

170 years and still travelling

Gracious God, we thank you for who you are.
God of grace and mercy
Lord of compassion and faithfulness.
Gracious God we thank you that you are unity.
Father, Son and Holy Spirit relating in truth, love and unity.
United in purpose and compassion
Triune God dancing in love and holiness.

Gracious God we thank you that you have called us to be a united people on earth.
You call us to forgive, respect, and to seek peace.
You call us to be a foretaste of what is to come;
When people of every tribe, tongue and nation will be united in adoration of Jesus.

Together, lost in wonder, captured by a tearless vision of beauty and grace in the face of Jesus.
Gracious God, it is when we seek unity in Jesus that the world will believe that the Father sent the Son.

Lord, we thank you for the work of the Evangelical Alliance.
We thank you for all who has sought unity in the body of Christ
We thank you for every supporter and staff member, each one praying, working, sharing,
To see your kingdom come.

Thank you for your faithfulness over 170 years.

Lord, there are always challenges to unity
Forgive us Lord when we have looked down on others
Forgive us Lord when we have wanted our way at the cost of others
Forgive us Lord if we have talked badly of others

Lord make us quick to encourage others
Lord give us grace and understanding
Lord help us always to seek the peace of the body
And to glorify you.

Lord we pray for the future of the Evangelical Alliance
Grant confidence in the gospel
A desire for your glory
A passion for your name
And the love of Christ in all things

In Jesus name

Amen