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Dear brothers and sisters,

We have entered the week of prayer for unity of Christians. The terrible war in Ukraine, is once again an expression of incomprehensible scandal of division among Christians. This division is felt many times even among us, in our communities, where there is no understanding of one another.

Let us enter this week with the spirit of humility, which unites us with Christ; God that made Himself "Humility", let us enter into ourselves with the spirit of repentance and love for the Church.

In this week, the prayers are organized in the following churches:

- Sunday 22: at **St. John's Anglican Church**
- Monday 23: **St. Helen Church in Karşıyaka**
- Wednesday 25: **St. Polycarp Church**
- Saturday 28: **Orthodox Church, Hagia Fotini**, closing service.

Beginning of prayer is always at 7 p.m.

I cordially invite you to participate in the prayer that signifies the goodwill gesture of all of us, at the same time the desire to make true the words of Jesus spoken at the Last Supper: "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (Jn 17:21).

I take this opportunity to greet you wishing you all good things in the Lord Jesus, our teacher and our Redeemer.

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