



**Uniting in Prayer 2026**  
**Contributor Guide and Prayer Resources**  
*A Season of Renewal in the Spirit*

**Weaving Christ's love across cultures and boundaries**

*"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ."  
— 1 Corinthians 12:12*

**30 Days of One Church in Prayer**  
**From Pentecost, 24 May, to 22 June 2026**

As we approach the 49th Anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia, we pause together as one Church to pray.

*Uniting in Prayer* is an invitation for the whole Church to slow down, listen deeply to God, and reconnect with one another across cultures, communities and distances.

In a season where many people and communities are carrying uncertainty, weariness, hope, change and renewal, prayer reminds us again who we are:

*A people held together in Jesus Christ and continually renewed by the Holy Spirit.*

This season of prayer reflects the Assembly's current theme:

***Threads of Love: Weaving Christ's love across cultures and boundaries***

Our theme reminds us that the love of Christ is never confined by culture, geography, language, generation or experience. Instead, Christ continues to draw us together as one body — diverse, interconnected and called into relationship with one another.

As we pray together across these 30 days, we give witness to the kind of Church we are seeking to become:

- a listening Church
- a prayerful Church
- a reconciling Church
- a multicultural Church
- a Church grounded in Christ's love and led by the Spirit

We give thanks for the leadership and witness of the National Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress and honour the covenant relationship at the heart of the Uniting Church.





The *Basis of Union* reminds us that we are called to be:

“a fellowship of the Holy Spirit... being constantly renewed by God’s grace.”

This season is an opportunity to live more deeply into that calling together.

To learn more about the Assembly theme and resources throughout this season, visit the Assembly website: <https://uniting.church/uniting-in-prayer-2026/>

### **Purpose of this Season**

Throughout these 30 days, we seek to:

- Re-centre ourselves in Jesus Christ
- Listen deeply across our diversity
- Honour our covenant relationships
- Strengthen relationships across the Church
- Be renewed by the Holy Spirit
- Pray for our communities, ministries and world

This is not simply a series of prayers.

It is the Uniting Church praying together into who God is calling us to be.

### **Three Expressions of Uniting in Prayer**

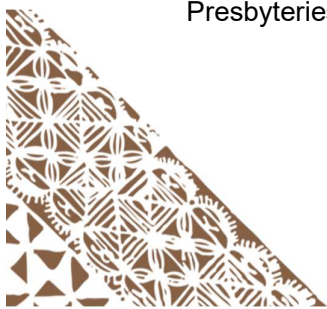
#### **1. Daily Prayer**

A prayer will be shared each day from voices across the life of the Church, including:

- the President
- National Congress
- Moderators
- Synod representatives
- emerging and younger voices
- multicultural communities
- ecumenical and wider Church voices

#### **2. Presbytery/Congregation & Regional Congress Prayer Connections**

While this is an invitation for congregations to hold one another in prayer, we work through Presbyteries and the National Congress to enable this in practice.





Presbyteries are invited, through their Synods, to connect in prayer with two others from different parts of the Church across Australia, encouraging congregations and faith communities to pray for those regions and ministries throughout the season.

In a similar way, Regional Congresses will be encouraged to hold one another in prayer through connections coordinated by the National Congress.

The heart of this initiative is simple, to help communities across the Church feel more connected in prayer, relationship and shared life.

### **Participation suggestions**

There are no fixed ways to participate, you could choose:

- including another community in Sunday worship prayers
- praying during meetings and gatherings
- sharing prayer requests or greetings
- encouraging members to pray throughout the week
- involving schools, agencies and ministries in local prayer activities

Communities are encouraged to participate in ways that are simple, prayerful and meaningful within their own context.

This is intentionally flexible and relational rather than highly structured.

### **Praying with the National Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress**

Throughout this season, communities are encouraged to intentionally hold the National Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress, Regional Congresses and First Peoples communities in prayer.

Congregations may wish to:

- pray for Congress communities during worship
- include prayers for justice, healing and reconciliation
- listen to and reflect on First Peoples voices and stories
- pray for communities experiencing grief, hardship or disconnection from Country
- give thanks for the leadership and spiritual witness of Congress within the Uniting Church

Communities may also wish to reflect on how prayer can deepen relationships, listening and understanding across cultures and communities within the life of the Church.





