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To: LWF Member churches

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United in the Lord's Prayer

Dear church leaders,

Christians around the world have received an invitation from Pope Francis to unite in praying the Lord's Prayer on Wednesday, March 25. The invitation, which was extended to the LWF by Kurt Cardinal Koch, President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity, reads:

"Yesterday, Pope Francis publicly invited the Heads of Churches and the leaders of every Christian community, together with all Christians, to invoke the Almighty, Omnipotent God, by praying the Lord's Prayer simultaneously this coming Wednesday, 25 March ideally at noon Rome time, or noon local time, or at any other convenient time of the day."

We invite and encourage you to join this ecumenical initiative and ask you to share it with your churches.

As church, we can no longer gather in one place but in praying the prayer Christ taught us, we are united across our distant spaces and throughout time.

Together in prayer, we call upon God's mercy and power for healing and for an end of this pandemic.

Yours in Christ,

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