To CEC Member Churches
National Councils of Churches
Organisations in Partnership

Brussels, 23 March 2020

Esteemed Church leaders,
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Conference of European Churches has today received the attached letter from The Vatican. At a time when our world is dramatically affected by COVID-19, Pope Francis has invited us to unite in this prayer at the same time, this Wednesday March 25 at 12 noon.

During these times of global uncertainty, we need signs of unity and hope. The prayer that has been taught to us by Christ unites Christianity across space and time. Christians of all countries, and Christians of all times have addressed God with these words which invoke the coming of his reign.

The world today calls us to be united. Not only fighting against this devastating pandemic, but also in order to support one another and to feel in communion, remembering to draw lessons from this crisis.

The Conference of European Churches invites you to join in this invitation from Pope Francis by disseminating information by all means available to you, encouraging your congregations and communities to join the prayer in an ecumenical spirit of Christian fellowship.

Yours in Christ,

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