

Chair of Unity Octave Prayers

Every year, from the feast of St Peter's Chair at Rome on Jan 18 to the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on Jan 25, we observe a special week of prayer for the conversion of non-Catholics to the Faith. The official prayers for the octave will be prayed after daily Mass. Please include this all-important intention for unity in your other prayers, sacrifices and good works.

Official Prayer

Antiphon: "That they all may be one, as Thou, Father, in Me and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou has sent Me." (John 17:21)

V. I say unto thee that thou art Peter,

R. And upon this Rock I will build My Church.

Let us pray: O Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst say to Thine Apostles: peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; look not upon my sins but upon the faith of Thy Church and vouchsafe unto her that peace and unity which are agreeable to Thy Will. Who livest and reignest God forever and ever. Amen.

An indulgence of 200 days during the octave of prayers for the unity of the Church from the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome to the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions at the end of the devout exercise.

Other Prayers

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is that all men should be saved and that none should perish, look upon the souls that are deceived by the guile of Satan, in order that the hearts of them that have gone astray may put aside all the perverseness of heresy and being truly repentant, may return to the unity of Thy truth. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

From the Roman Missal. An indulgence of 3 years.

Lord Jesus, merciful Savior of the world, we humbly beseech Thee by Thy Most Sacred Heart, that all the straying sheep may turn unto Thee, the Shepherd and Bishop of their souls: Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

An indulgence of 500 days (Pope St. Pius X, rescript in his own hand, Oct 26, 1905. S. P. Ap., June 5, 1933.)

Daily Intentions for the Octave

Jan. 18- *Feast of St. Peters Chair at Rome*- Return of all the other sheep to the one True Fold

Jan. 19- The return of all Greek and Russian Schismatics

Jan. 20- The return of Anglicans to the True Church

Jan. 21- The conversion of the Lutherans

Jan 22- The conversion of all other Protestants

Jan 23- The return to the Sacraments of lapsed Catholics

Jan 24- The conversion of the Jews

Jan 25- *Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul*- The missionary conquest of the world for Christ