

PRAYERS FOR THE EIGHT DAYS OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019

<p>Day 1 Sunday 2 June 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>Day 2 Monday 3 June 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>Day 3 Tuesday 4 June 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>Day 4 Wednesday 5 June 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>Day 5 Thursday 6 June 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>Day 6 Friday 7 June 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>Day 7 Saturday 8 June 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>Day 8 Sunday 9 June 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>