

Prayer for the AFI-CH Committee

Beloved Father,

We praise you for all the riches that we share and experience in our everyday lives as inter-church families.

We put our association into your hands:

enlighten us so that we can better serve inter-church families and help advance the cause of Church unity;

bless our desire to make more visible the experience and expectations of our inter-church families;

help us to clarify and keep on deepening our experience as couples of different religious background, so that it can bring a humble light to our Churches on the road to Christian unity;

teach us how to make the hope that is in us manifest!

Lord Jesus,

you who, just before dying for us

prayed that all your disciples be perfectly one,

as you are in your Father and your Father in you,

grant that we find ourselves together in you.

May your prayer for Christian unity ceaselessly

rise from our souls and our lips,

and may it be as you want it to be, the way you want it.

Help us to find the way that leads to unity

in you, who are perfect Charity,

while obeying your love and your truth (1).

Holy Spirit, Creator and Spirit of Unity,

thank you for being the link and the communion of our inter-church couples.

As we are called to live deeply and every day the love that links us in spite of the divisions of our church communities,

help each one of us to be faithful to Christ in our lives,

*to pray, read and meditate your Word together,
to never accept the divisions of our Churches,
to be loyal to the faith of our Churches
and creative to stimulate them on the path to true unity.
Teach us to support and encourage the existing inter-church groups, to be a
small bridge
between the geographically scattered inter-church couples and between our
Churches.
Show us the way to a constructive dialogue so that we can progress together
towards unity within our couples, our families and our Churches.
Keep our Committee united in the love and the Truth who is Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

¹ This paragraph was inspired by Father Couturier's prayer for Christian Unity