


*2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time -*

*A time to grow in faith...*

# *Celebration of the Word*

*Prayer Theme - Christian Unity*





*We begin with  
the sign of the cross...*

*In the name of the  
Father, and of the  
Son and of the  
Holy Spirit.*

**AMEN**



**WE  
GATHER**

**IN STILLNESS AND SILENCE...**

**We begin this time of  
prayer being still...**

**Close your eyes...**

**Let all noises and distractions  
disappear and prepare yourself  
to meet Jesus in scripture...**

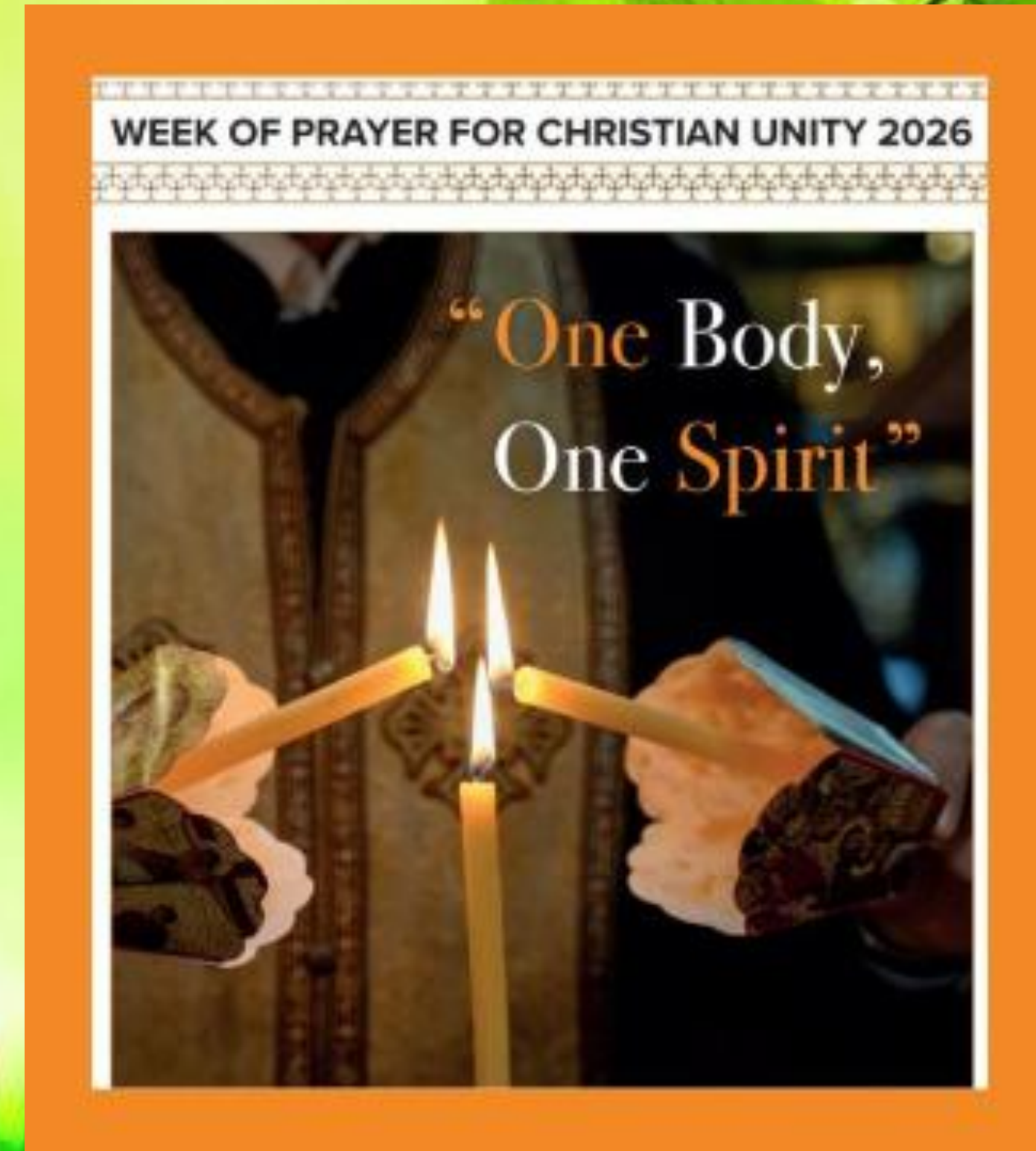


Our prayer theme this week is

## Christian Unity.

- I wonder what that means to you...
- I wonder when you have experienced being with other Christians...
- I wonder why **unity** is important...

