



Prayer topics

for the Unity Prayer Day on the 1st of March and for the Unity Prayer Watch 2016

Despite several crises and conflicts worldwide and in Europe we deliberately only added topics to the list that concern the Moravian Church directly. However, we expressively encourage you to not forget further topics during Unity Prayer Day and Unity Prayer Watch.

Worldwide Moravian Church

We are thankful for all activities and events related to the commemoration of Jan Hus' martyr's death in 1415, which brought to mind an important part of our legacy.

We are thankful for the Fourth Unity Women's Consultation in Paramaribo (Surinam) in February 2016, which unified over 100 sisters from all over the world for exchange and topical discussions.

We are thankful for an improved cooperation of theological colleges in the worldwide Moravian Church as a result of a successful seminar for lecturers 2015 in Herrnhut.

We pray for preparation and process of the 27th Unity Synod in August 2016 in Montego Bay (Jamaica). Numerous elections will take place and a few crucial decisions are going to be made.

We pray for the work of Unity Business Administrator, Jørgen Bøytler (DK), as well as Ropert Hopcroft (GB), head of Unity Board. They especially aim for unity of the worldwide Moravian Church.

We pray for the committees of the worldwide Moravian Church: Unity Board, Unity Mission and Development Board, Moravian Church Foundation, Unity Committee on Theology, Unity Women's Desk.

Caribbean Region

We are thankful for missionary work in Tortola that led to the development of a church and for the courage of our brothers and sisters to build their own church centre (Unity Offering 2016).

We are thankful for a small Moravian Church in French Guyana that is built almost exclusively on voluntary commitment of its members and still reaches many children and young people.

We are thankful for the publication of a new common song book for the Moravian churches scattered across the unity province West India-East under the title "Caribbean Moravian Praise".

We pray for schools and boarding schools of the Moravian Church in Surinam, especially for the ones located in the underdeveloped interior of the country. They need good and committed teachers.

We pray for preparations of the World Day of Prayer 2018, of which the focus of attention will be the country Suriname. The liturgy is currently being worded with contribution from the Moravian Church.

We pray for new spiritual impulses in the churches and all their task assignments after celebration of the anniversary "250 years Moravian Church in Barbados" in September 2015.

African region

We are thankful for a brave and creative battle against HIV/Aids involving many groups of women and support groups of the Moravian Church in Tanzania, especially for the work of Melania Mrema-Kyando.

We are thankful for all the medical and educational engagement of the Moravian Church in Tanzania in hospitals in Mbozi and Isoko as well as in several secondary schools and vocational training centres.

We are thankful for the work of the South African cooperative "Red Cedar" in Wupperthal. With production of rooibos products they provide a good income for local people.

We pray for a soon end of construction work and for the start of teaching at “Elisabeth-Preiswerk School” in Tanzanian Ifakara, a secondary school for girls.

We pray for the South African “Elim Home”, an establishment for children and young people with disabilities, as well as for “Masangane”, the HIV/Aids campaign of the Moravian Church in South Africa.

We pray for the small and weak Moravian Church in Malawi which is struggling for solid structures but accepts social challenges, for example the “Dzaleka Refugee Camp”, nevertheless.

American region

We are thankful for further strengthening of church and social work of the Moravian Church in Cuba as well as for good relationships to our brothers and sisters in the Moravian Church in North America.

We are thankful for the construction of a new lecture hall complex on the campus of the Bible College of the Moravian Church in the Honduran Puerto Lempira as well as for all the students there.

We are thankful for the work of the American “Board of World Mission” of the Moravian Church under leadership of Judith Ganz with its twinning, fundraising and volunteer programs.

We pray for the training of theologians as well as of lay staff at the biblical seminary of the Moravian Church in Bethel/Alaska and for distributing the bible in Yup’ik language.

We pray for a solution for the worsening conflict in East Nicaragua between indigenes Miskitos and Mayangnas and invading settlers from other parts of the country.

We pray for the three upcoming district synods in the USA and Canada in April, May and June 2016 in Mt. Morris, Wautoma/WI, in Van-Es, Sherwood Park/AB and in Bethlehem/PA.

