

2008 Annual Week of Prayer

Pulling Together

***Our Lord's Prayer
for Unity***

1John 17.1-26

(a) Jesus' Prayer for Himself, vs 1-5

His theme: Glory!

past, v5; present, v4; future, v1

(b) Jesus' Prayer for His Apostles, vs6-19

His theme: protection vs 11,12,15

*The Church's survival depended on it
- and on their faithfulness to the truth
vs 6,8,14,17*

(c) Jesus' Prayer for Us, vs20-26

His theme: unity v21

1. Our Pattern for Unity: the Godhead, vs 21-22

The oneness of Father, Son, Spirit vs 21,22,11

God is a tri-unity (Trinity)

one in nature, purpose vs1, 4, 5

complete harmony v10; 5.19-20; 16.13-15

though different roles v8,18,21,23,25

2. The Maintenance of our Unity Requires Divine Protection, v11

Satan seeks destructive disunity v14

Gal 5.15; Acts 20.28-31

unity is vital for survival Mark 3.24-25

Cultivate closeness to Christ v22-23

through the glory of his indwelling Spirit

John 1.14; 2 Cor 3.18

our unity is maintained as we each,

and collectively, follow Jesus Rom 15.5-6

3. Our Unity is Essential for our Witness, v23

it reflects the nature of the God we proclaim

a tri-unity God

it reflects the mission of God to the world

reconciliation 2 Cor 5.17-20; Gal 3.26-28

4. Unity is a Prerequisite for Joy, v13

our joy is dependent on our unity

make every effort to maintain it Eph 4.3