

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2023

JERUSALEM, JANUARY 21 – 29

Theme : “Do good; seek justice” (Isaiah 1:17)

Isaiah spoke to awaken the consciousness of the people of Judah to the reality of their situation. Injustice and inequality led to fragmentation and disunity. His prophecies speak out vigorously in favour of the disadvantaged, rooting righteousness and justice in God alone. Our world today in many ways mirrors the challenges of division that Isaiah confronted in his preaching. Justice, righteousness and unity originate from God’s profound love for each of us, and are at the heart of who God is and how God expects us to be with one another. The Week of Prayer is the perfect time for Christians to recognize that the divisions between our churches and confessions cannot be separated from the divisions within the wider human family. Praying together for Christian unity allows us to reflect on what unites us and to commit ourselves to confront oppression and division amongst humanity. These prayers and encounters of the heart have the power to transform us – individually and collectively.

PROGRAMME

Saturday, Jan. 21	Anastasis (Holy Sepulchre), Calvary <i>Greek Orthodox Office of “Apodeipnon” (Compline)</i>	5:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 22	Anglican Cathedral of St George <i>Nablus Road</i>	6:00 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 23	Armenian Cathedral of St James <i>Old City, Armenian Quarter</i>	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 24	Lutheran Church of the Redeemer <i>Old City, near the Holy Sepulchre</i>	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 25	Latin Patriarchate’s Church <i>Old City, from Jaffa Gate</i>	5:00 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 26	Upper Room, Cenacle <i>Mount Zion</i>	4:00 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 27	St Mark’s Church, Syrian Orthodox <i>Old City, near Jaffa Gate</i>	5:00 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 28	Ethiopian Orthodox Church <i>West Jerusalem, off Prophets’ Street</i>	5:00 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 29	Greek Catholic Church of Annunciation <i>Old City, near Jaffa Gate</i>	5:00 p.m.