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- Pray
- Kids can pray

<sup>5</sup> May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, <sup>6</sup> so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. **Romans 15:5-7 (NIV11)**

<sup>20</sup> “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, <sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one... <sup>23</sup> so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

**John 17:20-21a, 23b (NIV11)**

### Why Pray for Unity?

- Because we desperately \_\_\_\_\_ each other.

<sup>4</sup> Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, <sup>5</sup> so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

**Romans 12:4-5 (NLT)**

- Because the world will \_\_\_\_\_ God’s love.

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. **Romans 15:7 (NIV2011)**

<sup>34</sup> “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” **John 13:34-35 (NIV2011)**

- Because we can do infinitely more \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>32</sup> All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all <sup>34</sup> that there were no needy persons among them.

**Acts 4:32-34a (NIV2011)**

### My Next Step Today Is To...

- Commit to pray for the next seven days Romans 15:5-7, for myself, for those I love, and for my church.
- As for forgiveness for anything that I’ve said or done which was brought disunity to the body.
- Live in a way that builds up the body of Christ (the church) both in my local church, my community and around the globe.
- Respond to the Holy Spirit that is inviting me to give my life to God so that his love can transform my life, by forgiving my sins and showing me how to live for him every day.