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Prayer: One But Not the Same

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Heavenly Father,

We come before You as one body, united in Christ yet wonderfully diverse in our gifts, callings, and traditions. You have made us different, not to divide us, but to display the fullness of Your wisdom. We thank You that our unity is not found in uniformity but in the unbreakable bond of love through Your Spirit.

Lord, we look to You—the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are three, yet one; distinct, yet never divided. Teach us to reflect this divine mystery in our relationships. May we walk in unity, embracing each other's uniqueness while holding fast to the one faith, one hope, and one baptism we share in You.

Holy Spirit, fill us with a love that transcends borders—beyond denominations, cultures, and nations. Let this love be the mark of our discipleship, so that when the world looks upon Your Church, they will know we are Yours because we love one another. Break down walls of division, and let the love of Christ be the bridge that binds us together.

Lord, give us more faith in the power of love to restore us, so that we may overcome the temptation to yield to the power of violence to destroy us. Where hatred seeks to divide, let love unite. Where fear threatens to silence, let love speak. Where despair looms, let love bring hope. May we be instruments of Your peace, testifying that the greatest power in heaven and on earth is love.

We pray for humility, that we may listen and learn from one another. We pray for courage, that we may work together in mission, despite our differences. And we pray for a fresh move of Your Spirit, that our unity may be a living testimony of Your kingdom—one Church, many voices, yet proclaiming and standing in the same redemption.

Father, make us one, as You and Your Son are one. One in purpose, one in love, one in witness—so that the world may believe that You have sent us.

In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.