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**Ecumenical Prayer Service Celebrates Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

\_\_*(Your\_City,\_State\_and\_Date)*                 *(number)*          congregations, representing      *(number)*  Christian denominations, will come together for an Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God on    *(Day)*   ,     *(Date)*   .
The service, which will be held as part of the area’s observance of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, will take place at    *(Location)*    beginning at   *(Time)*  .

        *(Name)*       ,           *(Title)*            , will deliver the message.  Special music will be provided by      *(Choirs, and/or Soloists)*      .

Begun in 1908, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated each year in cities and towns across the country and around the world.

The theme for the 2013 observance is “What Does God Require of Us?” *(cf. Micah 6:6–8)* The theme and text for each year’s observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are chosen and prepared by representatives of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and representatives of the World Council of Churches. The international texts are developed, adapted and published for use in the USA by the Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute.

The      *(City or Neighborhood)*        service is sponsored by        *(Sponsoring Group)*      .   The public is cordially invited.