

**PRAYERS FOR THE EIGHT DAYS OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019**

<p><b>Day 1   Sunday 2 June</b>          God of the widow, the orphan and the stranger,          You have shown us the path of justice.          Help us to follow your way by doing justice.          As Christians together, may we worship you not          only with our hearts and minds, but also by our          deeds.          May the Holy Spirit help and guide us to work for          justice wherever we are,          so that many people may be strengthened through          our works.          Mā to mātou Ariki, mā Hēhu Karaiti. Āmene.</p>	<p><b>Day 2   Monday 3 June</b>          E te Ariki,          grant us wisdom to distinguish right from wrong.          Let our hearts be guided by honesty and our lips          speak the truth.          Give us courage to be truthful even when others          go against us.          Keep us from spreading deceit;          make us, rather, agents of unity and peace,          spreading good news for all people.          We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.          Amen</p>
<p><b>Day 3   Tuesday 4 June</b>          E te Atua,          we give praise to you for your great glory made          manifest in all of creation.          Give us an open heart to embrace all who          experience discrimination.          Help us to grow in love beyond prejudice and          injustice.          Grant us the grace to respect the uniqueness of          each person,          so that in our diversity we may experience unity.          This prayer we make in your holy name. Amen.</p>	<p><b>Day 4   Wednesday 5 June</b>          Compassionate God,          we thank you for your bountiful gifts.          Give us the grace to accept all blessings          in simplicity and with humble gratitude.          Enable us to be content and ready to share with          others who are in need,          so that all may experience unity in the love that          flows from you,          that we may be one.          Mā to mātou Ariki, mā Hēhu Karaiti. Āmene.</p>
<p><b>Day 5   Thursday 6 June</b>          God Creator who calls to life and mission,          forgive our lust for power          and free us from the temptation to oppress others.          By your Holy Spirit of communion,          help us to live in solidarity with our neighbour,          and so share together with your Son Jesus          in fulfilling your promise of freedom from poverty          and oppression.          Mā to mātou Ariki, mā Hēhu Karaiti. Āmene.</p>	<p><b>Day 6   Friday 7 June</b>          Loving God,          By your word all things came to be.          We thank you for the universe          which manifests your glory, beauty and kindness.          Grant us the wisdom to walk gently upon the earth          and to care for all creation.          Strengthen us that together we might be prophets          of your good news to all creation. Amen.</p>
<p><b>Day 7   Saturday 8 June</b>          E te Atua,          You are the source of human dignity.          By your grace and power,          the words of the Canaanite woman moved Jesus to          heal her daughter.          As we search to manifest the unity of the Church,          grant us the courage to reject all forms of violence          against women          and to celebrate the gifts of the Spirit that women          bring to the service of the Church.          This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	<p><b>Day 8   Sunday 9 June</b>          God our Sustainer,          we praise you for your loving kindness,          for showing us your light in times of darkness.          Transform our lives so that we may be a blessing          for others.          Help us to live unity in diversity as a witness to          your communion,          Mā to mātou Ariki, mā Hēhu Karaiti. Āmene.</p>