# WE GATHER







WE LISTEN TO  
THE WORD OF GOD



**A reading from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians (4:4-6).**

*There is one body and one Spirit*

*—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call —*

*one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is  
over all and through all and in all.*



WE RESPOND

**How did today's scripture speak  
to you?**

***Take a moment to pause and  
reflect on unity...***





# So what is Christian Unity?

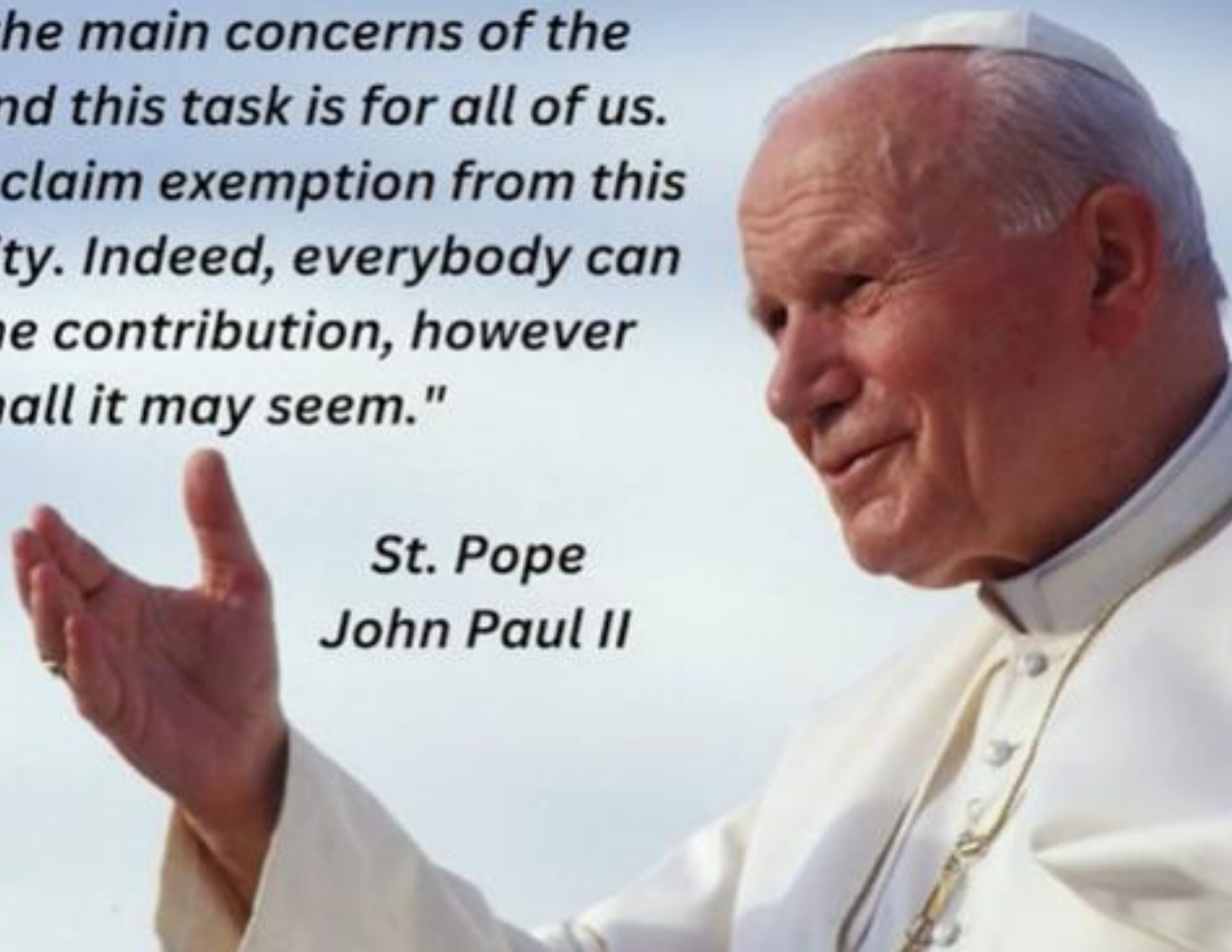
- It is a week of prayer that runs from the 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January each year and began over 100 years ago.
- It is a time when all Christians focus on what unites rather than what divides; a time to pray and worship TOGETHER in unity.
- It is a time for prayer from all the different Christian traditions to be shared and celebrated.
- It is a time for Christian communities to visit each others' churches, share experiences and friendships, to remember that we are ONE - following Jesus' commandment to Love One Another.
- It is the reflection of the Holy Trinity present in human life.
- It is the call from Jesus to be his hands and feet in the world through praying and working together.



# Why does Christian Unity matter?

*"Restoration of unity among Christians is one of the main concerns of the Church... and this task is for all of us. No one can claim exemption from this responsibility. Indeed, everybody can make some contribution, however small it may seem."*

*St. Pope  
John Paul II*





# UNITY IN CHRIST



So what does Christian Unity look like?

