

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2025

JERUSALEM, JANUARY 25 – FEBRUARY 2

Theme: “Do you believe this?” (John 11:26)

For this year, 2025, the prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity were prepared by the brothers and sisters of the monastic community of Bose in northern Italy. This year marks the 1,700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, near Constantinople in 325 AD. This commemoration provides a unique opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the common faith of Christians, as expressed in the Creed formulated during this Council; a faith that remains alive and fruitful in our days.

The Fathers of Nicaea strove to find words that would embrace the entire mystery of the incarnation and the passion, death and resurrection of their Lord. While awaiting his return, Christians around the world are called to witness together to this faith in the resurrection, which is for them the source of hope and joy, to be shared with all peoples.

Living the apostolic faith together today does not imply re-opening the theological controversies of that time, but rather a prayerful re-reading of the scriptural foundations and ecclesial experiences that led to that Council and its decisions. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 offers an invitation to draw on this shared heritage and to enter more deeply into the faith that unites all Christians.

PROGRAMME

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| Saturday, Jan. 25 | Anastasis (Holy Sepulchre), Calvary <i>Greek Orthodox Office of “Apodeipnon” (Compline)</i> | 5:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, Jan. 26 | Anglican Cathedral of St George <i>Nablus Road</i> | 5:00 p.m. |
| Monday, Jan. 27 | Armenian Cathedral of St James <i>Old City, Armenian Quarter</i> | 5:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Jan. 28 | Lutheran Church of the Redeemer <i>Old City, near the Holy Sepulchre</i> | 5:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, Jan. 29 | Latin Patriarchate’s Church <i>Old City, from Jaffa Gate</i> | 5:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, Jan. 30 | Upper Room, Cenacle <i>Mount Zion</i> | 4:00 p.m. |
| Friday, Jan. 31 | St Mark’s Church, Syrian Orthodox <i>Old City, near Jaffa Gate</i> | 5:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, Feb. 1 | Ethiopian Orthodox Church <i>West Jerusalem, Ethiopia Street</i> | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, Feb. 2 | Greek Catholic Church of Annunciation <i>Old City, near Jaffa Gate</i> | 5:00 p.m. |