### **3. National Online Prayer Gathering**

On Monday 22 June, the Church will gather online to mark the 49th Anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia.

This gathering will be co-led by national Church leaders and conclude with a closing prayer offered by the National Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress.

Together, this gathering will serve as a visible expression of our unity in Christ across the life of the Church.

Further details and participation information will be shared through Assembly communications and the Assembly website: <https://uniting.church/uniting-in-prayer-2026/>

#### **Preparing Your Prayer**

Thank you for your willingness to contribute a prayer as part of this national season.

Your prayer forms part of a shared voice across the Church.

You are encouraged to write in your own voice — authentic, grounded and faithful.

Your prayer may:

- draw on Scripture
- reflect your local context and community
- speak to hope, lament, justice, healing or renewal
- name where you see God at work
- pray for the wider Church and world

#### **Holding the Theme**

You may wish to reflect on the question:

#### **What does it mean to be woven together in Christ's love across cultures and boundaries?**

This can be expressed in ways that are meaningful within your own context and experience.

Moderators and contributors may also wish to draw from the themes or priorities of their Synod or community.





## Weekly Themes

The following themes are offered as guidance for the season:

Week	Theme
Week 1	Spirit, Listening and Covenant
Week 2	Leadership, Discipleship and Trust
Week 3	One Body, Many Members
Week 4	Justice, Hope and Renewal
Final Days	Unity and Sending

## Prayer Resources and Suggestions

Communities and individuals are encouraged to participate in ways that are meaningful within their own context.

### Ways to Pray Together

Prayer may take many forms, including:

- spoken prayer in worship
- silent prayer and reflection
- prayer walks
- small group prayer gatherings
- candle lighting or visual prayer spaces
- songs and sung prayer
- storytelling, art or weaving reflections
- multilingual prayers
- online prayer gatherings
- intergenerational prayer activities





## Praying Through the Psalms

Throughout this season, communities and individuals may also wish to pray through the Psalms.

The Psalms remind us that prayer can hold:

- joy and thanksgiving
- grief and lament
- hope and trust
- longing and renewal
- justice and mercy

They give language to the full range of human experience and have shaped the prayer life of God's people across generations.

Communities may wish to:

- read a Psalm each day
- pray a Psalm during worship or meetings
- reflect slowly on particular verses
- use the Psalms during prayer walks or personal devotion
- invite different voices to read the Psalms in different languages
- Suggested Psalms for this season include:
  - Psalm 23 — trust and guidance
  - Psalm 27 — courage and hope
  - Psalm 46 — God our refuge and strength
  - Psalm 51 — renewal and mercy
  - Psalm 95 — worship and listening
  - Psalm 121 — God's care and protection
  - Psalm 133 — unity and belonging
  - Psalm 139 — being known and held by God

The Psalms remind us that prayer does not require perfect words. They teach us to come before God honestly, faithfully and together.





### **Scripture Suggestions**

Communities may wish to draw from:

- Acts 2:1–21
- Psalm 133
- John 17
- Romans 12
- Micah 6:8
- Isaiah 43:18–19
- Ephesians 4:1–6
- Revelation 7:9–10

### **Praying Across Cultures and Communities**

- Communities may wish to pray for:
- First Peoples and covenant relationships
- multicultural communities
- young people and families
- rural and remote ministries
- schools, colleges and agencies
- justice, peace and reconciliation
- creation and climate justice
- leaders and volunteers
- communities experiencing hardship or grief

### **Prayer in Everyday Life**

Prayer may also be woven into everyday life through:

- meal table prayers
- prayer during walks
- lighting candles at home
- beginning meetings with prayer
- midday pauses for prayer
- praying with children and young people





## **Final Encouragement**

This season is not about writing perfect prayers or creating polished words.

It is about making space to:

- listen to God
- pray with one another
- strengthen relationships
- and be renewed together as the Church of Jesus Christ.
- Across these 30 days, may we continue to be woven together in Christ's love across cultures and boundaries.
- May the Spirit of Christ continue to renew and weave us together in faith, hope and love.

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For updates and resources visit: <https://uniting.church/uniting-in-prayer-2026/>

