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### **2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**January 16, 2026, Ottawa** — The recently-launched [National Ecumenical Strategy](#) of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) lays particular stress upon “spiritual ecumenism,” defined as “the heart of the ecumenical movement.” This includes “praying for and with other Christians, promoting prayer for unity in local parishes, and participation in the planning and leadership of interdenominational prayer services for various intentions—especially that of Christian unity.” The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU), which falls in 2026 from January 18th to 25th, offers a chance for these activities. The theme for 2026 is **“There is one body and one Spirit”** (Ephesians 4:4).

For 2026, the Department of Interchurch Relations of the Armenian Apostolic Church prepared prayers and reflections. The [Canadian Council of Churches](#), including the CCCC, adapts these resources to the Canadian context. These Canadian resources are found on a dedicated website:

- English: [2026 WPCU Resources — Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#)
- French: [Ressources pour la SPUC 2026 — Semaine de prière pour l’unité des chrétiens](#)

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