

CHRISTLICHE BEWEGUNGEN UND GEMEINSCHAFTEN **MITEINANDER FÜR EUROPA**  
CHRISTIAN MOVEMENTS AND COMMUNITIES **TOGETHER FOR EUROPE**  
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MOVIMENTI E COMUNITÀ CRISTIANI **INSIEME PER L'EUROPA**  
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MOVIMIENTOS Y COMUNIDADES CRISTIANOS **JUNTOS POR EUROPA**  
MOVIMENTOS E COMUNIDADES CRISTÃS **JUNTOS PELA EUROPA**  
ΧΡΙΣΤΙΑΝΙΚΕΣ ΚΙΝΗΣΕΙΣ ΚΑΙ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΕΣ **ΜΑΖΙ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΕΥΡΩΠΗ**



# Prayer for Europe

On the way to 9th May 2025

## TOGETHER FOR EUROPE

... is an initiative of over 300 Christian Communities and Movements from different Churches across Europe. The charisms, the gifts God gives us in these Communities and Movements, have led us on the path of fraternity and communion. In this fraternity and communion, we see the vocation of Europe. Our fraternity is born from the love of the Gospel, which excludes no one. That is why we have always renewed the covenant of mutual love that Jesus gave us in his Gospel. Today we renew this covenant.

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## THE COVENANT OF MUTUAL LOVE

Jesus says: **I give you a new commandment: that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.** (John 13:34-35)

‘Jesus, on this day we say yes to your commandment and renew our covenant of mutual love. We want to love one another as you have loved us. Please strengthen our love with the action of the Holy Spirit and be in our midst as you have promised. Work in us and through us as we work together for your kingdom’.

## LET US PRAY FOR NINE DAYS – A NOVENA

The oldest novena in Christianity is the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost, when the apostles, gathered around Jesus' mother, received the Holy Spirit.

We want to pray in the nine days leading up to Europe Day on 9 May. Let us pray together again this year for our continent and for what our network cares about.

Thomas Römer, YMCA Monaco

## JESUS SAYS: 'I AM WITH YOU' - PRAYING FOR EUROPE

**WEDNESDAY 30.04.2025**

**DAY 1**

Jesus Christ says: 'I am with you always'. (Mt 28:20)  
Let us pray for Europe.

**THURSDAY 01.05.2025**

**DAY 2**

Jesus Christ says: 'I am the bread of life'. (Jn 6:35)  
Let us pray for life.

**FRIDAY 02.05.2025**

**DAY 3**

Jesus Christ says: 'I am the light of the world'. (Jn 8:12)  
Let us pray for marriages and families.

**SATURDAY 03.05.2025**

**DAY 4**

Jesus Christ says: 'I am the door'. (Jn 10:9)  
Let us pray for creation.

**SUNDAY 04.05.2025**

**DAY 5**

Jesus Christ says: 'I am the good shepherd'. (Jn 10:11)  
Let us pray for a just economy.

**MONDAY 05.05.2025**

**DAY 6**

Jesus Christ says: 'I am the resurrection and the life'. (Jn 11:25)  
Let us pray for solidarity with the poor.

**TUESDAY 06.05.2025**

**DAY 7**

Jesus Christ says: 'I am the way, the truth and the life'. (Jn 14:6)  
Let us pray for peace.

**WEDNESDAY 07.05.2025**

**DAY 8**

Jesus Christ says: 'I am the vine'. (Jn 15:6)  
Let us pray for accountability in our society.

**THURSDAY 08.05.2025**

**DAY 9**

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life' (Jn 3:16)  
Let us pray for Europe.

## DAY 1

**Jesus Christ says:**

**‘I am with you always, to the end of the world’. (Mt 28:20)**

**Jesus Christ,**

You are with your disciples, with us, in our families, in your Church, in the communities where we live, in our cities, in our countries, in Europe and in the world.



**We trust in your promise** that you are with us and will never leave us alone.

We celebrate the fact that you have risen from the dead.

Because you are with us, nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Because you are with us, today we sing God's praises and confess:

‘Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and great in love’.

