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[YOUR ORGANIZATION(S)] TO CELEBRATE THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
CHRISTIAN UNITY WITH [TYPE OF SERVICE/EVENT NAME]

[City, State, Date sending out] — On January [DAY] at [TIME], the congregations of [LIST PARTICIPANTS] will join together at [PLACE OF EVENT] in an ecumenical celebration of the Word of God to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which is observed each year from January 18-25. [NAME] from [ORGANIZATION] will speak. Choirs from [ORGANIZATION] will take part. The public is cordially invited to attend.

“The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity emphasizes the importance of coming together as a community. Prayer is something all Christians have in common and we need to focus on what unites us rather than what separates us,” said [NAME OF ORGANIZER]. “This week gives us the opportunity to open ourselves up to our neighbors while people in cities, town and villages across the country and around the world are doing the same thing.”

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a worldwide celebration which began in 1908 at Graymoor in Garrison, NY, home of the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement. Every year since 1968 the text and theme are jointly chosen and prepared by representatives of the World Council of Churches and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. The theme for this year’s observance is “Pray without ceasing.” (I Thes. 12a, 13b-18)

The service at [PLACE OF EVENT] is being sponsored by [NAMES AND RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS OF PARTICIPANTS]. For more information about the service, please call [Contact #].

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