Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 19-25, 2025

The week of prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical celebration when Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, reflect on Scripture together, participate in jointly organized ecumenical services, and share fellowship. It is traditionally held every year between January 18 (The Feast of the Confession of St. Peter) and January 25 (The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul).

The week of prayer dates back to the 19th century when Pope Leo XIII encouraged the practice of a Prayer Octave for Unity. The Vatican and the World Council of Churches came together in 1966 to jointly prepare prayer materials for what has become an annual event. During the week, Catholic, Orthodox, Lutheran, Baptist, Pentecostal, and other Protestant denominations are invited to pray in a particular way for unity among Christians.

For this year 2025, the prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity were prepared by the community of Bose, an ecumenical monastery of brothers and sisters in Northern Italy, and by the International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity writing team. The theme chosen is, ("Do you believe this?" (Jn. 11:26).

This year marks the 1,700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicea, near Constantinople, in 325 AD.