(Psalm 145:8)

**Let us pray for Europe:**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for Europe, the continent in which we are privileged to live. We thank you for the apostles who brought us the Gospel of Jesus. We thank you for all the fathers and mothers of the faith who have faithfully believed in your mercy in an exemplary manner. We pray for all those living in Europe, for all peoples, cities and regions, that we may find ways to live together in peace and genuine joy for one another. Help us as Christian Communities and Movements to make our contribution for a Europe rich in humanity. Amen.

**Today we pray for:**

- **Albania**
- **Andorra**
- **Belgium**
- **Bosnia ed Herzegovina**
- **Bulgaria**

## DAY 2

**Jesus Christ says:**

**‘I am the bread of life;**

whoever comes to me shall hunger no more

and whoever believes in me shall thirst no more’. (Jn 6:35)



**Jesus Christ,**

You are the bread of life for us, for our families, for your Church, for the communities in which we live, for our neighbours in the cities and regions, for the peoples of Europe, for the whole world.

**Please, we beseech you,**

quench our every hunger and thirst for life, peace, meaning and salvation. Satisfy us with your closeness and your Word. Help us to trust in you and to remain with you. We wait for You. Amen.

**Let us pray for life**

We pray for all those who are committed to human life at all stages of its development. We pray for doctors, nurses, midwives, for all those who work in the social professions. Protect and preserve all human life. Amen.

**Today we pray for:**

- Denmark
- Germany
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Greece

## DAY 3

**Jesus Christ says:**

**‘I am the light of the world;**

whoever follows me shall not walk in darkness,  
but shall have the light of life’. (Jn 8:12)



**Jesus Christ,**

You are the light for us, for our families, for your Church, for the communities in which we live, for our neighbours in the cities and regions, for the peoples of Europe, for the whole world.

**Please, we beseech you,**

dispel the darkness with your light, illuminate all dark thoughts and plots. Enlighten those who do not know you. Let us sigh in your nearness, your grace and your love. We want to see our lives and our time in the light of your love. In you we hope. Amen.

**Let us pray for marriages and families:**

Father in Heaven, we ask your light for all marriages and families in Europe, that they may live together reconciled, that they may be places of peace, love and justice. We pray for all those committed to marriage and family, that they may be filled with the light of your love and grace. Amen.

**Today we pray for**

- Ireland
- Iceland
- Italy
- Kazakhstan
- Kosovo
- Croatia

## DAY 4

**Jesus Christ says:**

**‘I am the door:**

if anyone enters through me

he shall be saved;

he shall go in and out and find pasture’. (Jn 10:9)



**Jesus Christ,**

You are the door of life for us, for our families, for your Church, for the communities in which we live, for our neighbours in the cities and regions, for the peoples of Europe, for the whole world.

**Please, we beseech you,**

open the door of life for us. Wherever we find ourselves in dead-end situations, be the door that shows us the way to freedom. Open our eyes that we may see and recognise you. Guide us and lead us along the paths that you open for us. We trust in you. Amen.

**Let us pray for creation:**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your creation, for the earth you have entrusted to us to cultivate and care for. Support us and all those who strive to protect nature, the climate and the environment. In all our endeavours we trust in you and hope for your saving help, that your will may be done on earth. Amen.

**Today we pray for:**

- Latvia
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Moldova

## DAY 5

**Jesus Christ says:**

**‘I am the good shepherd.**

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep’. (Jn 10:11)

**Jesus Christ,**

You are the good shepherd for us, for our families, for your Church, for the communities in which we live, for our neighbours in the cities and regions, for the peoples of Europe, for the whole world.

**Please, we beseech you,**

good shepherd Jesus Christ, to guide us on our life paths. Help us to hear and recognise your voice. We want to follow you. We pray for all those who have lost their way in life, that they may know that you will seek them, will find them and will bring them home. Amen.

**Let us pray for a fair economy:**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the work that enables us to earn a living. We ask you for a just way of administering the economy, one that is oriented to the needs of each person and of all humanity.

**Please, we beseech you,**

Illuminate all those who have responsibilities in the economic field. Give them strength, wisdom and joy, that they may help to combat hunger, poverty and suffering in the world, and that all may have what they need to live. Amen.

**Today we pray for:**

- Monaco
- Montenegro
- The Netherlands
- North Macedonia
- Norway
- Austria



## DAY 6

**Jesus Christ says:**

**‘I am the resurrection and the life;**

he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live’. (Jn 11:25)

**Jesus Christ,**

You are the resurrection and the life for us, for our families, for your Church, for the communities in which we live, for our neighbours in the cities and regions, for the peoples of Europe, for the whole world.

