

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Reconciliation 24 May- 3 June 2009



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In 2009 (which is also the UN Year of Reconciliation), the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity overlaps with the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation. Over 11 days - **May 24 to June 3** - including the great feast of Pentecost on May 31 - we therefore have a wonderful opportunity to deepen our relationships in the one God in whom we share together through Jesus Christ. This year's theme appropriately is *'That they may become one in your hand'* (Ezekiel 37:17) and a variety of resources are available to assist Australians in joining that great wave of prayer begun by Jesus himself when he prayed *'that they may all be one... so that the world may believe'* (John 17:21).

The 2009 resources, adapted for use in Australia, are grounded in the experience of the Korean churches, who have turned for inspiration to the prophet Ezekiel, who also lived in a tragically divided nation and longed for his peoples' unity. The resources thus offer fresh encouragement to churches to worship together locally, to witness to their unity in Christ, and to pray and act for the greater visible expression of that unity, not least in the context of reconciliation. Link them into daily and weekly prayers, and into other special occasions and such prayer will be indeed strengthen God's hand for unity.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

- An Order of Worship
- Daily Bible Readings and Prayers

Available at: www.churchestogetherinprayer.org.au

Printed copies of the above two resources and

- A Poster (in colour) for local advertising \$6
- Prayer Cards (in colour) \$8 for 20

Available from: National Council of Churches in Australia
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