



**World Council
of Churches**



**World Communion
of Reformed Churches**

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To :

WCC member churches
WCRC member churches

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The World Council of Churches and the World Communion of Reformed Churches are calling their member churches to observe, on 13 August, a "Sunday of Prayer for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula."

The theme for the prayer is based on Romans 14:19: "Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding." The day of prayer occurs two days before Liberation Day in Korea (15 August), during which people celebrate Korea's liberation from Japanese colonization.

The joint prayer was prepared by the Korean Christian Federation (KCF) from North Korea and the National Council of Churches in Korea (NCCCK) from South Korea. Additional liturgical materials are available at : www.oikoumene.org.

Parishes and individuals across the world are invited to pray for the reconciliation and healing of the divided Korean peninsula. The prayer is an important part of our growing movement to overcome the antagonism that divides the Korean Peninsula and continue to open interaction between communities, churches and people.

We believe churches across the world can, through prayer, help foster an environment in which peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula can flourish. Please join us in creating a spirit of cooperation and solidarity among the churches of the world as we recognize that peace on the Korean Peninsula is part of our worldwide pilgrimage of justice and peace.

In Christ,

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