

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God, we believe you have called us to unity,
but often we have isolated ourselves from others.
P: **God, forgive us for the times we have turned our backs
on those who are different.**

L: God, we believe you have called us
to live together as one body.
P: **God, forgive us for the times we have created division
within your worldwide church.**

L: God, we believe you ask us to look, listen,
and learn from others.
P: **God, forgive us for the times we have ridiculed and attacked
those with different viewpoints.**

L: God, we believe you ask us to accept and seek to understand
all who are called by your name.
P: **Forgive us for the times we have offended you
by failing to love others as we do ourselves.**

L: God, we believe you call us to be one,
even as you are one.
P: **Forgive us for the disunity we have harbored
and make us one.**

L: God and Creator of all humankind,
your son Jesus Christ prayed that your church might be one,
even as you our God are one.
May you renew our minds and rekindle your love in our hearts,
so that by the power of the Spirit,
we might find the Oneness that you intend for us.

**ALL: God, may we recognize in your Oneness
our need for unity.
God, may we recognize in your Three-ness,
our need for community.
God, may we recognize in your creativity,
our need for diversity.
God, may we recognize in your Self,
our need to love each other.
Amen.**

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