

**Call to Prayer: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021**  
**Prayer @ 7pm**

In the Gospel of John, Jesus prays for all those who have come to believe in him 'that they may all be one...so that the world may believe' that he has been sent by the Father. (John 17: 20-21) As we reflect upon this, we see Jesus Christ as the One who intercedes for us before the living God and who enables us to approach God through him. In the times in which we live this offers a profound reassurance: Jesus Christ is the One whose prayer sustains the life of the people of God.

The times in which we live are ones in which discord and division are all too often to the fore. In times such as these, the people of God are called to bear witness to the reconciling work of Christ that breaks down the walls that divide us. As we reflect upon the words of John 17, we are called to live out our response to the prayer of Jesus that we 'may all be one...that the world may believe'. We pray:

Lord our God, You are One  
And your Son prays that your people may be one.  
As your Son prays for us,  
May we share in the life of Christ  
And in the hope of the resurrection.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

Lord our God, You are One  
And your Son prays that your people may be one.  
As your Son prays for us,  
May we know that we are members of the body of Christ  
And that we share in the one Spirit.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

Lord our God, You are One

And your Son prays that your people may be one.  
As your Son prays for us,  
May we know that he is our peace  
And that he has broken down the walls that divide us.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

Lord our God, You are One  
And your Son prays that your people may be one.  
As your Son prays for us,  
May we know that we have been reconciled to God  
And that the task of reconciliation has been entrusted to us.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

Lord our God, You are One  
And your Son prays that your people may be one.  
As your Son prays for us,  
May your people be one  
That the world may believe.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

Signed by:

Rt. Rev. Dr Martin Fair, Moderator of the General Assembly, Church of Scotland

Most Rev. Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, Roman Catholic Church

Most Rev. Mark Strange, Primus, on behalf of the College of Bishops, Scottish Episcopal Church

Rev. John Fulton, Moderator, United Free Church of Scotland

Rev. Paul Whittle, Moderator, United Reformed Church (Scotland)

Rev. Martin Hodson, General Director, Baptist Union of Scotland

Rev. Mark Slaney, District Chair, Methodist Church (Scotland)

Rev. May-Kane Logan, Chair, Congregational Federation in Scotland

Lt. Col. Carol Bailey, Secretary for Scotland, Salvation Army

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