Through  
prayers for-

Forgiveness

Love

Patience

Humility

Equality

Leads to-

PEACE





## How can I be involved?

- Remember to pray for Christian Unity this week -

PEACE  
LOVE  
HARMONY  
JUSTICE



- Your prayers will carry others when they are weary and hold them before God in their times of need, just as you are held in God's arms when others pray for you.
- We are creating a prayer chain in the chapel this week. Visit at breaktime to add your prayer to the chain - **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



As God is  
ONE  
we are all  
ONE  
in Christ





*Let us pray ...*

Dear Loving Father,

Today as we pray, we seek unity among our blessed fellow believers. Lord help us to be one in Christ and one in Spirit;  
as one body.

Give us the courage and love to stand up for  
our brothers and sisters around the world.

Today, as we observe this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,  
we seek your peace and joy  
through the mighty name of Jesus

**Amen.**

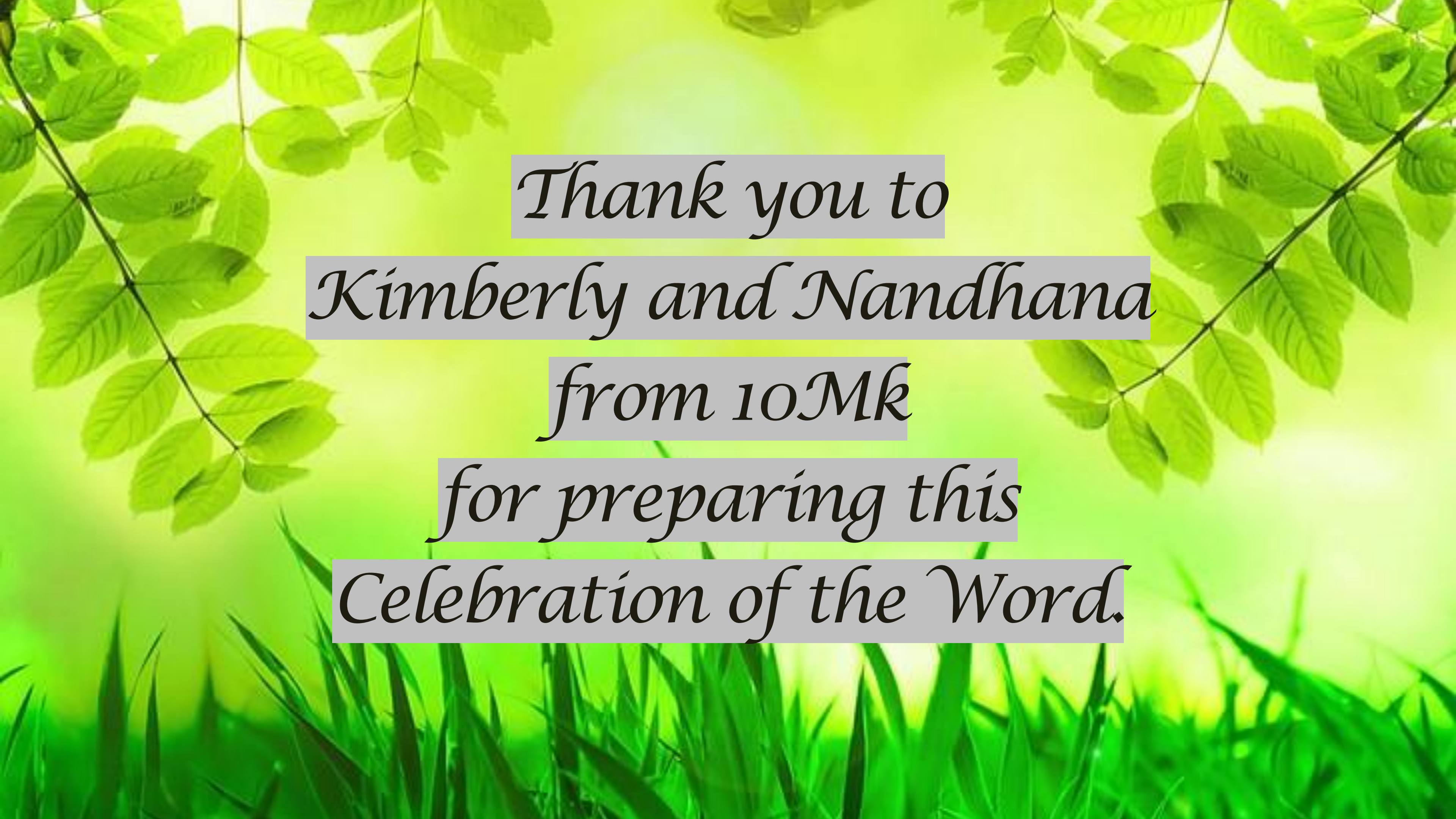
St Augustine, pray for us.  
St Cuthbert, pray for us.



We close our time of  
prayer with the sign of  
the cross. You  
take this gift of  
the Father, the Son and the  
Holy Spirit, Amen.







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Celebration of the Word.*



