

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power
(Exodus 15:6)

Every year between January 18-25, Christians around the world are invited to:

- celebrate a Week of Prayer for the unity of all Christians
- reflect on scripture together
- participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services
- share fellowship

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was first proposed in 1908 as an observance within the Roman Catholic Church. Since the founding of the World Council of Churches in 1948, many other Christian denominations around the world have come to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. For over 40 years, the Canadian Council of Churches and its partners, the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism and the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, have supported this ecumenical event in Canada.

The resources for the 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by an ecumenical team from the Caribbean, whose members represent various churches and religious organizations.

Today, Caribbean Christians of many different traditions see the hand of God active in the ending of enslavement. It is a uniting experience of God's saving action which brings freedom. The Caribbean ecumenical team chose the song of Moses and Miriam (Ex 15:1-21) - a song of triumph over oppression - as the motif of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

