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## HOLDING ON TO UNITY

As a member of Christ's church, it is your responsibility to strive to maintain the unity of the church. It is your obligation to always be "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (**Ephesians 4:3**). The church, the body of believers, is to be united in one mind, with one heart, and for one purpose.

In **Ephesians 4:3**, Paul declares two essential truths concerning the unity of the church. First, it is "the unity of the Spirit." The Holy Spirit produces the unity of the church. The Holy Spirit unites those who are in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit joins believers together. You do not have to "work up" unity among believers. It already exists because believers are united through the Holy Spirit by their faith in Christ (**1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1:13-14**).

The second essential of the church's unity is that this unity must be maintained. Paul declares that believers must endeavor to keep the unity of the church. This reveals that the unity of the church can be weakened or destroyed. Because of this, believers must strive to stay united. Believers must make every effort to maintain unity in Christ's church. One of the key ways to keep the unity of the Spirit is by prayer. This issue of *The Prayer Closet* will focus on praying for the unity of the church.

### Strengthening The Unity Of The Church

One way that you can pray for the unity of Christ's church is through pleading the "one another" statements of the New Testament. These statements declare the will of God for believers concerning their unity and how they are

to relate to one another. These statements show what God desires among believers and what He wants to produce in believers. Because of this, you can plead these requests with confidence. You can use these Scripture prayers for your church or for churches around you.

Father, enable the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church to realize that we are members one of another and are totally dependent on each other (**Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 12:14-26**);

Father, cause the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church to be lovingly devoted to one another just as a close knit family is (**Romans 12:10**);

God, I plead that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church would honor each other above themselves (**Romans 12:10**);

Father, I ask You to make the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church to be like-minded in Christ Jesus our Lord (**Romans 15:5**);

Lord, I ask that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church would accept one another in love. Deliver the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church from making hypocritical judgments about each other and/or showing partiality among members (**Romans 15:7**);

Father, I plead that You will fill the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church with the truth of Your Word, love, and humility so that we can admonish one another (**Romans 15:14**);

God enable the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church to greet one another with concern and love

and not with superficial, vain talk that means nothing  
(**Romans 16:3-6, 16**);

Lord, I plead that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_  
Church would bear one another's burdens in humility  
and love (**Galatians 6:2**);

Father, I plead that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_  
Church will serve one another with a sacrificial,  
selfless love (**Galatians 5:13**);

God, enable the believers of \_\_\_\_\_  
Church to bear with one another in patience.  
Deliver the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ from an  
easily offended spirit (**Ephesians 4:2**);

Lord, cause the believers of \_\_\_\_\_  
Church to submit to one another in love (**Ephesians  
5:21**);

God, I plead that You would cause the believers of  
\_\_\_\_\_ Church to encourage one  
another and build up one another with the Word of  
God (**I Thessalonians 5:11**);

Father, I plead that You would guard the believers of  
\_\_\_\_\_ Church from being conceited  
toward one another. Keep the believers of  
\_\_\_\_\_ Church from provoking one  
another and envying one another (**Galatians 5:26**);

Lord God, cause the believers of \_\_\_\_\_  
Church to always be kind and tenderhearted toward  
one another (**Ephesians 4:32**);

Father, enable the believers of \_\_\_\_\_  
Church to always be forgiving toward each other as  
God for Christ's sake has forgiven us (**Ephesians  
4:32**);

God, cause the believers of \_\_\_\_\_  
Church to speak the truth in love and not to lie to  
one another (**Colossians 3:9**);

Father, I pray that the believers of  
\_\_\_\_\_ Church would abound and  
overflow with love toward one another (**I  
Thessalonians 3:12**);

Lord, enable the believers of \_\_\_\_\_  
Church to have mutual concern and love without  
preferring one before another (**I Timothy 5:21**);

Father, I ask that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_  
Church would exhort one another to faithfulness and  
good works (**Hebrews 3:13; 10:24-25**);

God, cause the believers of \_\_\_\_\_  
Church to not speak evil of each other (**James  
4:11**);

Father, I plead that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_  
Church would not hold grudges toward one another  
(**James 5:9**);

Father, cause the believers of \_\_\_\_\_  
Church to have a burden to pray for one another  
(**James 5:16**);

Lord, enable the believers of \_\_\_\_\_  
Church to have genuine compassion for one another  
(**I Peter 3:8**);

God, I plead that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_  
Church would exercise hospitality toward one  
another (**I Peter 4:9**).

## Guarding The Unity Of The Church

The primary strategy of Satan against the church is to destroy the unity of the church. He strives to divide believers. He is the author of confusion, insensitivity, over sensitivity, hatred, lying, and church splits. He works to divide believers because it renders the church powerless. A divided church is a defeated church. The following are Scripture prayers that you can pray to guard the unity of your church.

