

HARVEST (2) UNITY

This month we are focussing our prayers around the theme of Harvest. In the Bible this agricultural metaphor is often used in reference to salvation, fruitfulness and mission. Across the Elim movement let's lift up our prayers to the God of the harvest and take our place in his Kingdom mission.

Unity points others to the love of God. We may be a diverse people but we are united by the love of God and shared mission. Each church and individual has a role in bringing in the harvest of souls. Unity is often under attack so let's pray for unity within each congregation and across the Church worldwide. May we not be distracted from our mission to reach the lost with the good news of Jesus.

Bible

I'm praying not only for them
But also for those who will believe in me
Because of them and their witness about me.
The goal is for all of them to become one heart and mind—
Just as you, Father, are in me and I in you,
So they might be one heart and mind with us.
Then the world might believe that you, in fact, sent me.
The same glory you gave me, I gave them,
**So they'll be as unified and together as we are—
I in them and you in me.**
Then they'll be mature in this oneness,
And give the godless world evidence
That you've sent me and loved them
In the same way you've loved me.

John 17:20-23 (MSG)

Prayer Points

- Harvesting is a call to the Body of Christ to unite in prayer and mission!
- To proclaim and demonstrate the good news of the gospel.
- To 'Be Jesus' to a broken and fractured society.

- To pray that through our mission, the love, compassion, and grace of Jesus may be clearly shown.
- Pray for your congregation and other local churches. Ask God for an opportunity to work together in mission.
- Thank God for any people who have recently started following Jesus.
- Pray for any particular needs or circumstances you are currently facing.
- Thank God for any answers to prayer or blessings He has given you.
- Use the Scriptures as a basis for your prayers. Ask God what he wants to reveal to you through them.

Creative Ideas

- Create an interactive unity prayer. For example, a cut-out of people holding hands. Write the name of each person in your group/church. Symbolic of unity, pray together.
- Find the names/pictures of other local churches or other Elim churches across the country. Find out any prayer requests. Pray for evangelism, witness, mission to be a priority for each church, Christian and leader.
- The cross of Jesus unites us and makes salvation possible. Get a cross in the centre, gather around it as you pray.
- Through the month Journal anything God is showing or highlighting. Is there a thread or a theme? What do you need to do in response?