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From the 18th to the 25th of January is celebrated in many parts of the world the Week of prayer for Christian unity, which in other places is held at Pentecost. This year, the phrase chosen for the Week of prayer is: «Is Christ divided?» (1 Cor 1 : 13).

«Jesus Christ, the only foundation of the Church» (cf. 1 Cor 3,) 1

The year was 50 when Paul came to Corinth; the great city of Greece is famous for its important commercial port and animated by its multiple streams of thought. During 18 months, the apostle announced the Gospel there, and laid the foundation of a flourishing Christian community. After him, others continued the work of evangelization. But the new Christians were at the risk of sticking to the people who carried the message of Christ rather than Christ himself. And thus were born the different factions: «I am of Paul,» said one; and others, referring to his apostle preferred: «I am of Apollo's,» or: «I am of Peter.» Before the division that was disturbed to the community, Paul says firmly that the builders of the Church, by comparing it with a building or a temple, there may be many, but one is the foundation, the living stone: Jesus Christ

Above all, this month, during the «Week of prayer for Christian unity», the Churches and Ecclesial Communities remind together that Christ is the only foundation, and that only by adhering to It and living their unique Gospel can find the full and visible unity among them. «Jesus Christ, the only foundation of the Church» to Base our life in Christ means to be one with Him, to think as He thinks, to want what He wants, to live as He lived. But how do you build, ourselves in Him? How to become one with Him? Putti what is certain is that every Word, although expressed in human terms is different, it is the Word of God; but as God is Love, every Word is a charity. Then, how can we live this month? How shaking Christ, «the only foundation of the Church»? Loving as He taught us. «Love and do what you want», st. Augustine said, almost synthesizing the rule of evangelical life, because loving you can't go wrong, but that you will comply in full with the will of God. Chiara Lubichng into practice the Gospel. Jesus is the Word, that is, the Word of God incarnate. And if He is the Word, which he took on human nature, we shall be true Christians, if we are men and women that permeate the entire life of the Word of God. If we live up to his words, it is more, if their words we live up to make us «living Words», we are one with Him, shook Him; he no longer lives the I or the us, but the Word at all. We think that living in this way we will contribute to the unity between all Christians to become a reality. As well as the body breathe to live, the soul, to live, live the Word of God. One of the first-fruits is that Jesus is born in us and among us. This causes a change in mentality: injected into the hearts of all, are they European, Asian, Australian, American or African, the same feelings of Christ to the circumstances, the people and the society. [...] To live the Word releases of human preconditions, brings joy, peace, simplicity, fullness of life, light; to do that we adhere to Christ, we transformed little by little in others It. «Jesus Christ, the only foundation of the Church,» But there is one Word that sums up all the others, and it is love: to love God and neighbor. Jesus summed up in it, «all the Law and the Prophets» (Mt 22 : 40).

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