Father, I plead that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_  
Church will do all things without murmuring and  
disputing, that we may become blameless and  
harmless, children of God without fault in the midst  
of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom  
we are to shine as lights and hold fast to the Word of  
God (**Philippians 2:14-15**).

Father, I plead that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_  
Church will be like-minded, having the same love,  
being of one accord, of one mind (**Philippians 2:2**).

Father, I ask that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_  
Church would do nothing through selfish ambition or  
conceit, but, in lowliness of mind, that all the

believers will esteem others better than themselves (**Philippians 2:3**).

Father, I pray that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church would not look out for their own interests but also for the interests of all the other believers (**Philippians 2:4**).

Lord God, I ask that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church will have the mind of Christ. Create a servant's heart in all the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church and a willingness to serve others because of the Lord Jesus Christ (**Philippians 2:5-11**).

Father, I pray that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church would walk worthy of the calling with which we are called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with long-suffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (**Ephesians 4:1-3**).

Father, I ask that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church would speak the truth in love. I pray that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church will put away lying (**Ephesians 4:15, 25**).

I pray that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church will deal with any anger or bitterness so that Satan will not gain a foothold among this body of believers (**Ephesians 4:27**).

Father, I plead that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church would not let any corrupt communication come out of their mouths but what is good for necessary edification that it may impart grace to the hearers. Enable the believers to do this so that the Holy Spirit would not be grieved (**Ephesians 4:29-30**).

I pray that all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking with malice would be put away from all the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church (**Ephesians 4:31**).

Father, I ask that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church would be kind one to another, tenderhearted, and forgiving one another just as God for Christ's sake has forgiven us (**Ephesians 4:32**).

Father, I plead that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church would be willing to deal with any problems that arise among us. Enable us to go to each other in

love and graciously confront the problems that are among us. I pray that we will be willing to restore in the spirit of gentleness (**Matthew 18:15-17; Galatians 6:1**).

Heavenly Father, I pray that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church would forgive each other from the heart (**Matthew 18:35**).

Father, I plead that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church would manifest and mature in the fruit of the Spirit (**Galatians 5:22-23**).

Holy Spirit, I plead that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church would daily depend on You. Do not let us become conceited, provoking one another and envying one another (**Galatians 5:25-26**).

Father, I pray that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church will bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ (**Galatians 6:2**).

Father, I plead that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church will have the same mind toward one another. I pray that no believer of this body will repay evil with evil (**Romans 12:16-17**).

Father, You have declared in Your Word that Your love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Father, I ask that Your Holy Spirit would enable the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church to experience and manifest Your love toward each other. By Your Holy Spirit, teach us to love others as You love. Cause us to have a "I **Corinthians 13**" love for others (**Romans 5:5; I Corinthians 13**).

Father, I ask that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church would love our enemies, bless those who curse us, and do good to those who hate us, and pray for those who hate us so that we may be children of our Father in heaven who is good to the just and the unjust (**Matthew 5:44-45**).

Father, I plead that the believers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church will love their neighbors as themselves (**Matthew 22:39**).

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## **The Preaching Ministry Of Dr. Kevin Meador**

In 1998, I believe that the Lord led me to start The Prayer Closet Ministries. It is my heart's desire to assist believers and churches in prayer. I long to help believers move into deeper fellowship and intercession with the Lord and churches develop powerful prayer ministries. To that end, we started publishing *The Prayer Closet* newsletter. We've also developed a variety of prayer materials for believers and churches. I'm available to speak for prayer revivals, seminars, and retreats.

Yet, primarily, I am a preacher of the gospel. God called me to preach in 1987 and I've labored to be faithful to that by God's grace and help. I believe in the inerrancy and infallibility of the Word of God and am committed to preaching that Word. The passion of my life is to proclaim the Word of God. The goal of my ministry is summed up in the words of Paul, "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (**I Corinthians 2:2**).

I am a full-time evangelist and am available for revivals, evangelistic meetings, Bible conferences, and pulpit supply. When I'm invited to a church, my goal is to be faithful to proclaim God's Word to the people and to encourage the pastor. I don't have any set fees; I simply operate on a love offering that the church provides.

I also realize that the pulpit is sacred space and a pastor has to guard who stands in that pulpit. I'll be glad to talk with you and answer any questions that you have. If you need references, I'll be glad to provide these. I would be humbled and honored for any opportunity to minister. Please feel free to contact me at 601-635-2180 or at [kevinbmeador@yahoo.com](mailto:kevinbmeador@yahoo.com).

At the same time, I would also appreciate your prayers. Please pray that God will open the doors for me to minister His Word and that I will be faithful to proclaim His Word. The greatest desire of my life is to glorify God in my personal life and the ministry He has given me. Thank you for all your prayers and your support. I pray for God's richest blessings in your life.