

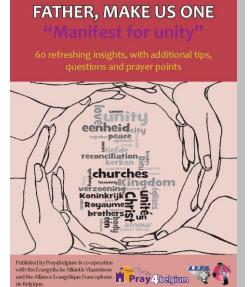




"Manifest for unity"

"Unity"... hmm, a word often used among Christians! It is regularly preached and sung about, and everyone admits that it is very important. Does this mean that there's a healthy state of unity among Christians and Christian churches today? That depends on how high you set the standards. Or rather how high God sets them? And furthermore, what do we actually mean when we talk about unity? But the crucial question is: Why is it so important for Jesus that He prayed for it three times on the last night of his earthly life (Jn. 17:11-23)? And why is there an unlimited promise to hear and answer united prayer (Matt. 18:19)?

Unity is not simply an option, it is a command. The battle for unity occurs on many different levels: we need to be united within ourselves (undivided), with God, with our marriage partners, in our families, in the local church, in a leadership team, in a city, in the nation, and ultimately... with all our brothers and sisters to the ends of the earth. To be deeply united with others is a wonderful experience, but the road to it can be extremely difficult. And yet, there



are simple principles, outlined in the Bible, to help us grow in this, just as a tiny key can open a large door with a "click"... In short, without Him unity is absolutely impossible, but with Him it can be heavenly simple.

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