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**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**  
**January 18 to 25, 2022**

**To Clergy, Religious, and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Saskatoon:**

During the week of January 18 to 25, our diocese joins 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 action.

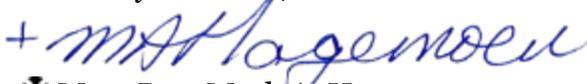
The theme of the 2022 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, from Matthew 2:2; “*We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship Him.*” This scripture passage calls us to pray and to work for reconciliation and unity in the church, with our human family and with all of creation. Drawing on the Gospel image of the star that illumines the darkness, we are invited to all gaze from our various places and perspectives on the *One Star* visible and shining on all persons and nations, to be the light for all. We recall the recent Epiphany celebration earlier this month, when we recall that three wise men – representing the nations from afar and beyond Israel – who recognize the one true king and Saviour, and seek Him out, to gaze on Him and honour Him. This event not only reminds us that Jesus Christ is the one Saviour of all peoples and nations, but also that there is great blessing and new life when those of many families of faith come together in wonder, praise, and commitment to follow the One true King.

Let us pray in the words of one of the resources available for this week:

*“Lord God, illumine our path by the light of Christ who moves before us and leads us. Enlighten us and dwell within us. Guide us to discover a small manger in our hearts where a great light still sleeps. Creator of light, we thank you for the gift of that unfading Star, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. May he be a beacon for our pilgrimage. Heal our divisions and draw us closer to the Light that we may find our unity in him. Amen.”* ([www.weekofprayer.ca](http://www.weekofprayer.ca))

As we begin this New Year 2022, let us renew our commitment to educate ourselves and others regarding the goal and work of ecumenism.

Sincerely in Christ,

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✠ Most Rev. Mark A. Hagemoen

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