Unity undertakings and outposts

We are thankful for the loyal service of the staff at the Star Mountain Rehabilitation Centre in Palestine despite adverse environmental conditions for the benefit of children and young people with disabilities.

We are thankful for the extensive, multi-ethnic school work of the Moravian Church in North and North East India with schools and boarding schools in Rajpur, Leh, Khalatse and Binnakandi.

We are thankful for the worldwide broadcast of contents of the Unity Archives in Herrnhut with its unique holdings of archive items, music supplies, books, paintings, pictures, drawings and maps.

We pray for successful coping with physical and psychological consequences of the earthquakes in spring 2015 in Nepal and for related engagement of the local Moravian Church.

We pray for cooperation of the missionary organisations of the Moravian Church in Denmark, Germany, Great Britain, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, the USA and Canada.

We pray for the service of all bishops in the worldwide Moravian Church involved with pastoral care, rogation, spiritual equipping, unification, conflict management and ordination.

European region (altogether)

We are thankful for the work related to publishing the Daily Watchwords that connects us to hundred thousands of Christians around the world and of any denomination.

We are thankful for our transnational sister and youth work, for the Conciliar Process for Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation, for the future workshops and for the “Count Zinzendorf Foundation”.

We are thankful for cooperation with the nine seniority churches in Czech Republic, for common events on occasion of the Hus anniversary as well as for the new church of the Moravian Church in Praha.

We pray for the synod of the European Continental Province from 21st to 27th of May 2016 in Bad Boll, especially for all considerations concerning the structure of the synod and the financial matters.

We pray for the synod of the British Province from 8th to 11th of July 2016 in Swanwick and for their schools in Ockbrook and Fulneck with 850 students altogether.

We pray for the search for suitable staff for preaching, for candidates for church councils and for the work in church audit offices and church offices.

Work in the Netherlands

We are thankful for opportunities provided by the triple anniversary of the church in Amsterdam Stad & Flevoland: 80 years Moravian Church Amsterdam, 50 years independent church, 20 years “Konigskerk”.

We are thankful for the schools of the Moravian Church in Amsterdam-Zuidoost and Zeist, for the youth work with Deborah de Graav, Shinelva Kléberg and Ivonne Stam within the church and beyond.

We pray for the started future process “Atelier van de toekomst” with the following topics: church being active in its environment, church and youth, church and communication, church and testimony.

We pray for the process of content-related and financial reorientation of the “Zeister Zendinggenootschap” and for fostering the special relations to the Suriname Province.

We pray for the work in the diaspora and the search for appropriate ways of cooperation as well as for a continuation of dialogues with the Evangelic brother and sister church.

Work in Germany

We are thankful for our kindergartens, old people’s and care homes, schools, organisations, conference and guest houses, die foundations “Diakonissenanstalt Emmaus” and “Herrnhuter Diakonie”.

We are thankful for the great commitment in the work with refugees, especially for the opportunity to take them into our homes and help them integrate into society.

We pray for volunteers from Germany who are preparing for their service abroad, and for Anthea Appel and Raylene Williams from South Africa who currently work in Germany.

We pray for success for three big construction projects in Herrnhut: Rebuilding the Special Dducation School, rebuilding the Zinzendorf Secondary School and renovating the church hall.

We pray for the newly founded community “Haltestelle” in Cottbus and its leading committee: for the diverse work with fathers, mothers, families and refugees as well as social work and one-world work.

Work in the rest of Europe

We are thankful for the opportunity of the Moravian Church to contribute with its testimony to the work done by “House of Religions” on Europe Square in Bern (Switzerland).

We are thankful for nice and multifunctional centres that exist for groups of the Moravian Church in Albania, specifically in Tirana, Pogradec (city and camp site), Burrel and Elbasan.

We pray for ongoing church development in Latvia under leadership of Gundars Ceipe and for the community of teachers and students at “Christian-David School” in Madona.

We pray for the ecumenically oriented work of the Moravian Church in Sweden, especially for the work with marginal groups in Stockholm and the efforts for church development in Goteborg.

We pray for the small groups of the Moravian Church in Estonia and their search for a place within church scene and society as well as for preservation of the old praying halls.

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More topics: <http://www.homemoravian.org/files/2014/5281/0489/2016-Unity-Prayer-Watch-Topics.pdf>