



# Wolfville Area Interchurch Council

## Prayers for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 2016

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**Wolfville Area Inter-Church Council** invites everyone to take part in

- a prayer for each day by email or poster:
  - the regular ecumenical worship at Manning Memorial Chapel, Monday-Friday, 11:30-11:50 am
  - WAICC's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Worship: **Sunday, January 24**, 4 pm worship and 5 pm potluck supper, Manning Memorial Chapel, Acadia University. **Speaker:** Rev Dr. Barry Morrison, minister of Wolfville Baptist.
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Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Day I (**Prayer focus; those who suffer religious persecution**)

Creator God, we thank you for the beauty and diversity of your creation. In this diversity we see ourselves carefully crafted according to your will. Help us to honour the harmony for which your creation is intended. May we live in harmony with one another while celebrating our diversity. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Day II (**Prayer focus; the leaders in our churches and places of worship**)

Teaching God, we thank you for the gifts of mind and knowledge, of wisdom and experience. As we move through our Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, cause us to be willing to teach one another and to learn from one another. Allow us a glimpse of your glory when new insights are revealed and new discoveries made visible before us. Grant us humility to be learners of your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Day III (**Prayer focus; Christian denominations around the world**)

Patient God, we confess that at times we are a stubborn people. We fall to the temptation of thinking that only our opinions, our way of doing things are the only ones acceptable to you. Help us to value our Christian brothers and sisters whose ways differ from our own. Instill with in us a desire always to focus upon the centrality of your divine love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, Day IV (**Prayer focus; people of all faiths and world views**)

Holy God, we thank you for the technology and development in our world that helps inform us about everyone around the globe. We pray for our global sisters and brothers who are not within the rooms of

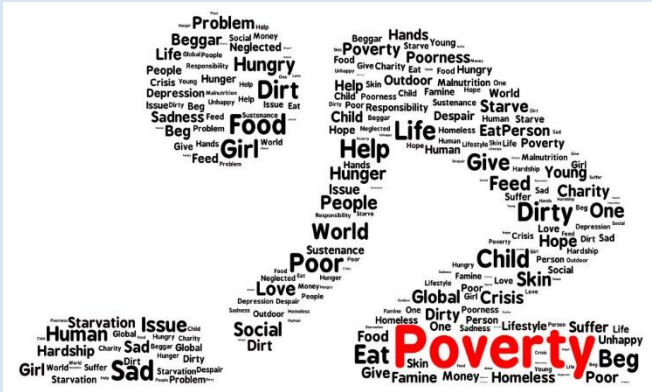
the house of our Christian faith but who are no less valued as your children. Teach us to move beyond tolerance and into realms of acceptance, even as we strive to bear witness to your Gospel to all people. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, Day V (**Prayer focus; refugees and the impoverished**)

Loving God, we thank you for the many ways your love has been made known to us in our lives. Help us not to rest on that love and do nothing. Teach us to express your love to others in what we say, think and do. Cause us to be moved from our pews and places of worship out into the world so that all might see your great compassion for creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, Day VI (**Prayer focus; those within our own communities who need our help**)

Helping God, we confess that at times, we grow tired. We are weary of work that seems not to bear fruit. We become disillusioned with an uncaring world. Help us to see your healing works in our midst. Send us those who will encourage and teach us to be encouragers to others. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Day VII (**Prayer focus; young people within our faith communities**)

Challenging God, we thank you for the potential you see in each one of us. Forgive us when we discount our value in your kingdom. Reveal to us the ways in which we can use the gifts you have bestowed upon us that the world might become safer and more loving. Grant that we also may identify the gifts in others that we may join more strongly together as your family. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, Day VIII (**Prayer focus; leaders and laypeople as they gather to worship**)

Celebrating God, we thank you for the many opportunities we have to celebrate and to worship you. Join us always in our times of worship and fellowship. Having you in our midst is an encouragement and blessing words cannot describe fully. Your love overwhelms even the darkest of our moments. We thank you for being with us in our laughter and in our tears. We praise you for your faithfulness and pray in Jesus' name. Amen.