**Please, we beseech you,**

renew and revive us with the power of your resurrection. You are close to us; therefore, we say yes to life for all men and women. Because you are with us, we stand for life and proclaim your love, your grace, your faithfulness and mercy. In you we hope today and every day of our lives. Amen.

**Let us pray in solidarity with the poor:**

Heavenly Father, we pray for the poor, the suffering, the sick near and far. We pray for those who, in addition to the yoke of poverty, have to endure humiliation; for those who feel guilty because they do not work, do not have housing or a residence permit, or because they go need to go begging. We pray for those who are alone. We pray because we know that your Son, our Lord Jesus, is the resurrection and the life. Let us pray: Create justice for the poor and the disadvantaged. And give us, and all those with political responsibility, a heart that cares for the poor. Amen.

**Today we pray for:**

- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russia
- San Marino
- Sweden

## DAY 7

**Jesus Christ says:**

**‘I am the way, the truth and the life;**

**no one comes to the Father but by me’. (Jn 14:6)**

**Jesus Christ,**

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**Please, we beseech you,**

lead us in your ways. Keep us and our hearts close to your heart and word. Make us partakers of your life, your love, your grace and mercy. We want to hear you. Amen.

**Let us pray for peace:**

Heavenly Father, we stand before you and ask for peace. We ask you for reconciliation and peace between peoples, peace in our cities, peace in our homes, peace within us. We hope in Jesus, your Son. He is the way, the truth and the life. Strengthen our trust in him. We pray for all those who seek paths to peace, that they may have patience and wisdom. We pray that the messengers of peace will be heard. Amen.

**Today we pray for:**

- Switzerland
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Czech Republic

## DAY 8

**Jesus Christ says:**

**‘I am the vine; you are the branches.**

He who abides in me and I in him

bears much fruit;

for without me you can do nothing’. (Jn 15:5)



**Jesus Christ,**

You are the vine for us, for our families, for your Church, for the communities in which we live, for our neighbours in the cities and regions, for the peoples of Europe, for the whole world.

**Please, we beseech you,**

that we may remain always, and in all things, united with you. We yearn for a fruitful life. As the vine provides life to its branches, so we ask that your love may determine our lives. Jesus Christ, we want to be close to you. We want to remain with you. Amen.

**Let us pray for ourselves and for all those who have responsibilities in our society.**

Heavenly Father, help us to remain united with you in our daily lives, to practise Christian love and thus build an environment in which willingness to commit ourselves to our neighbour and the common good grows. Give us strength and perseverance in our commitment, so that the cities and regions in which we live may become places of peaceful encounter between different generations and cultures. Amen.

**Today we pray for:**

- Turkey
- Ukraine
- Hungary
- Vatican
- United Kingdom
- Belarus

## DAY 9

### **‘For God so loved the world**

that he gave his only Son

that whosoever believeth in him should not perish

but have eternal life’. (Jn 3:16)

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### **The Gospel of God’s love**

is valid for us, for our families, for the Church, for the communities in which we live, for our neighbours in the cities and regions, for the peoples of Europe, for the whole world.

### **Jesus Christ,**

we thank you because you came from heaven to earth, for us. Today you come to us with the Gospel and show us the love of God the Father, who does not want us to be lost. Please help us to believe; unite us in love for you and with each other. We trust in you. Amen.

### **Let us pray for Europe:**

Heavenly Father, merciful God, we thank you for Europe, the continent in which we live. Thank you for the variety of languages and cultures. Thank you for the richness of traditions and history.

We want express to you our sorrow for all the darkness, all the wars, all the injustice and guilt in the history in which we are involved. Deliver us and give us a deep and lasting reconciliation with one another.

We pray for all those living in Europe, that we may have the courage to walk the paths of brotherhood and peace.

Just as at the beginning of the history of the Gospel in Europe, when a European asked the Apostle Paul in a dream: ‘Come here and help us’ (Acts 16:9-10), so we ask you today: ‘Help us, send us the Holy Spirit again, that he may keep us united to Jesus Christ, strengthen our faith and love, guide us and enlighten us’. Amen.