

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2007

18.01.07 - 25.01.07



Traditionally, the week is observed from 18 to 25 January in the northern hemisphere but in other parts of the world it is observed around Pentecost. The resources are offered in the hope that they will be appropriately modified to suit particular local situations and that they will continue to be used throughout the year.

**"He even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak"**

(Mark 7: 31-37)

This is the theme of the 2007 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. An annual event, the Week of Prayer is a significant time during which churches around the world express their longing for and commitment to Christian unity.

Resources for the Week are jointly prepared, translated into French, German, Spanish and Portuguese, and published by the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity and the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches (WCC). They include the outline of an ecumenical worship service, an introduction to the theme for the week, and eight sets of daily Bible readings and meditations.



Detail of tapestry in the Ecumenical Centre, Geneva, main conference hall

Each year, a local ecumenical group prepares the source material. Lay persons, pastors and priests in Umlazi-Bhekithemba, South Africa, carried out this task for 2007, and a description of the ecumenical situation in South Africa is included in the resources. Additional prayers and songs are also available.

It is hoped that some of this material will be used at Holy Cross Church.