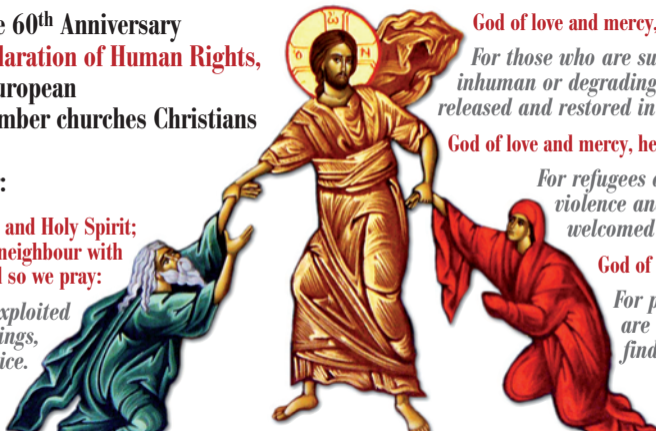**O**n the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights,** the Conference of European Churches invites all its member churches Christians and people of good will, to use the following prayer:

Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; you call us to love you and our neighbour with every part of our lives. And so we pray:

For people held in slavery and exploited by trafficking in human beings, that they find liberation and justice.

God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.

For those who are subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, that they are released and restored in their dignity.

God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.

For refugees and asylum-seekers fleeing violence and persecution, that they are welcomed and feel safe.

God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.

For political prisoners and all who are unjustly detained, that they find freedom in justice and peace.

God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.

For people who are persecuted or discriminated against for their faith or beliefs, that their human dignity is respected.

God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.

For people who lack the basic needs of life such as food, water, shelter and have care, that they may the fullness of life.

God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.

For all those who cannot speak openly and those who are not allowed to gather freely, that their rights are restored and their voice is heard.

God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.

For all people whose lives have been damaged and disfigured by the prejudice, cruelty and indifference of others, that they are healed and find peace.

God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.

Father of all whose creation suffers at cruel and indifferent hands give us grace neither to act cruelly nor to stand indifferently by but to defend the weak from the tyranny of the strong. In the name of Jesus Christ who died for us but is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God now and for ever. **Amen**