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**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - January 19-26, 2020**

**Dear Clergy, Religious, & Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Saskatoon:**

This week, January 19-26, we join with Christians around the world to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, asking the Holy Spirit to bring us together in ever-greater unity to give witness to the Gospel. On the night before he died, Jesus prayed that his followers “may all be one” as He and the Father are one, in order that the world might believe (John 17). Our witness to the world is especially powerful when Christians from many traditions join together in prayer and in action.


The theme of the 2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from Acts 28:2 – “They showed us unusual kindness” – recalls the historic shipwreck of Paul on the island of Malta, and calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. As an island nation, boats are an important part of Maltese life. The Scripture passage reminds us of the perilous sea voyage by the Apostle Paul. A boat is also symbolic of the challenging journey Christians make together towards unity. As Christians continue to answer the call for charity and justice together on many fronts in our community, we become ever more closely united in Christ, deepening our relationships as sisters and brothers, giving honour and glory to God.

Let us pray in the words of one of the resources prepared for this week: “Dear Lord Jesus: We have come together as Christians, and therefore as fellow disciples. As we yearn for Christian unity, let us commit ourselves anew to work for this common goal. Help us to be reconcilers, as You have reconciled us in Jesus Christ. Help us to work with You in the healing of the world. We pray through Christ, who comes reconciling and making new. Amen.”

Let our prayer and reflection this week renew our commitment and efforts in the coming New Year to be Christians who constantly strive in all things to have the same mind and heart of Jesus Christ, our one Lord and Saviour.

Yours in Christ

✠ Most Reverend Mark A. Hagemoen

 In all things we are *rooted in Christ*,  
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.