

Prayer for the National Council of Churches

Lord, we pray for your church in Australia and across the world.

We recall Jesus' prayer in the garden of Gethsemane that all who believe "may be brought to complete unity."¹

We thank you for the National Council of Churches, which is one expression of visible unity for the Australian Church.

We pray for the National Council of Churches' forum in June, that your Spirit will lead your people as churches together seek your will.

We recall the words of Scripture: "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all".²

We pray for wisdom for the Heads of Churches and Church representatives, that they may discern together the invitation of your Spirit.

May they faithfully represent their own church families and bring a gift of grace to the whole church.

May your spirit of love, unity, gentleness and grace pervade all conversations.

May the National Council of Churches be a truly prophetic voice to your people and to our nation.

We ask for your blessing in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

¹ John 17:23

² James 1:5