that they don't even know needs to be healed. Those places that are hidden behind shut doors. Perform a miracle for them this day. Turn their hearts back to You and lead them to a church where they will experience health and healing. Feed them, by Your word, in the way that they need to be ministered to as this point in their journey. Give them a zeal for prayer and for your Word. I pray for a heart of forgiveness. Lord, release the GRACE to forgive because at times it is only by your grace that we are able to do some things. I pray the God of all grace, who called my brothers & sisters to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after they have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle them. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<https://www.missionariesofprayer.org/2010/11/prayer-wounded-church/>

Prayer for Forgiveness by the Church (Jn. 18:10-11)

Lord, like Peter we mean well, but sometimes in our well meaning hearts we as leaders and congregants do hurtful things. Lord, we confess that as well-meaning Christ followers we have lopped off some ears and caused hurt. Forgive us for not reflecting your character in our behaviour. As you healed the high priests' servants ear, heal those in our community whom we have injured. And like you did with Peter grant us grace and restoration. Help us to be restored for the sake of your kingdom and the glory of your name. Amen