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## Our Historical Conclusions

1. We honor Martin Luther as a prophet sent by God to Luther's own church, the Roman Catholic Church.
2. We lament that Luther's prophetic message was not correctly considered or responded to by his apostolic authorities.
3. We grieve the subsequent shared history of hostility – and ask the Holy Spirit to embolden us to identify with our forefathers, repent for their attitudes and actions that were not godly, forgive, and where appropriate make restitution.
4. We believe that Catholics & Protestants can and should jointly commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation.
5. We propose that Catholics & Protestants seize the opportunity to pray John 17 with Jesus on the occasion of this historic anniversary.
6. We believe that in preparation for Jesus' return, the Holy Spirit will move again as Malachi prophesied, "turning the hearts of the fathers to the children and the children to their fathers."