

**Prayers for use in celebration of the 21st anniversary of
An Anglican-Methodist Covenant**

Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

See, how good and joyful it is:

To live together in unity.

Opening prayer

Let us pray:

**Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession

When we have brought discredit on the gospel
Lord, forgive.

Christ, have mercy.

When we have broken the unity of the Church
Lord, forgive.

Christ, have mercy.

When we have failed in our love for others
Lord, forgive.

Christ, have mercy.

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**

Collect

Gracious God,
send your Holy Spirit
upon your church and people,
that they may build each other up in holiness and peace;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

from John Wesley's A Collection of Forms of Prayer, 1733

Intercessions

Lord, you call us to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
We pray for those who lack hope or are worried about the future.

Help us to bring Good News to the World.

Lord, you call us to teach, baptise and nurture new believers.
We pray for all those who are learning how to follow you.

Help us to teach and support one another.

Lord, you call us to respond to human need by loving service.
We pray for those who suffer in body, mind or Spirit,
and for those who bring comfort and healing.

Help us to meet you through those in need.

Lord, you call us to transform unjust structures of society,
to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.
We pray for all who suffer because of injustice, conflict or prejudice.

Help us to transform society so that it reflects your righteousness and peace.

Lord, you call us to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.
We pray for places where creation has been damaged,
and for those who long for positive change.

Help us to treasure creation as a gift from you.

Lord, help us to work together,
as fellow disciples with a common mission.
Help us to find hope and unity in our shared life,
as we seek to follow you.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A prayer for the 21st anniversary year of An Anglican-Methodist Covenant

Gracious God,
Your Son Jesus has called us to be his friends and in friendship to love one another.
We pray that we might recognise and grasp all opportunities to grow closer to one another in your name.

In this anniversary year, we thank you for the Anglican-Methodist Covenant in which
we have committed ourselves to realise more deeply our common life and mission.

We pray that maturity and familiarity will not engender complacency but renewed enthusiasm to
grow in Christ, together seeking the transformation of the world.

In penitence for our continued division and in hope for the future together,

We pray in the name of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit,

Amen.

The Revd Ruth Gee, Co-Chair of the Life in Covenant Group

Closing Prayer

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**