



WCF Prayer:

Chapter 26- Of The Communion Of The Saints

Gracious Lord and Heavenly Father,

We come before you with grateful hearts and amazed that your Spirit unites us by faith to Jesus Christ, our Head.

We confess that this stretches our understand as to how in this union we share in all that was—and is—His: His sufferings, His death, His resurrection and amazingly His glory.

Lord, while we confess our limitations in understanding this, we acknowledge the reality of this gracious blessing to us. This union is so real it is both life giving and life-filling. Thank you, Lord.

Heavenly Father, we praise you for the union we also have with one another.

- We thank you that the gifts, personalities and experiences you give to your people are to be shared. We acknowledge that all that is given to one is for the benefit of all your people.
- Lord, open our hearts to see one another in all our needs and help us to serve one another—publicly and privately—using the gifts you have given us to build one another up for physical and spiritual good.

Gracious God, strengthen our commitment to the fellowship of believers.

As you have set us apart with and for one another, may our fellowship be directed to you in devoted worship. Open our hearts to seek your face with other as we serve you together. Grant us the strength to build each other up in knowledge, bearing one another's burdens with the abilities you have given us.

Living God, expand our vision of your Kingdom. May we see our fellowship not as something limited by walls or national borders, but as a bond of fellowship with all in every place, who call upon the name of the Lord Jesus.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we worship you with humility, knowing that while we are wonderfully united to Jesus Christ and share in His graces, we do not however share in His divinity. We claim no divine status, nor equality with Jesus in any way. Forgive us if we should ever be so arrogant or mistaken to equate

ourselves with our Lord and Saviour. Save us from such unholy arrogance and even blasphemy.

God of all good gifts, we recognize that our communion with one another does not remove our right to personal wealth and the personal responsibility for stewarding that wealth. Grant us grace and wisdom to manage all that you give us for your glory and the care of your people.

To you be all praise. **Amen.**