

**A church for all aspects of life
where the encounter with Jesus Christ
transforms - me, you and the world.**

The Uniting Church (Equmeniakyrkan) is a young denomination in Sweden with about 200 years of combined denominational history. Together with billions of Christians from all over the world, we believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that God loves the world, which includes both God's creatures and creation. In Jesus, God has become tangible and touchable. Through God's Spirit, God is in the world, present and involved. Jesus is God's face to the world - a light and a way out from the darkest of circumstances.

The Christian faith defies fear and hopelessness. God provides us with hope, strength and companionship in every phase of our lives. We are challenged to take responsibility for ourselves and the world around us. We are called to be ambassadors of hope that speak to an eternal life.

In the Uniting Church's congregations, tens of thousands of people from different backgrounds and from all over the country gather every Sunday to worship. We celebrate and worship even when we gather for a baptism, a wedding or a funeral.

Through the World Council of Churches, we are also members of an international family of churches with over five hundred million members. Cooperating and working together with other churches is a part of The Uniting Church's denominational identity.

The Uniting Church longs to be a church where children, youth and adults can grow in faith in respect to their various life circumstances. We offer corresponding activities for people of all ages; choral music, children's' ministry programs and various social outreach opportunities.

You too are welcome to participate and become a part of this community!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Together with the Church in the whole world
we pray together the prayer that Jesus taught
his own disciples (Matt 6:9-13):

Our Father, who art in Heaven.
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
AMEN

THE BENEDICTION

The oldest known, and most commonly used blessing in the Church is to be found in Numbers (Num 6:24-26):

May the Lord bless you, and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.

The Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace.

PRAYERS & BIBLE TEXTS

We believe that God hears your prayers.

Prayer becomes a conversation between you and God where you both listen to God and share everything that is happening in your life. Sometimes it can be helpful to have a written prayer on which to fall back. It can also be useful to make Bible verses into your own private prayers.

SERENITY PRAYER

God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can
and wisdom to know the difference.

THANK YOU

A PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

GOD. You who wants the most for my life and
has created me according to your will,
You know everything about me and lovingly embrace me:
The weakness just as much as the strengths,
the frailties as much as my fitness.
Therefore, I surrender myself to you without fear of reservation.
As clay in the potter's hands, I put my life into your hands.
Fill me with your goodness so that I may be a blessing.
I praise you in your wisdom, you who receive the weak and
the broken and place your treasure in fragile jars of clay.
AMEN

MORNING PRAYER

Here I am, Lord.
Rooted in this world, reaching out to heaven.
Ready to do your will.

Psalm 139:5

I look behind me and you're there,
then up ahead and you're there, too,
your reassuring presence, coming and going.

from ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ surrounding me,
morning, day and night.

A CHILD'S EVENING PRAYER

God who holds his children dear,
your loving eyes - draw me near.
Where ever in this world I may be,
by your hands comes joy to me.
Happiness may come - happiness may go.
God is always my Father, this I know.

John 3:16 | "The Gospel in a nutshell"

This is how much God loved the world:
He gave his Son, his one and only Son.
And this is why: so that no one need to be destroyed;
by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life.

A cry for help, from Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
Why are you so far away when I groan for help?
Every day I call to you, my God, but you do not answer.
Every night I lift my voice, but I find no relief.
Yet you brought me safely from my mother's womb
and led me to trust you at my mother's breast.
I was thrust into your arms at my birth.
You have been my God from the moment I was born.
Do not stay so far from me, for trouble is near,
and no one else can help me.

Prayer for refugees

Compassionate God. Make your loving
presence felt to refugees as you accompanied
Mary, Joseph and Jesus in their exile to Egypt.
Lead refugees to a new home and a new hope, as you
led the Holy Family to their new home in Nazareth.
Open our hearts to receive them as our
sisters and brothers in whose face
we see your Son.

AMEN

BARNENS AFTONBÖN

Gud som haver barnen kär,
se till mig som liten är.
Vart jag mig i världen vänder
står min lycka i Guds händer.
Lyckan kommer, lyckan går.
Du förbliver Fader vår.

Johannes 3:16 | "Lilla Bibeln"

Så älskade Gud världen att han gav den sin ende son,
för att de som tror på honom inte skall gå under utan ha evigt liv.

Ett rop på hjälp ur Psaltaren 22

Min Gud, min Gud, varför har du övergivit mig?
Jag ropar förtvivlat, men du är långt borta.
Min Gud, jag ropar om dagen, men du svarar inte.
Jag ropar om natten men finner ingen ro.
Från min födelsestund är mitt liv i din hand,
alltsedan jag blev till har du varit min Gud.
Dröj inte långt borta, jag är i nöd,
och ingen finns som hjälper mig.
Herre, dröj inte långt borta.
Du min styrka, skynda till min hjälp.

Bön för människor på flykt

Barmhärtige Gud. Var med de människor som är på flykt,
liksom du var med Maria, Josef och Jesus under deras
exil i Egypten. Led dem till ett nytt hem, liksom du ledde
den heliga familjen till ett nytt hem i Nasaret.
Gud, lär oss att ta emot människor som flyr
som våra bröder och systrar och
hjälp oss att i deras ansikten se din Son.
AMEN

You are always more than welcome
to a Uniting Church near you

- just as you are; body, mind and soul, with your whole life,
everything that you are carrying in you at this time.

Welcome to our Sunday worship services or maybe a fellowship
meeting or other activity during the week. Many congregations
have group courses about the Christian faith as well as
traditional Bible studies.

Besides those employed by our congregations, our churches
have many volunteer workers who are more than happy to
help you out and answer your questions. If you would like to meet
a deacon or pastor for a specific type of conversation, they have
professional confidentiality. Gladly take advantage of any of
these opportunities.

You can find a congregation near you here:
equmeniakyrkan.se/hitta-forsamling

Find more information on our web page:
equmeniakyrkan.se

Here is the Bible online in English:
biblegateway.com

WELCOME!